



NAMIBIA **CHESS**  
FEDERATION

# 2024 SCHOOL TEAMS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Windhoek Gymnasium

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# -INVITATION-

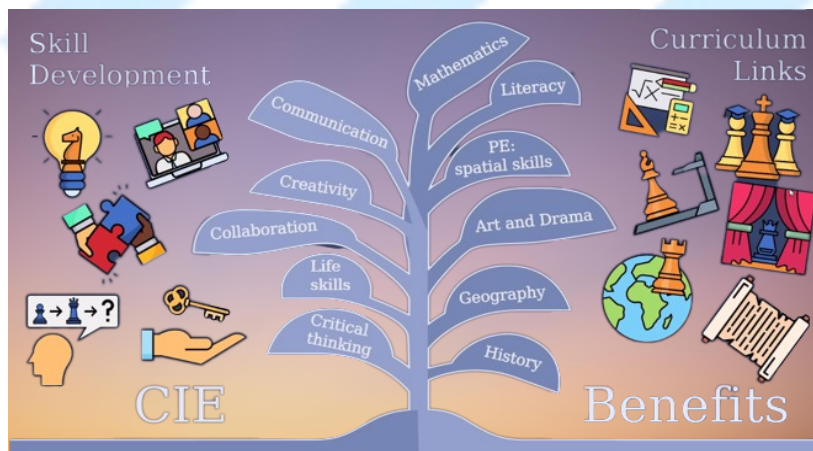
Dear Esteemed Principals

The Namibia Chess Federation (NCF) would like to invite your School, to participate in the 2024 Namibia National Schools Teams Chess Championships.

The Purpose of this event is, but in no way limited to:

1. Crowning the 2024 Namibia Schools Team Chess Champions.
2. Promote the NCF's Chess in Schools program (Chess as a Non-promotional Subject).
3. Improve the Standards of Junior Chess in Namibia.
4. To provide groundwork for a National Schools Chess League.
5. To engage learners in chess as a professional sport at an early age.

We further wish to develop the sport through capacity building and skill training for Teacher Educators and Coach Educators through International Certification and Qualifications. CHESS IN EDUCATION (CIE) program.



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# - REGULATIONS -

## PLAYING VENUE:

Windhoek Gymnasium Private School

**Address:** 1 Sossusvlei Street, Kleine Kuppe Street, Windhoek

**Direction:** <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VvUqBfQ6NgrqdeUD8>

## 1. EVENT DATE:

10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## 3. PARTICIPANTS:

Namibian Primary Schools, Namibian Secondary Schools and Namibian Chess Academies

Each School/Academy may register a Maximum of 2 Open Teams with an option of a **3<sup>rd</sup> All Girls Team**.

A Team consists of four (4) Players from the same school/academy. Plyers must be under 20 Years of Age.

## 4. REGISTRATION PERIOD AND METHOD

**Primary School Section: N\$ 200 per Team**

**Secondary School Section: 250 per Team**

**Academy Section: N\$ 300 per Team**

**Method1:** Use the following link to Register: <https://forms.gle/oQGfMACNwfjGPZxb8>

**Registration Start Date: 13 February 2024**

**Registration Dead Line: 07 March 2024 @ 12h00**

**Late registration penalty fee is N\$100. 08 March 2024 @ 23h00 Final Date.**

### 4.1 Banking Details:

**Bank Name:** Bank Windhoek Limited

**Account Name:** Namibia Chess Federation

**Account Number:** CHK- 8020 606 373

**Branch Name:** Maerua Mall

**Branch Code:** 483 872

**Ref:** School Name + STCC2024

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## 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. Match-points will be awarded as follow:  
2 points for a win; ( Team scores at least 2.5 wins out of 4 games)  
1 point for a draw; ( Team score 2 wins out of 4 games)  
0 point for a loss; ( Team score less than 2 wins out of 4 games)
- 5.3. The tie-breaks will be applied in the following order:  
  
Match Points  
Game Points (Sum of most number of wins)  
Direct encounter  
Progressive Score  
Median Bucholz  
Bucholz
- 5.4. The time control will be **30 minutes** per player.

## 6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Arrival of all Players– 07h00

Welcoming and Opening – 07h30

NCF Announcements: Chief Arbiter – McLean Handjaba

Round 1: 08h00

Round 2: 08h50

Round 3: 09h40

Round 4: 10h30

Round 5: 12h10

Lunch Break 13H00

Round 6: 14h00

Round 7: 14h50

Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving: 15h40 Or as soon as the Final Game of the Final Round ends.

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## 7. PRIZES/AWARDS

### ***Secondary School Section***

- 1st Prize: Rotating Trophy Medal + Cash N\$1500
- 2nd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$1000
- 3rd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$500

### ***Primary School Section***

- 1st Prize: Rotating Trophy Medal + Cash N\$1500
- 2nd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$1000
- 3rd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$500

### ***Academy Section***

- 1st Prize: Rotating Trophy Medal + Cash N\$1500
- 2nd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$1000
- 3rd Prize: Medal + Cash N\$ 500

## 8. 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\$ 200 is payable when lodging a complaint. The complainant shall lose the N\$ 200 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.

## 9. BROADCAST

The Namibia Chess Federation will be Broadcasting the Top Boards in each section of the Primary School and High School Sections.

These games can be viewed on **Lichess.org** and **LiveChess.com** Links will be provided.

The Broadcast is in beta test. The NCF does not guarantee that all games can be viewed live and some delays will be set in place.

Future School Teams will be rated based on the success of this event.

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## 10. 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, No electronic devices allowed. Parents with mobile 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. Each Team must at least have two (2) Players seated for the match to start.
6. 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)
7. Each player must press the clock with the same hand that moves the pieces.
8. If a player makes 2 illegal he/she move lose the game.
9. Any player who makes themselves guilty of rude behaviour will be disqualified with immediate effect.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. 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.
13. 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

Thank you!



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