



NAMIBIA **CHESS**
FEDERATION

2024 NAMIBIA NATIONAL JUNIOR OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS (NAJOCC)

Windhoek Gymnasium
-FIDE RATED-



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1. INVITATION

The Namibia Chess Federation has the honor of inviting all chess players under the age of 20 to participate in the **2024 Namibian National Junior Open Chess Championships (NAJOCC)**. The Championships will be held in **WINDHOEK** on **09 MARCH 2024**.

2. PARTICIPANTS

2.1 Age Groups

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the following age groups are invited:

Under 8 – players born on or after January 1, 2016

Under 10 – players born on or after January 1, 2014

Under 12 – players born on or after January 1, 2012

Under 14 – players born on or after January 1, 2010

Under 16 – players born on or after January 1, 2008

Under 18 – players born on or after January 1, 2006

Under 20 – players born on or after January 1, 2004

Should there not be enough entries in an age group and/or section, the organizers reserves the right to combine certain age groups and/or sections as it may deem fit. Awards will be done according to the respective age groups and sections.

2.2 Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the **2024 NAJOCC** are open to all nationalities. Namibians and non-Namibians.

3. REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES

3.1 The registration forms must be completed for all players and conveners.

3.2 **The registration period closes at 19h00 on the 7th of March 2024.**

3.3 To register, send a player's **FIDE ID, Full name, date of birth and gender** to the LOC no later **than 19h00, Thursday, 7th of March 2024**.

Visit < <http://ratings.fide.com/advseek.phtml> > and choose Namibia under Country for a complete list of Namibia's FIDE IDs. A copy of passport/birth certificate must also be sent to the organizers. For urgent queries you may contact the Tournament Director:

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Goodwill Khoa at 081 2231961 or the Chief Arbiter McLean Handjaba 0814006467.

3.4 Registration Fee:

N\$ 80.00 for paid up NCF members.

N\$ 150.00 for non-member.

3.4 Membership Fee:

N\$ 100.00 for all players under 20 years of age.

Proof of membership payment, and list if paid by an academy, should be forwarded with registration.

3.5 Late Registration

A penalty fee of N\$ 100.00 for late registration will be charged in addition to the registration fee, after the 7th of March 2024.

No late entries after 17h00 on THURSDAY the 7th of MARCH 2024 or on the day of the tournament will be accepted.

3.6 Kindly complete the online registration form.

3.7 Players will not be paired until all payments have been settled. **Payments must reflect in the NCF Bank Windhoek Account by latest the 7th of March 2024 by 17H00. Only payment confirms participation.**

No payment will be received at the venue on the day of the tournament.

4. TOURNAMENT VENUE

Windhoek Gymnasium Private School

Address: 1 Sossusvlei Street, Kleine Kuppe Street, Windhoek

5. TRAVEL, ACCOMMODATION & MEALS

It is up to the participating schools and academies to arrange own transport, accommodation and meals. The respective Zonal Chairpersons may contact the NSSU for transport.

6. BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

All payments should be remitted to the bank account of the Namibia Chess Federation, which is indicated as per below:

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Account Name: **NAMIBIA CHESS FEDERATION**

Bank: **Bank Windhoek**

Account Number: **802 060 6373**

Branch: **Maerua Mall**

Branch Code: **483 872**

Proof of payment to be uploaded on the online registration form.

7. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

7.1 Format and Time Control

- a) It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 7-Round Swiss System tournament. The time control will be **30 minutes** for the game for each player.
- b) The games will be played using standard tournament chess sets and DGT clocks; in the event of there being insufficient clocks, games will be adjudicated after 60 minutes of play. Should a game kick off without a clock and the LOC gets a clock at a later stage during the game, the remaining time will be split equally between the two players.
- c) Pairings and results will be published on www.chess-results.com.

Round 1 to be paired on Friday, 8th of March 2024 at 18h00.

- d) Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships.
- e) Should the number of participants in any section be 7 players or less, the affected section will be adjusted to a Round Robin tournament.
- f) If need be, some age groups could be merged in the event of too few participants.

7.2 Tie-Break Systems

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) By the results between the players involved in the tie;
- b) Progressive Score;
- c) Median-Buchholz;
- d) Buchholz.

In case of a Round Robin, the tie break will be broken as follows:

- a) Result of the players involved in the tie;
- b) Sonneborn-Berger;
- c) Highest number of wins.

7.3 The rapid rules of play as stipulated by FIDE will apply.

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8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as follows but subject to some changes if need be. However, any change to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

Thursday , 7th of March 2024

Publishing of all registered players on www.chess-results.com , kindly verify names and age groups.

Friday, 8th of March 2024 - Set-up

Saturday, 9th of March 2024

Doors Open 07h00

All participants to be present for verification at 07h30

(Kindly take note if a player comes after 07h30, he/ she will only be paired in Round 2)

Welcoming remarks and other announcements 07h45

Round 1 08h00

Round 2 09h15

Round 3 10h30

Round 4 11h45

Lunch 12h45

Round 5 14h00

Round 6 15h15

Round 7 16h30

Prize-Giving 18h00

9. AWARDS

9.1 Prizes

The winners of each age group and section will receive a trophy. The players taking the first three places in each age group category will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals, respectively. In addition, players will also receive a cash prize.

9.2 Qualification

The top 8 **Namibian** players of each age group category (both Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate in the 2024 Namibian Junior Closed Chess Championships (NAJCCC) which in turn is the Qualifier for Continental and World Championships.

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10. CHIEF ARBITER

The Chief Arbiter for the 2024 NAJOCC will be FIDE Arbiter McLean Handjaba. The Deputy Chief Arbiter and Section Arbiters will be appointed in consultation with the Organizing Committee.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

11.1 The Chairperson of the Appeals Committee for the 2024 NAJOCC will be nominated by the Namibia Chess Federation Executive Committee through the NCF President.

11.2 The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members.

11.3 The other two members and two reserves will be chosen from among officials from the participating Schools.

11.4 Protests should be submitted in **writing** to the Chief Arbiter within 10 minutes after the end of the round, with a N\$ 200 deposit.

11.5 If the appeal is successful the deposit will be refunded.

12. NOTATION

Players are not required to notate their moves.

13. TECHNICAL TEAM

We need as many Data Administrators and Arbiters as possible. Kindly contact us as soon as possible if you're able to assist. Main function will be to collect and capture the results.

14. WILDCARD

The NCF Exco may award wild cards to the Namibia Junior Closed Championships (NAJCCC) in special cases where a player could not part take in the NAJOCC. (An example is someone representing the country somewhere else during the NAJOCC.) A non-refundable fee of N\$500-00 is payable for any wildcard application. In addition to that Wildcards will only be considered in cases of withdrawals of any of the top 8 qualifiers. **Please note that the application for a WILD CARD must be submitted no later than Thursday, 7th of March 2024.**

Tournament Director: Goodwill Khoa

Organizers: Namibia Chess Federation

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