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2023 WOMEN'S RAPID CHESS CHALLENGE

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1. INVITATION:

The Namibia Chess Federation (NCF) is delighted to extend an invitation to female chess players, both local and international, for the 2023 Bank Windhoek Women's Rapid Chess Challenge. This tournament is a celebration of Namibian Women's Day and Human Rights Day (10th December), and its primary objective is to declare the champion of the 2023 Day of Namibian Women's Rapid Chess Challenge.

2. **VENUE:** University of Namibia – Main Campus (Windhoek)

DIRECTIONS: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fwo1sVmcjUqEVgki8>

3. **EVENT DATE:** 10th December (Sunday)– 11th December (Monday) 2023

4. REGISTRATION FEES & PROCEDURE

4.1 Registration fees

N\$ 50.00 – NCF member (cadets) – under 12

N\$ 100.00 – NCF members (Juniors)- Under 20

N\$ 200.00 – NCF members (Adults)

N\$ 150.00- Non NCF members and Internationals (Juniors and Cadets)- Under 20

N\$ 300.00 – Non NCF Members and Internationals (Adults)

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/hMWEBqqLwmXBavPi7>

TITLED PLAYERS ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING REGISTRATION FEES.

4.2 **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION** ends 9th December 2023

Players that require help with accommodation may contact the organizing committee in the WhatsApp group to receive assistance.

4.3 NCF BANKING DETAILS

Name: Namibia Chess Federation

Bank: Bank Windhoek Limited

Branch: Maerua Mall

Account Number: 8020606373

Branch Code: 483-872

Swift: BWLINANX

5. EVENT SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY 10 December 2023

OPENING CEREMONY: 08h30

Welcoming, Opening Speech and Singing of National Anthem

Tournament Director – Ms. Lishen Mentile

NCF Announcements: Chief Arbiter

Round 1: 09h00

Round 2: 11h00

Round 3: 14h00

Round 4: 16h00

Round 5: 18h00

Monday 11 December 2023

Round 6: 08h00

Round 7: 10h00

Round 8: 12h00

Round 9: 14h00

Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving: 17h00 (or 30 minutes after the last game)

6. TOURNAMENT SECTIONS:

The tournament will consist of three (3) sections: the Queens (**Open Section**), the Princess (**Junior Section**) and Pawns (**Cadets' sections**).

QUEENS SECTION:

This Section is open to all female players (locals & non-locals) who wish to play.

PRINCESS SECTION:

This Section is open only to female players under the age of 20 (locals & non-locals) who wish to play.

PAWNS SECTION:

This section is open only to female players under the age of 12 (locals & non-locals) who wish to play.

7. SYSTEM AND TIME CONTROL:

- 7.1** The Rapid tournament format will be a SWISS System tournament played over nine (9) rounds, and 2 days.
- 7.2** The time control for Rapid will be twenty-five (25) minutes plus ten (10) seconds increment per player from move one (1).

8. PAIRINGS AND TIE- BREAK SYSTEM:

Swiss Manager will be used to do the pairings.

8.1 The tie-breaks for SWISS System tournament(s) will be applied in the following order:

- i. Direct encounter
- ii. Progressive Score
- iii. Median-Bucholz
- iv. Bucholz

8.2 If players are still tied, then one Armageddon game of 5 minutes for Black and 6 minutes for white will be played. If White doesn't win, they lose the tie.

8.3 Pairings and results will be uploaded onto www.chess-results.com

9. POINT SYSTEM

- I. One (1) point will be awarded for a win.
- II. Half (0.5) a point will be awarded for a draw.
- III. Zero (0) points will be awarded for a loss.
- IV. +-- will be shown in the event of a forfeit.

