



2018 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

30th December 2018
to
7th January 2019

Klein Windhoek Guest House
Windhoek, Namibia

INVITATION

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Dear Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Namibia Chess Federation has the honour of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2018 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS, to be held at the Klein Windhoek Guest House, Windhoek, Namibia, from December 30th, 2018 (arrival) to January 7th, 2019 (Departure).

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2018 African Amateur 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 have a published FIDE rating BELOW 2300 for at least one year as at January 1, 2018.

2.2 There will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700.

2.3 To participate in the U-2300 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year as at January 1, 2018.

A player entering the U-2300 section must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.4 To participate in the U-2000 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year as at January 1, 2018.

A player entering the U-2000 section must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.5 To participate in the U-1700 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year as at January 1, 2018.

A player entering the U-1700 section must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.6 A separate championship for women shall be organised in each rating section, only if there are at least 10 women entries from at least 3 Federations. Otherwise the women's event will be merged into the Open Section.

2.7 Federations will be allowed to enter an unlimited number of players in each category provided full payment of the required fees is observed.

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 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);

3.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairing will be published on 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) Average rating of the opponents cut-1, the highest number wins (unplayed games and byes are not calculated);

b) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;

c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;

d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In case of unplayed games, for the calculation of (a), (b) and (c), the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

In case there are less than 75% rated players, the following criteria will be applied:

a) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;

b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;

c) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

5. MAIN PRIZES

Under 2300

Open Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 1,000 plus *Air Ticket

2nd Prize: US\$ 750

3rd Prize: US\$ 500

Women's Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 600 plus *Air Ticket

2nd Prize: US\$ 450

3rd Prize: US\$ 200

Under 2000

Open Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 750 plus *Air Ticket

2nd Prize: US\$ 500

3rd Prize: US\$ 250

Women's Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 500 plus *Air Ticket

2nd Prize: US\$ 300

3rd Prize: US\$ 200

Under 1700

Open Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 500 plus *Air Ticket

2nd Prize: US\$ 350

3rd Prize: US\$ 200

Women's Section:

1st Prize: US\$ 350 plus *Air Ticket

2nd Prize: US\$ 200

3rd Prize: US\$ 100

*Air Ticket indicated for the winners in each category are return air tickets to participate in the 2019 World Amateur Chess Championships.

The winners in the EACH CATEGORY will also qualify by Personal Right to participate in the 2019 World Amateur Chess Championships in Mexico City in Mexico from April 23 to 29, 2019 with free board and lodging in a shared double room.

In cases where players are tied, the prize money will be shared according to the Hort System

This qualification by personal right is not transferable and therefore the winners' places cannot be substituted.

The players taking the first three places in each section of the championships will also be awarded trophies and medals.

6. TITLES

Titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations

7. 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.

Date	Activity	Time
Sunday, 30 th December 2018	Arrival Opening Ceremony	10:00 19:00
Monday, 31 st December 2018	Technical Meeting Round 1	11:00 15:00
Tuesday, 1 st January 2019	Round 2	15:00
Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019	Round 3 Round 4	09:00 15:00
Thursday, 3 rd January 2019	Round 5 Round 6	09:00 15:00
Friday, 4 th January 2019	Rest Day	All Day
Saturday, 5 th January 2019	Round 7 Round 8	09:00 15:00
Sunday, 6 th January 2019	Round 9 Closing Ceremony	09:00 19:00
Monday, 7 th January 2019	Departure	All Day

8. ARBITRATION TEAM

The Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters for the 2018 African Amateur Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.

9. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee and 2 members will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.

The 2 reserves will be chosen from among the officials of 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.

10. BOARD AND LODGING

10.1 Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each section of each rating category at the official accommodation venue of the Klein Windhoek Guest House.

10.2 Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will be able to lodge at the official accommodation venue of the Klein Windhoek Guest House at a rate of € 40 per

person per day (sharing in a twin room) or € 60 per person per day (single occupancy in a single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper).

10.3 All payments related to board and lodging must be concluded before the start of the Technical Meeting on December 31st, 2018.

10.4 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the December 30th 2018 or depart after January 7th 2019 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.

10.5 All payments must be made either to the account of the Namibia Chess Federation as indicated in Clause 13. Bank Details or upon arrival.

If payments are not received before the start of the Technical Meeting, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

11. TOURNAMENT FEES

In accordance with ACC regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay Tournament Fees of €40 per player.

Fees must be paid into Namibia Chess Federation Account before December 23rd 2018 or upon arrival before the start of the Technical Meeting.

12. REGISTRATION FEES

12.1 The Registration Fee for each participating player is €60 and must be paid into the Namibia chess Federation Account before December 23rd 2018 or upon arrival before the Technical Meeting.

12.2 The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be €60.

12.3 Payments may also be made upon arrival, provided a request is made to the Organizers.

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

12.5 Only Federations can register players.

12.6 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.

12.7 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Local Organising Committee officials on or before December 23rd, 2018 by e-mail or physically to confirm entry.

12.8 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Hosea Kutako International Airport on arrival and departure.

13. BANK DETAILS

Account Name: NAMIBIA CHESS FEDERATION

Bank Name: STANDARD BANK

Branch Name: WINDHOEK MAIN BRANCH

Branch Code: 08-2372-00

Account Number: 241767156

SWIFT Code: SBNMNANX

14. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Namibian Dollar (NAD).

The current Exchange Rate is 1 US Dollar = 14.08 NAD; 1 Euro = 15.87 NAD

15. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons before the Technical Meeting on December 31st, 2018.

16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Hosea Kutako International Airport in Windhoek are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament;

Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Hosea Kutako International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organising Committee by December 23rd, 2018.

17. VISAS

For participants requiring visas to enter Namibia, these can be obtained from the Namibian Embassies or Consulate Offices in the respective countries

The Local Organising Committee will issue official invitation letters that participants and officials applying for visas and for presentation upon arrival for the visa issuance procedure.

18. DEADLINE DATE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organising Committee not later than the Technical Meeting on December 31st, 2018.

19. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

- i. LOC CHAIRMAN: Israel Shilongo
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We look forward to welcoming you to the land of the brave, Namibia

Yours Sincerely,
NAMIBIA CHESS FEDERATION



Israel Shilongo
PRESIDENT

2018 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Registration Form

Federation name	
Contact Person	
Email	
Telephone	

Under 2300 Open Section:

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE

Under 2300 Women's Section

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE

Under 1700 Women's Section

Accompanying Persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be emailed to the Tournament Director: td@namibiachessfederation.com or handed in before the Technical Meeting **December 31st, 2018**