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Tournament regulations:

1. INVITATION: The Namibia Chess Federation has the pleasure in inviting chess players to the 2024 National Chess Championships Qualifiers. The purpose of this tournament is to select the players to play in the Namibian Closed Chess Championships scheduled for 20 March – 24 March 2024.

2. VENUE: Nictus Cultural Centre, Windhoek

Direction: <https://goo.gl/maps/V6hpJsH8WG7MAZyg8>

3. EVENT DATE: 11, 12, 13 and 14 January 2024

4. REGISTRATION

4.1 REGISTRATION FEE:

N\$ 100.00 + N\$ 50 Deposit – Adults

N\$ 50.00 + N\$ 50 Deposit – Under 20 (*born on or after 1 January 2004*)

N\$ 200.00 + N\$ 50 Deposit – Non NCF Members

DEPOSITS ARE REFUNDABLE AT PRIZE GIVING ON CONDITION THAT A PLAYER HAS COMPLETED THE TOURNAMENT.

4.2 REGISTRATION PERIOD, DEADLINE AND METHOD: Period: 01 January – 09 January 2024

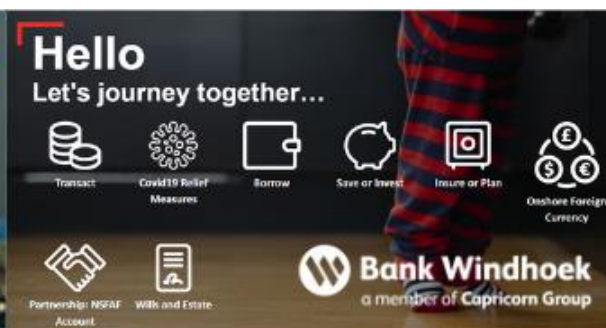
Method 1: Use the google form link: <https://forms.gle/VbNvMddvPcejXzip8>

Method 2: Use the website: <https://www.namibiachessfederation.com/calender/>

Select the event and register.



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4.3 ANNUAL NCF MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION:

Adults: N\$ 200

Under 20: N\$ 100

4.4 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:

5.1. OPENING CEREMONY: 17h45

Welcoming and Opening Speech: Tournament Director: Lloyd Dien

Announcements: Chief Arbiter Mr. Berdian

5.2. OPEN SECTION:

Round 1: Thursday 11 January 2024 18h00

Round 2: Friday 12 January 2024 14h00

Round 3: Friday 12 January 2024 18h30

Round 4: Saturday 13 January 2024 08h00

Round 5: Saturday 13 January 2024 12h30

Round 6: Saturday 13 January 2024 18h00

Round 7: Sunday 14 January 2024 12h00

5.3. WOMEN'S SECTION:

Round 1: Thursday 11 January 2024 18h00

Round 2: Friday 12 January 2024 14h00

Round 3: Friday 12 January 2024 18h30

Round 4: Saturday 13 January 2024 08h00

Round 5: Saturday 13 January 2024 12h30

Round 6: Saturday 13 January 2024 18h00

Round 7: Sunday 14 January 2024 12h00

5.4. CLOSING CEREMONY:

Sunday 14 January 2024 at end of round 7, or 18h00

Vote of thanks: NCF President Mr. Goodwill Khoa or any Bank Windhoek Representative

6. Tournament Sections:

The tournament will consist of two (2) sections: the Open Section and the Women's Section.

6.1. Open Section:

This Section is open to both male and female players.

6.2. Women's Section:

This Section is open to only female players.

7. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY:

7.1. The format for all Sections will be a SWISS System tournament played over seven (7) Rounds. Rate of play will be 01h15 minutes plus 30 seconds increment for every move starting from move 1.

7.2. In the event of less than seven (7) players registered, the format in such Section will be a Round-Robin System tournament. Rate of play will be 01h15 minutes plus 30 seconds increment for every move starting from move 1.

7.3 Games will be live streamed for the first 8 Boards for the Open Section and first 4 Boards for the Woman Section.

8. PAIRING AND TIE- BREAK SYSTEM:

Swiss Manager will be used for the pairings

8.1. Tie-Breaks in the SWISS System tournament(s) will be applied in the following order:

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

8.2. Tie-Breaks in the Round-Robin tournament(s) will be applied in the following order:

- i. Direct encounter
- ii. Sonneborn-Berger System
- iii. Median-Bucholz

8.3. If players are still tied then a 1 game 5 minutes for Black 6 minutes for white Armageddon will be played.

8.4 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) Point will be awarded for a Draw
- iii. Zero (0) Point will be awarded for a Loss

10. RATINGS:

10.1 Local Rating: A chess player who does not have a national rating will receive a rating based on his/her performance during the Premier Chess League and First Division Chess League. Else, a base rating will be assigned to a player who hasn't played in the Leagues yet. Base ratings will be at the discretion of the Ratings Database manager.

