



## **Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships 2019**

Dates: 20<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019

Venue: Theodosia Oko Hockey Stadium and  
Sheridan Hotel – Accra Ghana

# **INVITATION**

**Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, Ghana Chess Association has the honor of inviting Zone 4.4 Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships 2019**

Dear Colleagues,

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Ghana Chess Association (GCA) 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 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships 2019.

### **1. Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships 2019**

The Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships 2019 will comprise an Open Section and a Women's section.

The event will be held from 20<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (arrival) to 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 (departure) at the Theodosia Okoh Hockey Stadium and SHERIDAN HOTEL in Accra, Ghana.

### **2. PARTICIPANTS**

- i. 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.
- ii. Federations will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each category.
- iii. The host federation reserves the right to field up to eight (8) 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.
- iv. The Continental President may nominate additional participants for the tournament.

### **3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

- i. It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament.
- ii. 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).
- iii. The games will be played using DGT clocks; and pairing will be published on the [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com) website.
- iv. 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.
- v. Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30<sup>th</sup> move.
- vi. A default time of 15 minutes will be applied.

#### **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 regulations.

#### **6. QUALIFICATION FOR THE 2019 FIDE WORLD CUP**

The 2019 Zone 4.4 Individual chess championship is a qualification event for the 2019 FIDE World Cup which will take place in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia from September 9, 2019 to October 2, 2019.

The winner in the Open Section will be one of the SIX qualifiers to represent the African Continent at the 2019 FIDE World Cup.

#### **7. PRIZES**

##### ***OPEN SECTION***

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

##### ***WOMEN'S SECTION***

Winner: US\$ 600  
Second Place: US\$ 400  
Third Place: US\$ 250

## 8. 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 1<sup>st</sup> round.

Table 1: Schedule of Tournament

Dates	Time	Activities
Saturday, April 20 <sup>th</sup>	From 10.00hrs. 18:00 hrs	Official Arrival Opening Ceremony
Sunday, April 21 <sup>st</sup>	11:00 hrs. 15:00 hrs	Technical Meeting Round 1
Monday, April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10:00 hrs 17:00 hrs	Round 2 Round 3
Tuesday, April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00 hrs 17:00 hrs	Round 4 Round 5
Wednesday, April 24 <sup>th</sup>	ALL DAY	Free Day
Thursday, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	17:00hrs	Round 6
Friday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 hrs 17:00 hrs	Round 7 Round 8
Saturday, April 27 <sup>th</sup>	17:00hrs	Round 9
Sunday, April 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.00 hrs 17:00 hrs	Rapid and Blitz Championships Awards Ceremony
Monday, April 29 <sup>th</sup>		Departure

## 9. CHIEF ARBITER & APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chief Arbiter and other additional arbiters for the Zone 4.4 Chess Championships 2019 will be appointed by the ACC President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and shall be appointed by ACC President; 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 \$50.00** deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

## 10. BOARD AND LODGING

- i. Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each category.
- ii. All additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will pay **USD 50.00** per person per day (sharing) and **USD 65.00** per person per day (single) in the SHERIDAN Hotel. These indicated costs include 3 meals per day (Breakfast, Lunch, and Supper).
- iii. All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before **1<sup>st</sup> April 2019** which will be the deadline.
- iv. Participants and officials needing to make payment on arrival must make a formal specific request to the Organizers.
- v. If payments are not received before the Technical Meeting, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- vi. Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the **20<sup>th</sup> April 2019** or depart after **29<sup>th</sup> April 2019** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue, Sheridan Hotel.
- vii. **Important note:** all payments regarding Board and Lodging must be made to the account of the Ghana Chess Association as indicated in item 13 before **1<sup>st</sup> April 2019**.

## 11. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

- i. In accordance with ACC regulations an entry fee of **US\$50.00** is required for each player.

Federations are expected to pay entry fees for all their players and the fees must be paid directly to ACC account as detailed here:

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

- ii. Players whose fees will not have been paid will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

## 12. REGISTRATION FEES

- i. The Registration Fee for each participating player is **US\$ 60.00** and must be paid into Ghana Chess Federation account before **10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**.
- ii. Payments may also be made upon arrival; provided a request is made to the Organizers.
- iii. Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- iv. Only Federations can register players.
- v. The Registration Fee for officials and accompanying person will be **US\$ 60.00** each.
- vi. 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; Registration may also be completed on the Africa Chess App available on Google Play Store. Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Ghana Chess Association officials on or before **1<sup>st</sup> April 2019** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- vii. All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:
  - Free Transfer (to and from) Accra International Airport on arrival and departure.
  - Shuttle to various places in the city depending on the Shuttle schedule.

## 13. GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION BANK DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME	GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	9040004100012
BANK NAME	STANBIC BANK GHANA
BRANCH NAME	SPINTEX BRANCH
BRANCH SORT CODE	190103
SWIFT CODE	SBICGHAC
BANK ADDRESS	PLOT NO. 43, SPINTEX ROAD, OPPOSITE PAPAYE RESTAURANT, ACCRA, GHANA

(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)

## 14. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- i. All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Kotoka International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament.
- ii. Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Accra International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizers in advance, (not later than **10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**).

## 15. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Ghana, these can be obtained from Ghanaian Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries.

Most countries can also obtain Visas on arrival at the Airport (please crosscheck this before setting off).

The Ghana Chess Association will avail official invitation letters to participants that need copies for the processing of their Visas.

## 16. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is Ghana Cedi. Current Exchange Rate is 1 Dollar for 5.20 GHS.

## 17. DEADLINE

- i. Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019. This date is the registration deadline.
- ii. Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **US\$30.00** The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to accept or reject any player.
- iii. Players who arrive unannounced will cover all their costs.

## 18. ORGANISATION COMMITTEE

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## 19. ZONE 4.4 COUNTRIES

Countries affiliated to FIDE Zone 4.4 are:

1. GHANA
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
21. 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,  
**GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION**



Philip E. Ameku  
**PRESIDENT**



## Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships 2019

### 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