



INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS TO THE 2009 AFRICAN JUNIOR & Girls CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Union, the Egyptian Chess Federation has the honor of inviting African Federations affiliated to FIDE to participate in the 2009 African Junior Chess Championship and African Girls Chess Championship Under 20.

2. Venue and Dates

The 2009 African Junior & Girls Chess Championships will be held from 30th December 2009 (arrival) to 8th January 2010 (departure) at the Olympic Center in Maadi http://www.olympic-center.com/en_default.aspx) – Cairo the Capital City of Egypt. And it is about one hour from Cairo Airport .

3. Participants

In accordance with FIDE regulations, entitled participants are those players born on or after 1st January 1989.

The tournament will be played in Two sections, an Open event and a girl's event.

The host Federation will cater for Two players (one boy and one girl) from each FIDE affiliated African National Federation on a full board and lodging basis plus both the champion of each category 2008.

Additional players may be accepted on application subject to a maximum of 4 players per federation in each category. Additional players will be held responsible for payment of €30.00 per person per day for meals and accommodation.

Officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations wishing to live at the official Chess Lodge (Olympic Center) will also be allowed upon payment of €35.00/ per person per day for 3 meals and accommodation in Double Room subject to confirmation of the accommodation, and € 50.00 in a Single Room.

4. FIDE Fees

In accordance with FIDE regulations an entry fee of €70 (Seventy Euros) is required for each invited player (one boy and one girl). Additional players are required to pay an entry fee of €140 (one Hundred and Forty Euros).

Federations are responsible for paying the entry fees for each of their players. All fees should be paid into the account of FIDE by **10th December 2009**. A copy of the deposit slip or letter from the Federation's Treasurer as proof of payment to FIDE must accompany the player (s).

(Please note only that all other fees for registration and accommodation are to be paid into ECF account)

5. Registration

The closing date for entries is **10th December 2009** , after this date a penalty €50. For each late registration, and will be €100 after **24th December 2009** and if there is any one changed on arrival or cancelled , there will be more penalty €50 for each one of them . Please return the Registration Forms (attached) by e-mail or fax, to confirm entry. A Registration Fee of €100.00 per each player or accompany will be payable on arrival. Failure to pay this fee will result in the affected player(s) being excluded from the tournament.

We will provide all the registered and staying in the Olympic Center with free Transfer from and to Cairo Airport on arrival and departure – free 2 Tours in the free day – 3 free soft drinks each round. Free Bulletins and DVD have all the results and photos.
Please send for each one a jpg photo 2x3 cm.

6. Board and Lodging

All participants will be accommodated at the Olympic Center. They will also have all their meals at the Dining Hall at the Olympic Center.

http://www.olympic-center.com/en_Details.aspx?Page_ID=91

The tournament hall will be also in the Olympic center.

Accompanying persons requiring assistance with sourcing of accommodation should advise the host by **10th December 2009**. A clear description of the requirements should be advised.

All payments for additional players or accompany should be made in cash on arrival in Euros or USD Equivalent.

7. Tournament Regulations

It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations on a 9 Round Swiss System basis with a free day. However should the number of participants be around ten, the tournament could be adjusted to a Round Robin (all-play-all) event. The games will be played using DGT clocks., and pairing will be published on swiss-results.com
The time control will be **40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by 30 minutes for the remainder of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1.**

No player from the same country will play each other in the last Round.

The winner of the open section will get IM title up to 3 players maximum (sharing the same points) , but only the winner by tie break will get GM norm , the same apply for Girls section WIM title for the winner up to 3 and WGM norm for the Gold only by tie break

8. Travel Arrangements

The cost of traveling to Cairo, Egypt and returning home again is for personal account of the participants. The hosts shall meet participants and accompanying persons at the Cairo International Airport, provided that full information about the flight/trip and arrival times is given in writing to the organizers not later than **10th December 2009**.

9. Visas

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Egypt, these can be obtained from the Egyptian Embassies. The host Federation will arrange for official invitations to facilitate applications for those countries that need special invitations.

Should there be any problems in obtaining entry visas, the intending travelers should urgently contact the host Federation for assistance either by phone or email.

It is advisable that this invitation letter be carried by players when crossing through Egyptian frontiers as this may help in having so many questions answered.

10. Local Currency

The local currency is the Egyptian Pound (L.E), which currently stands at an Exchange Rate of 5.5 L.E. = US\$1 and 8.15 L.E. = €1 . You are advised to change any foreign exchange through the banks or foreign exchange offices , which are readily found. Banks open every day except on Friday and Saturday, But some of foreign exchange offices are open all days.

11. Proposed Playing Schedule for 9 Round Swiss System Format

30 December 2009	–	Arrival of Delegates
31 December	–	10.00 Technical Meeting
31 December	–	16.00 Round 1
1 January 2010	–	16.00 Round 2
2 January	–	09.30 Round 3
2 January	–	17.00 Round 4
3 January	–	Free Day – excursion to Pyramids at Morning
3 January	–	Free Day – excursion to Nile Cruise and Dinner at Night
4 January	–	09.30 Round 5
4 January	–	17.00 Round 6
5 January	–	16.00 Round 7
6 January	–	16.00 Round 8
7 January	–	09.30 Round 9
7 January	–	19.00 Prize Giving Ceremony
8 January	–	Departure

12. Chief Arbiter

The Chief Arbiter for the 2009 African Junior Chess Championships will be:
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13. Organiser

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