



2019 African Individual Chess Championships

8th to 18th July 2019

Hotel Caribbean

Tunis - Borj Cedria

TUNISIA

**Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Tunisian Chess Federation
has the honour of hosting the 2019 African Individual Chess Championships**

Dear Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Tunisian Chess Federation is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to the 2019 African Individual Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at the Hotel Caribbean in Tunis, Borj Cedria - Tunisia from **8th July 2019 (arrival) to 18th July 2019 (departure)**.

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

Each section of the Championships will have THREE Time Control formats:

i) Classic

ii) Rapid

iii) Blitz

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. Players holding the titles of GM, WGM or WIM have a personal right to enter the tournament.

2.2. Each National Federation can enter a maximum of five (5) players in each Section.

2.3. The host country shall have the right to enter seven (7) players in each Section. In the event of the total number of participants being an odd number, the host Federation shall have the right to add another player.

2.4. One player in the Open Section and one in the Women's Section from each federation will be recognized as Official Players whilst all the others will be Additional Players. The Official Players will be entitled to free board and lodging for the duration of the Championships.

2.5. The African Chess Confederation President also has the right to nominate additional players.

3. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

The Official Players as well as Additional players from each member Federation in each category will be required to pay an ACC Tournament Fee of **US\$ 50 each**.

Payment of Tournament Fees must be made directly to the ACC account either online or by bank transfer.

4. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

4.1. Entry Forms must be completed by the National Federations and should be returned to the Organizing Committee not later than **24th June 2019**.

4.2. The complete registration form must include the surnames, first names, FIDE titles, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and total number of players and accompanying persons.

4.3. The completed form must also include the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Chief of Delegation and of the person in charge of the federation.

4.4. All players and accompanying persons must pay the Organizers a Registration Fee of **US\$ 60** when registering.

4.5. Entries for participation in the Rapid Championships will attract an entry fee of **US\$20** per person.

4.6. Entries for participation in Blitz Championships will attract an entry fee of **US\$20** as well.

5. TRAVEL

5.1. All travel expenses must be paid by the participants or their National Federations.

5.2. The organizers will provide transportation from Tunis-Carthage International Airport to the accommodation venue on **8th July 2019** and back to the Airport on **18th July 2019**

6. ACCOMMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE

6.1. The accommodation for players and officials will be at Caribbean Hotel.

The tournament shall be played in the Conference Hall of the accommodation venue.

6.2. All participants (players, officials and accompanying persons) are required to lodge at the official venue.

6.3. Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for the official players (one player in each category).

6.4. Additional players, officials and accompanying persons will be required to pay for accommodation at the following rates:

a) In Twin rooms: **85 Euro or equivalent in US\$ ---** per person per day, 3 meals included.

b) In single rooms: **100 Euro or equivalent in US\$ ---** per person per day, 3 meals included.

6.5 Payments may also be made upon arrival, provided an official request is made to the Local Organising Committee.

6.6 Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

6.7 Only Federations can register players.

6.8 No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying Registration or ACC Tournament Fees.

The Registration Forms for entries is attached herein.

Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Local Organising Committee officials on or before **24th June 2019** by e-mail to confirm entry.

All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Tunis-Carthage International Airport on arrival and departure.

Please note that participants, officials and accompanying persons arriving before **8th July 2019** or departing after **18th July 2019** will have to either pay for the extra nights at the official or separate accommodation arrangements for the indicated period outside the tournament schedule.

7. PAYMENTS

ACC Tournament Fees shall be paid directly to the ACC account either online or by bank transfer and proof of payment provided when registering with the LOC.

All ACC Tournament Fees, net of bank charges, must be paid by **24th June 2019**.

The ACC account details are:

Account Name: AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Account Number: 62789737396

Bank Name: FNB ZAMBIA

Branch Name: Commercial

Branch Sort Code: 260001

SWIFT Code: FIRNZMLXX

Bank Address: PLOT NO. 22768, ACACIA BUSINESS PARK CNR OF GREAT EAST & THABO MBEKI ROAD, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

All payments, except ACC fees (paid direct to ACC), should be made by bank transfer or deposited into the account of Tunisian Chess Federation as indicated in Item 6 **and should be net of bank charges**.

Delegations opting to make their hotel payments upon arrival in Tunisia should obtain prior approval from the Tournament Organiser and will be responsible for ensuring that all payments are made in accordance with applicable rates on the payment date.

The Tournament Organiser will advise the applicable rates on the applicable payment day.

It is the responsibility of the participants to ensure that the Proof of Payment is made available to the Local Organising Committee.

For ease of identification, Bank Transfers or Deposit Slips should have the reference of **2019 African Individual Chess Championships** with the Federation name and names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered with the referenced payment.

8. HOST FEDERATION BANK DETAILS

Account Name: FEDERATION TUNISIENNE DES ECHECS

Bank Name: SOCIÉTÉ TUNISIENNE DE BANQUE (STB)

SWIFT Code: STBKTNTT

Account Number: 1001 0124 1120 7777 8869

IBAN: TN 59 1001 0124 1120 7777 8869

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below.

The schedule may however be changed should the need arise.

Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

Table 1: Tournament Schedule

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday, 8 th July 2019		Arrival of Participants
Tuesday, 9 th July 2019	10.00 hrs. – 11.00 hrs. 14.30 hrs. – 15.30 hrs. 16.00 hrs.	Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony Blitz Round 1-9
Wednesday, 10 th July 2019	16.00 hrs	Classic Round 1
Thursday, 11 th July 2019	10.00 hrs. 17.00 hrs	Classic Round 2 Classic Round 3
Friday, 12 th July 2019	10.00 hrs. 17.00 hrs	Classic Round 4 Classic Round 5
Saturday, 13 th July 2019	ALL DAY	Free Day, Sight Seeing Excursions
Sunday, 14 th July 2019	16.00 hrs	Classic Round 6
Monday, 15 th July 2019	10.00 hrs. 17.00 hrs	Classic Round 7 Classic Round 8
Tuesday, 16 th July 2019	16.00 hrs.	Classic Round 9
Wednesday, 17 th July 2019	10.00 hrs. 17.00 hrs.	Rapid, Round 1-Round 9 Closing Ceremony
Friday, 18 th July 2019	ALL DAY	Departure

8. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND REGULATIONS

8.1. The Classic Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with addition of 30 seconds per move from move one for each player.

8.2. The Rapid Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 15 minutes for the game with addition of 10 seconds per move from move one for each player.

8.3. The Blitz Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 5 minutes for the game with addition of 3 seconds per move from move one for each player.

8.4. The games will be played using DGT clocks and the pairings will be published and displayed on the tournament notice board as well as on the chess-results.com website.

8.5. Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation may not be paired together in the last two (2) Rounds.

8.6. Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move for games in the Classic format.

8.7. Zero Tolerance time will be applied for default.

9. TIE BREAK

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

- a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) *
- b) Buchholz Cut 1**;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots

* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.

** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

10. ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

10.1. The current version of the FIDE Laws of Chess will be used in these championships.

10.2. Analysing is not allowed in the playing hall

10.3. During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analysing room or to the press room

10.4. Flash photography may be used only in the first five minutes of the playing session

10.5. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with

the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

10.6. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they are not playing in that area themselves

10.7. If the game is in progress a player may only talk to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

10.8. All the players **MUST** read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to abide by them.

10.9. During play, all participants are forbidden to have a mobile phone in their possession.

10.10. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version

11. ARBITERS, ARBITRATION TEAM AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chief Arbiter and the Arbitration Team for the African Individual Chess Championships 2019 will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation (ACC) President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of a Chairman and 2 members appointed by the ACC President; with 2 reserves chosen from among the participating Federations.

Appeals 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\$50** deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

12. PRIZE STRUCTURE

A) Classic Championship

	Open Section (US \$)	Women 's Section (US \$)
1st Prize	5,000	3,000
2nd Prize	4,000	2,000
3rd Prize	3,000	1,000
4th Prize	2,000	500
5th Prize	1,000	
6th Prize	500	

B) Rapid Championship

	Open Section (US \$)	Women's Section (US \$)
1st Prize	400	300
2nd Prize	300	200
3rd Prize	200	100

C) Blitz Championship

	Open Section (US \$)	Women's Section (US \$)
1st Prize	300	250
2nd Prize	200	150
3rd Prize	100	50

In the case of equal positions, the HORT system will be used to distribute the prizes.

13. TITLE AWARDS

The winners of the Open Section and the Women's Section in the Classic Time Control Format will be awarded the FIDE titles of International Grand Master (GM) and Woman International Grand Master (WGM) respectively; subject to the players having attained the following minimum ratings at some time: GM (2300) and WGM (2100)

Other titles will also be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

The winners in each category of the Championships will be awarded the following titles:

- i) 2019 African Individual Classic Champion**
- ii) 2019 African Individual Rapid Champion**
- iii) 2019 African Individual Blitz Champion**

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three placed players respectively in each section of each category of the Championships.

14. QUALIFICATION FOR 2019 FIDE WORLD CUP

The 2019 African Individual Championships are a qualification event for the **2019 FIDE World Cup** and the **2020 FIDE Women's World Championship Cycle**.

The top 2 placed players in the Open Section will qualify for the **2019 FIDE World Cup** which will take place in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia from 9th September 2019 to 2nd October 2019.

The top 3 placed players in the Women's Section will qualify for the 2020 FIDE Women World Chess Championship Cycle.

15. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Tunisian Dinar (TND). The current Exchange Rate is: US \$ 1 = 2,968 TND and Euro 1 = 3,335 TND

15. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **24th June 2019**.

16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All travelling arrangements and costs to and from Tunis-Carthage 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 Tunis-Carthage International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organising Committee by **1st July 2019**.

17. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Tunisia, these can be obtained from Tunisian Embassies or Consulate Offices in your respective country.

We will avail an official invitation to delegations that need a copy for visa processing.

The organisers will advise the nationalities that qualify to obtain their visas on arrival at Tunis-Carthage International Airport.

18. DEADLINE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organising Committee not later than the registration deadline of **24th June 2019**.

19. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACTS

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Yours Sincerely,

TUNISIAN CHESS FEDERATION

**ARFA KHALED
PRESIDENT**



2019 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 Tournament Organiser by 24th June 2019.