10.2 FIDE Rating: This will be a FIDE-rated tournament so FIDE will apply its ratings. Those without FIDE ratings may get new ratings based on their performances against rated players.

10.3 FIDE ID: Every participant must have a FIDE ID.

11. WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

11.1 This is a closed event for Namibian citizens only.

11.2 A player should be ready to proof his/her citizenship at the request of the Organizers.

11.3 Players from all zones are welcome to participate.

12. PRIZES: (Total Funds N\$ 8000)

12.1. OPEN SECTION PRIZES:

a) 1st Prize = Gold medal + N\$1500

2nd Prize = Silver Medal + N\$ 1000

3rd Prize = Bronze Medal + N\$ 700

4th Prize = Qualification + N\$ 500

5th Prize = Qualification + N\$ 300

b) Top 5 Players to Receive Ties at Closed Championships

c) Top 5 Players to Receive Appearance Fee at the Closed Championships

12.2. WOMEN'S SECTION PRIZES:

a) 1st Prize = Gold medal + N\$1000

2nd Prize = Silver Medal + N\$ 700

3rd Prize = Bronze Medal + N\$ 500

4th Prize = Qualification + N\$ 300

5th Prize = Qualification + N\$ 200

b) Top 5 Players to Receive Ties at Closed Championships

c) Top 5 Players to Receive Appearance Fee at Closed Championships

13. QUALIFICATION

13.1 NAMIBIAN CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first 5 players in the Open section will qualify to partake in the 2024 Namibian Closed Chess Championships. Should a player in the top 10 for the Closed not be able to participate, the next player on the list will fill his/her slot.

13.2 NAMIBIAN CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The first 5 players in the Women's Section will qualify to partake in the 2024 Namibian Closed Chess Championships. Should a player in the top 10 for the Closed not be able to participate, the next player on the list will fill her slot.

13.3 NAMIBIAN CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS B-SECTION

The B-Section will be open to all players who did not qualify as per the two clauses above as well as those who did not take part at all.

14. TOURNAMENT RULES AND FIDE RULES:

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 this tournament regulations.

- a) Players who are late by **15 minutes** after a round has started will forfeit their games.
- b) No player shall be allowed to enter the playing venue with their cell phones or an electronic device that may assist them during the games, if found a player may forfeit his or 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 alarm goes off such player will forfeit his or her game immediately. Players and Spectators alike will not be permitted to talk on their Cell phones within the playing venue.
- c) Cameras with a flash may only be used for the first 15mins after the start of the round. After that only cameras without a flash may be used inside the playing venue.
- d) Utmost Silence should prevail 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.
- e) When a player touches a piece, the piece should be moved unless it will be an illegal move.
- f) An illegal move is completed once the player has pressed his clock.
- g) First illegal move will result in a penalty in the form of 2 extra minutes for the opponent. **A second illegal move loses the game.**
- h) Rude behaviour or foul language towards fellow chess players and/or spectators during and or after the games will not be tolerated. Players who make them guilty of such offense/behaviour will be disqualified with immediate effect. The Chief Arbiter's and his/her assistants' decisions will be final.
- i) Players should complete their score sheet after every move. If a player does not complete the score sheet a warning will be issued and the game will be lost with the third warning. Players will not be allowed to hide or destroy their score sheets at any point during the game. The score sheets are property of the organizers even after a copy is given to the chess player.
- j) **NB:** Chess players are requested to please bring their own pens to record their moves. All players are required to write down their moves. Score sheets will be provided by the NCF.
- k) **NB:** For any disputes not catered for by these regulations or in case of uncertainty – The NCF Code of Conduct we apply in all cases.
- l) **The Namibia Chess Federation Executive Committee reserves the right to amend and make necessary changes to the tournament regulations as it sees fit to ensure a successful tournament.**
- m) **30 move draw rule will apply, except for 3-fold repetition or if a position comes up 3 times.**

15. APPEALS COMMITTEE

If a player would like to appeal against any judgment from the arbiters, he or she should do so within 30 minutes after the round ends. A fee of N\$100.00 is payable before an appeal can be heard. If the player is found not guilty, he or she will be refunded. If guilty he or she will forfeit their N\$100.00.

An appeals committee will be announced before the start of Round 1:

16. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Tournament Director: Lloyd Dien

Chief Arbiter: Berdian Beukes

1st Assistant Arbiter: Mestizo Van Wyk

2nd Assistant Arbiter: TBA

