



**2017**

**AFRICAN JUNIOR U20**

**INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**



**December 21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017**

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**1. INVITATION**

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**2. PARTICIPATION**

- 2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2017 African Junior U20 Individual Chess Championships are open to all players representing federations which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) which comprise the African Chess Confederation who are born **on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997**.
- 2.2 There will be separate championships for Open category and Girls category.
- 2.3 The separate championship for Girls shall be organized if there are at least 10 Girls entries from at least 3 Federations. Otherwise the Girls' event will be merged into the Open Section.
- 2.4 Each Federation will be allowed to enter a maximum of four (4) players in each category (Open and Girls).
- 2.5 Subject to agreement with the organizers, the African Chess Confederation President may allow additional participants for the Tournament.

**3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

- 3.1 It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss System tournament;
- 3.2 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);
- 3.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairing will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com);
- 3.4 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round;
- 3.5 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

#### **4. TIE-BREAK**

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the order will be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:

- (a) Direct encounter;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- (d) Number of wins with Black, the highest number wins.

#### **5. AWARDS**

5.1 Medals: the players taking the first three places in each category will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

5.2 Qualification: the winners in each category (Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate at the 2018 World Junior U20 Chess Championships.

5.3 Titles: Titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE regulations.

#### **6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below. The schedule can however be changed should need arise. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

<b>DATE</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Thursday, December 21, 2017	-	Arrival of Participants
Friday, December 22, 2017	10:00	Technical meeting
Friday, December 22, 2017	14:00	Opening Ceremony
Friday, December 22, 2017	15:00	1st Round
Saturday, December 23, 2017	9:00	2nd Round
Saturday, December 23, 2017	17:00	3rd Round
Sunday, December 24, 2017	15:00	4th Round
Monday, December 25, 2017	-	Free Day
Tuesday, December 26, 2017	15:00	5th Round
Wednesday, December 27, 2017	15:00	6th Round
Thursday, December 28, 2017	15:00	7th Round
Friday, December 29, 2017	15:00	8th Round
Saturday, December 30, 2017	9:00	9th Round
Saturday, December 30, 2017	16:00	Closing Ceremony
Sunday, December 31, 2017	-	Departure of Participants

## **7. ARBITRATION TEAM**

The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters for the 2017 African Junior U20 Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President in consultation with the Organizing Committee.

## **8. APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 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 \$100 deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

## **9. BOARD AND LODGING**

Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each category (Open and Girls);

- Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at **€50** per person per day (sharing) or **€65** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper);
- All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before the **04<sup>th</sup> December 2017**, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers);
- Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2017 or depart after 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue;
- **Note:** all payments must be made to the account of the Togolese Chess Federation as indicated in Clause 13. Bank Details or upon arrival subject to a specific request to the Organizers. If payments are not received before the start of the competition, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

## **10. FIDE FEES**

- In accordance with FIDE regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay FIDE fees of **€70 per player**;
- One player in each category, Open and Girls, will be recognized as official player while all others will be additional players;
- Fees must be paid into Togolese Chess Federation Account by **04<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.

## **11. REGISTRATION FEES**

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is **€100** and must be paid into the Togolese Chess Federation account before **04<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.
- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **€100**.
- 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 to the tournament.
- Only Federations can register players.
- 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 Togolese Chess Federation officials on or before **04<sup>th</sup> December 2017** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Lome International Airport and any bus/train terminal on arrival and departure.

## **12. ACCREDITATION**

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **04<sup>th</sup> December 2017**.

## **13. BANK DETAILS**

Bank Name: ECOBANK-TOGO  
Branch Name : Agence Rond-Point Port  
Branch Number : TG 055  
SWIFT CODE : ECOCTGTG  
Account Number : 7100141417719901  
IBAN: TG055 0171014141771990103

## **14. LOCAL CURRENCY**

The local currency is CFA Franc. The current Exchange Rate is 1 Euro = 656 CFA Francs; 1 US Dollar = 550 CFA Francs

## **15. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Lome 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 Lome International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance.

## **16. VISAS**

All visas will be issued upon arrival at Lome International Airport. The Togolese Chess Federation will issue official invitation letters that participants and officials must present on arrival for the visa issuance procedure.

## **17. DEADLINE DATE**

- Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **04<sup>th</sup> December 2017**. This date is the registration deadline.
- Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **€50**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the rights to accept or reject any player who wants to register later than the official deadline date.

## **18. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS**

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We look forward to seeing all of you in Lome!!

Yours in Chess,



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