10. PRIZES:

Total Prize Fund: N\$ 28 000

10.1 QUEENS' SECTION PRIZES

1st Prize = Gold medal + N\$7 000 + Trophy

2nd Prize = Silver Medal + N\$6 000

3rd Prize = Bronze Medal + N\$4 000

4th Prize = N\$2000

5th Prize = N\$1000

10.2 PRINCESS SECTION:

1st Prize = Gold medal + N\$1 500

2nd Prize = Silver Medal + N\$1 000

3rd Prize = Bronze Medal + N\$750

4th Prize = N\$500

5th Prize = N\$300

6th Prize = N\$200

7th Prize = N\$200

8th Prize = N\$150

9th Prize = N\$150

10th Prize = N\$100

10.3 PAWN SECTION:

1st Prize = Gold medal + N\$1 000

2nd Prize = Silver Medal + N\$ 750

3rd Prize = Bronze Medal + N\$500

4th Prize = N\$300

5th Prize = N\$100

6th Prize = N\$100

7th Prize = N\$100

8th Prize = N\$100

9th Prize = N\$100

10th Prize = N\$100

10.4 ACADEMY (SCHOOL OR CLUB) AND COACHES PRIZES

Academy/ School/ Club with the most entries: N\$2000

Best coach prize: N\$1000

This prize will be presented to the coach whose players have achieved the highest total of medals. In the event of a tie, the coach with the most medals in the higher-ranking sections will be granted the prize. If a tie persists, the ultimate tiebreaker will be determined by the total number of points earned by all the players who have won medals.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

If a player would like to appeal against any judgment from the arbiters, she should do so within 5 minutes after the round ends. An appeals fee of N\$250.00 is payable before an appeal can be heard. If the decision is found in favor of the player she will be refunded. If the decision is found not in the favor of the player, she will forfeit her N\$250.00. The appeals committee will be announced before the start of Round 1.

12. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Tournament Director: Lishen Mentile

1st Assistant Tournament Director: Mrs Lutopu Khoa

2nd Assistant Tournament Director: Mrs. Kylikki Sihlala

Chief Arbiter: El-Shaddai Aluteni

1st Assistant Arbiter: Goodwill Khoa

13. COMMUNICATION WHATSAPP GROUP:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JeKRB7KAQA2FGLn3zqlfpA>

Email: wrcc2023@namibiachessfederation.com

14. TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

The tournament organizers reserve the right to use Namibian tailored Tournament Rules and Regulations for this tournament as they see fit. The current standing FIDE Laws and Rules of classical chess will be applied in all cases not prescribed specifically by these tournament regulations.

- I. Players who are late by **5 minutes (Rapid)** after a round has started will forfeit their games. The venue will have a wall clock on display to indicate the cut-off time when a player has to be at her board. The Chief Arbiter will follow the wall clock on display and not the individual watches of players.
- II. No player shall be allowed to enter the playing venue with her cell phones or an electronic device that may assist them during the games, if found a player may forfeit her game. Any cell phones in the playing venue permitted by the Chief Arbiter should be switched off at all times. If a player's phone rings or their alarm goes off, such a player will forfeit her game immediately. Players and spectators alike will not be permitted to talk on their Cell phones within the playing venue.
- III. Players, parents and spectators should keep the playing venue and its surroundings neat and tidy.
- IV. Cameras with a flash may only be used for the first 5 minutes after the start of the round. After that only cameras without a flash may be used inside the playing venue.
- V. Utmost silence should be preserved by all present. A player becomes a spectator after they finish their games and should be silent or will be asked to leave the playing venue.
- VI. When a player touches a piece, the piece should be moved unless it will be an illegal move. The move will be regarded as completed when the player releases the piece on the destination square and presses their clock.
- VII. Players, parents and coaches should make sure results are entered correctly before the start of the next round.
- VIII. First illegal move will result in a penalty in the form of two extra minutes for the opponent. **A second illegal move loses the game.**
- IX. Rude behavior or foul language towards fellow chess players and/or spectators during and or after the games will not be tolerated. Players who make themselves guilty of such offenses/ behavior will be disqualified from the tournament with immediate effect. The Chief Arbiter's and his/her assistants' decisions will be final.

- X. **NB:** For any disputes not catered for by these regulations or in case of uncertainty – The NCF Code of Conduct will be applied in all cases.

With thanks,
NCF EXCO

Disclaimer: The Namibia Chess Federation does 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.

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