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1. PLAYING VENUE:

VENUE: Okahandja Secondary School, Okahandja

Directions: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/eLv5LfqNfGqrRTat9>

2. EVENT DATE:

17 February 2024

3. PARTICIPANTS:

This tournament is open to all chess players.

4. REGISTRATION PERIOD AND METHOD

Registration period: Latest 12 February 2024 to 16th February 2024 @ 12:00 PM

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

Junior and Cadet N\$ 30 (NCF Members), N\$ 50 (Non NCF Member)

Method: Use the following link to Register: <https://forms.gle/AeVZrVxRaCzXVTVW8>

Visit www.namibiachessfederation.com/calendar

Late registration penalty fee is N\$50. 16^h February 2024 @ 14h00 PM

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– 08h00 Verification

Welcome and Opening – 08h30

Welcoming: NCF Announcements: Chief Arbiter

Round 1: 09h00

Round 2: 09h45

Round 3: 10h30

Round 4: 11h15

Round 5: 12h00

Round 6: 13h15

Round 7: 14h00

Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving: 14h30
Vote of thanks: Chief Organizer

7. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of Round 1. All complaints against any decision made by the Chief Arbitrator 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. PRIZES/AWARDS

Open 1st Prize: Medal + Cash
2nd Prize: N\$600
3rd Prize: Medal + Cash
N\$350
Medal + Cash
N\$250

Women

1st Prize: Medal + Cash
2nd Prize: N\$350
3rd Prize: Medal + Cash
N\$250
Medal + Cash
N\$150

Junior

1st Prize: Medal + Cash
2nd Prize: N\$200
3rd Prize: Medal + Cash
N\$150
Medal + Cash
N\$100

Cadet

1st Prize: Medal + Cash
2nd Prize: N\$200
3rd Prize: Medal + Cash
N\$150
Medal + Cash
N\$100

Local

1st Prize: Medal + Cash
N\$350

9. RATINGS:

9.1 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.

9.2 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.

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

10. WHO MAY PARTICIPATE?

10.1 This is an Open event for all who has a FIDE ID.

10.2 A player may obtain a FIDE ID from the Namibia Chess Federation via NCF Membership.

10.3 *Players from all zones are welcome to participate.*

11. 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 **5 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:** For any disputes not catered for by these regulations or in case of uncertainty – The NCF Code of Conduct we apply in all cases.

k) **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.**

13. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE:

Tournament Director: Lloyd Dien

Chief Arbiter: Mclean Handjaba

1st Assistant Arbiter: TBA

2nd Assistant Arbiter: TBA

Fair Play Officer: Mr. Goodwill Khoa

