



## 2023 SWAKOPMUND OPEN

Grand Prix Leg XII

- REGULATIONS -

### **1. PLAYING VENUE:**

Namib High School

Directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/viktYxqFTBe9Ki439>

### **2. EVENT DATE:**

26 August 2023

### **3. PARTICIPANTS:**

This tournament is open to all chess players.

### **4. REGISTRATION PERIOD AND METHOD**

Registration period: Latest 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023 @ 19:59

Registration Fees: N\$50 (NCF members) N\$100 (non-NCF members)

Method: Use the following link to Register: <https://forms.gle/1yypsvF6WqEdL6JZA>

**Late registration penalty fee is N\$50.**

### **5. FORMAT, PAIRING SYSTEM, TIE-BREAKS AND TIME CONTROL**

- 5.1. The tournament format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 7 (seven) rounds. Swiss Manager will be used to do the pairings.
- 5.2. The tie-breaks will be applied in the following order:
  - Direct encounter
  - Progressive Score
  - Median Bucholz
  - Bucholz
- 5.3. The time control will be 15 minutes per player.

## **6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

Arrival of all Players– 07h00

Welcome and Opening – 07h30

Welcoming: NCF Announcements: Chief Arbiter

Round 1: 08h00

Round 2: 08h45

Round 3: 09h30

Round 4: 10h15

Round 5: 11h00

Round 6: 12h15

Round 7: 13h00

Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving: 14h30

Vote of thanks: Chief Organizer

## **7. PRIZES/AWARDS**

### ***Open***

1st Prize: Medal + Cash N\$600

2nd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$350

3rd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$250

### ***Women***

1st Prize: Medal + Cash N\$450

### ***Junior***

1st Prize: Medal + Cash N\$300

### ***Cadet***

1st Prize: Medal + Cash N\$200

### ***Local***

1st Prize: Medal + Cash N\$350

## **APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of Round 1. All complaints against any decision made by the Chief Arbiter should be lodged to the Appeals Committee. An appeal fee of N\$ 100 is payable when lodging a complaint. The complainant shall lose the N\$ 100 in the event the Appeals Committee's decision goes against him or her. Complaints should be directed to the individual members of the Appeals Committee. Should a player be unhappy with the initial decision made by such a member, (s)he may appeal. The remaining members would then weigh in and their decision is final.

## **8. GENERAL RULES**

1. Silence at all times.
2. Keep the venue clean and tidy.
3. No players' mobile phone is allowed in the playing hall, unless it has been powered off. Parents with Cellular phones should switch them off or put them on "silent" mode. No talking on the phone is allowed while in the playing hall.
4. No assistance to chess players will be allowed during their games. A player who offers assistance will be expelled from the tournament.
5. If a player touches a piece, (s)he should move that piece, provided a legal move can be made with that piece. (Touch is a move)
6. Each player must press the clock with the same hand that moves the pieces.
7. If a player makes 2 illegal, he/she move lose the game.
8. Any player who makes themselves guilty of rude behaviour will be disqualified with immediate effect.
9. Players, parents, and coaches should make sure results are entered correctly into Swiss Manager after each round. No results will be amended after a round has concluded and a new one has begun.
10. Only players, arbiters and members of the organizing committee are allowed inside the playing area. Parents, coaches, and spectators should all make their way to the designated area.
11. The Chief Arbiter's decision will be final unless it is overruled by a decision by the appeals committee. The chief arbiter will have full discretion to in deciding which appropriate penalty to impose on an offending player.
12. The Local Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend and make necessary changes to the tournament regulations as it sees fit to ensure a successful tournament. With thanks, LOC

***Disclaimer: The Namibia Chess Federation will not accept any responsibility for injuries to any party, participant or spectator during the above-mentioned chess event. We, however, will endeavour to have a conducive and competitive environment for all stakeholders as we strive to promote sports of the mind in Namibia under the best possible conditions which our finances and resources may allow.***