



2018 ZONE 4.4 Individual Chess Championships

April 13th – 21th April 2018

Hotel SORITEL – Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso

INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Burkina Faso Chess Federation has the honor of inviting Zone 4.4 Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2018 Zonal Chess Championships.

1. **2017 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships**

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Burkina Chess Federation (CNBE) has the honor of inviting all chess federations in Zone 4.4 that are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2018 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships.

The event will comprise an Open Section and a Women's Section.

The Championships will be held from 13th April, 2018 (arrival) to 21th April, 2018 (departure) at SORITEL HOTEL, Ouagadougou, Burkina.

2. **Participants**

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.4 Individual Championships are open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.4 region which are affiliated to FIDE.
- Federations will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (2) players in each category.
- The host federation reserves the right to field up to twelve (12) players in each category and also hold a player in reserve; that can be registered in the event that there are an odd number of participants.
- Subject to agreement with the organizers, the Continental President may allow additional participants for the tournament.

3. **Tournament Regulations**

- It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a *9 Round Swiss System* tournament.
- The time control will be *90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move* starting from move one (1).
- The games will be played using *DGT clocks*; and pairing will be published on www.chess-results.com
- The *Swiss Manager* Administration and Pairing Program will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round.
- Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

4. **Tie-Break**

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) By the results between the players involved in the tie
- b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- d) Number of wins by black, the highest wins
- e) The highest rating

5. Title Awards

The winner in the Open Section will be awarded the International Master (IM) title whilst the winner in the Women's Section will be awarded the Woman International Master (WIM) title subject to ratings requirements.

Other titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE title requirements.

6. Prizes

Open Section

Winner: US\$ 1,000
Second Place: US\$ 750
Third Place: US\$ 500
Fourth Place: US\$ 300
Fifth Place: US\$ 200

Women Section

Winner: US\$ 600
Second Place: US\$ 400
Third Place: US\$ 200

7. Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is as follows but subject to some changes if need be. However any change to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of 1st round.

Table 1: Schedule of Tournament

Dates	Time	Activities
13th April, Friday	18:00 19:00	Arrival Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony
14th April, Saturday	10:00 18:00	1 st Round 2 nd Round
15th April, Sunday	10:00 18:00	3 rd Round 4 th Round
16th April, Monday	18:00	5 th Round
17th April, Tuesday	18:00	6 th Round
18th April, Wednesday	18:00	7 th Round
19th April, Thursday	18:00	8 th Round
20th April, Friday	10:00 19:00	9 th Round Closing Ceremony
21th April, Saturday		Departure

8. Chief Arbiter & Appeals Committee

The Chief Arbiter for the 2018 Zone 4.4 Chess Championships will be appointed by the ACC President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves chosen from among the participating Federations.

Protests should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two hours (2 hours) after the end of the round in question, with a US \$100 deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

9. **Board and Lodging**

- All players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will lodge at **USD 50.00 per person per day (sharing)** and **USD 65 per person per day (single)** in the SORITEL Hotel. These indicated costs include 3 meals per day (Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper).
- All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before **3rd April 2018** which will be the deadline.
Participants and officials needing to make payment on arrival must make a formal specific request to the Organizers.
- If payments are not received before the Technical Meeting, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament
- Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 13th April 2018 or depart after 21th April 2018 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue, Soritel Hotel.
- Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each category.
- Important note: all payments must be made to the account of the Burkina Chess Federation as indicated in item 11.

9. **FIDE Fees**

- In accordance with FIDE regulations an entry fee of **70 Euros** is required for each player.
- Federations are expected to pay entry fees for all their players and the fees must be paid directly to FIDE. Players whose fees will not have been paid will not be allowed to participate to the tournament.

10. **Registration Fees:**

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is **100 Euros** and must be paid into Burkina Chess Federation account before **3rd April 2018**.
- Payments may also be made upon arrival; provided a request is made to the Organizers. Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- Only Federations can register players.
- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **100 Euros**.
- No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying registration or FIDE fees.

- Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Burkina Chess Federation officials on or before **3rd April 2018** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:
 - Free Transfer (to and from) Ouagadougou International Airport on arrival and departure.
 - Shuttle to various places in the city depending on the *Shuttle schedule*.

11. Bank Details

Account Title: CNBE

Account Number: 18242-09-01

Bank Name: RCBP DAPOYA

(For all payments do send proof of payment, with reference of Zone 4.4, your Federation name and names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered)

12. Travel Arrangements

- All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Ouagadougou International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament.
- Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Ouagadougou International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance, (not later than 5th April 2018).

13. Visas

Visas for non ECOWAS countries will be paid for by the organizing committee. Participant of said countries will have to send their Data page of passport three weeks before arrival for processing

14. Local Currency

The local currency is Francs CFA. Current Exchange Rate is 1Euro for 655,957 F CFA

15. Deadline

- Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than 3rd April 2018. This date is the registration deadline.
- Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **50 Euros**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to accept or reject any player.
- **Players who arrive unannounced will cover all their costs.**

16. Organizers Contacts

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17. Zone 4.4 Countries

Countries affiliated to FIDE Zone 4.4 are:

1. BURKINA FASO
2. CAMEROON
3. CAPE VERDE
4. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
5. COTE D'IVOIRE
6. GABON
7. GAMBIA
8. GHANA
9. LIBERIA
10. NIGERIA
11. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
12. SIERRA LEONE
13. TOGO

We look forward to hosting you in our beautiful country. We wish all of the participants a pleasant stay and a successful tournament.

Yours in Chess,
BURKINA CHESS FEDERATION

Arnaud OUEDRAOGO
PRESIDENT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ARNAUD', with a stylized flourish above it and a small mark below.

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REGISTRATION FORM**

Federation name	
Contact person	
Email	
Telephone	

Open Section

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Women Section

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Accompanying persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be sent to the Burkina Chess Federation by Email to: **echecsburkina@gmail.com**
with copy to: **informaplus@yahoo.fr**

before **April 3, 2018**