

2024 BANK WINDHOEK CHESS OPEN

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS



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1. INVITATION:

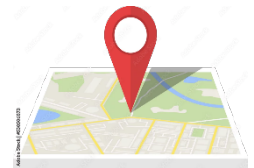
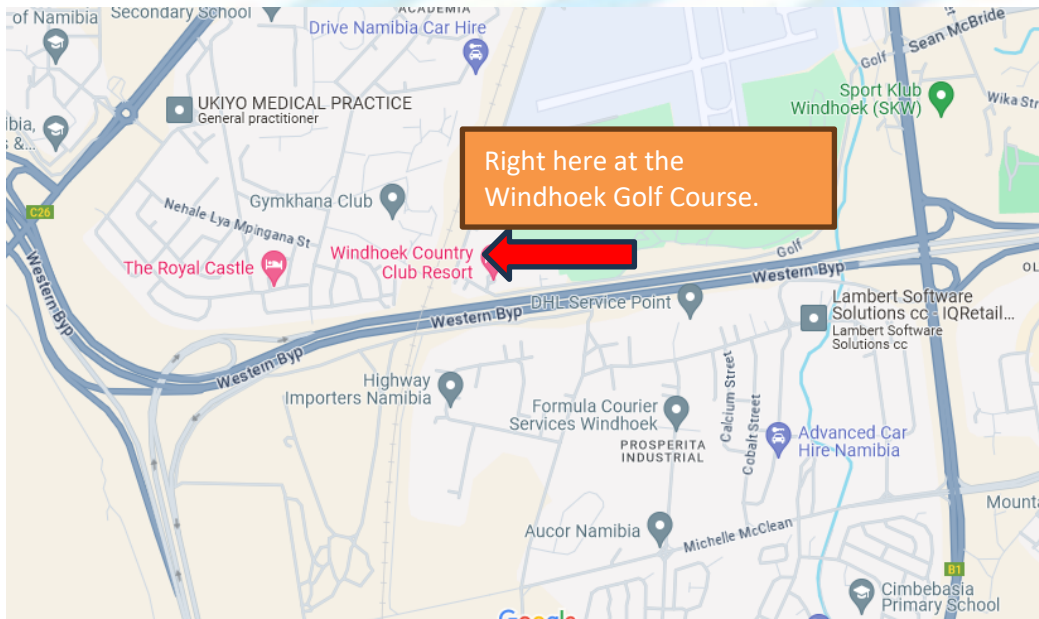
Namibia Chess Federation (NCF) is delighted to extend an invitation to **ALL CHESS PLAYERS**, both local and international, titled, and non-titled, rated, and un-rated from all corners of the earth and the diaspora to the 2024 edition of the Bank Windhoek 2024 Namibian Chess Open.

Namibia is known for its ocean colliding desert dunes, Kapana (Braai) and Poitjie, cleanliness, above standard road infrastructure and heartwarming hospitality, and so it is only befitting that every chess player visits Namibia at least once, twice, or more to play a tournament of this magnitude.

We will serve and accommodate you with a very BIG SMILE 😊

2. VENUE: Windhoek Golf and Country Club, B1 Road, Western Bypass, Windhoek, Namibia.

2.1. DIRECTIONS: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/vPXcEuUaSNbiyqy97>



3. EVENT DATE: 8th May (Wednesday)– 12th May Sunday) 2024

4. REGISTRATION FEES & PROCEDURE

4.1 Registration fees

N\$ 200.00 (11 USD) – NCF Members and Internationals (Adults, Juniors, and Cadets)

N\$ 300.00 (16 USD) – Non-NCF Members and Internationals (Adults, Juniors, and Cadets)

GM, WGM, IM and WIM TITLED PLAYERS ARE EXEMPT FROM PAYING REGISTRATION FEES.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/faov5DQCupb6DWNJ9>

5. PLAYER STATUES AND PRIVILEGES:

5.1. GM/WGM/IM/WIM play for FREE without registration fees only.

5.1.1. The LOC reserves the rights to pay appearance fees to a select number of titled players that participate in the 2024 Namibian Chess Open.

5.1 TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

5.2 Last day to register is 1st May 2024

5.3 **LATE REGISTRATION: 2nd May to 5 May 2024. Penalty fee of N\$400.00 (22 USD) payable.**

Players that require help with accommodation may contact the LOC via **WhatsApp**,
Email or **Direct message**.

5.4 NCF BANKING DETAILS

Name: Namibia Chess Federation **Bank:**
Bank Windhoek Limited **Branch:**
Maerua Mall
Account Number: 8020606373
Branch Code: 483-872
Swift: BWLINANX

All payments shall be done via electronic banking or direct deposit into the bank no cash will be accepted.

6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

All activities listed below will be at the Windhoek Golf and Country Club.

(Light refreshments and finger snacks to be served at the opening ceremony).

Tuesday	May 7th	07h00	<i>Arrival and set-up</i>
Tuesday	May 7th	17:00	<i>Technical Meeting and Official Opening Ceremony</i>
Wednesday	May 8th	15:00	Round 1
Thursday	May 9th	09:00	Round 2
Thursday	May 9th	16:00	Round 3
Friday	May 10th	16:00	Round 4
Saturday	May 11th	09:00	Round 5
Saturday	May 11th	16:00	Round 6
Sunday	May 12th	09:00	Round 7
Sunday	May 12th	14:00	Prize Giving & Closing Ceremony
Monday	May 13th	06:00	Departure

Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving: 14h00 on the 12th of May 2024.

7. TOURNAMENT SECTIONS:

7.1. The tournament will consist of four (4) sections: the **Open Section, Women's Section, Veteran Section** and **Junior Section**.

OPEN SECTION:

This Section is open all chess players (locals & non-locals).

WOMEN'S SECTION:

This section is open only to female players (locals & non-locals).

VETERAN SECTION:

This Section is open only to players aged 50 and above (locals & non-locals).

JUNIOR SECTION:

This section is open only to players under the age of 20 (locals & non-locals if rated must be below 2000 FIDE).

8. SYSTEM AND TIME CONTROL:

- 8.1.** The format for the all the Sections will be a Swiss System tournament played over (7) Seven Rounds.
- 8.2.** The time control will be 75 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move starting from move 1.

9. PAIRINGS AND TIE- BREAK SYSTEM:

Swiss Manager will be used to do the pairings.

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

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

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

- i. Direct encounter
- ii. Sonneborn-Berger System

9.3. If players are still tied then 1 Armageddon game of 5 minutes for Black and 6 minutes for white will be played. If White doesn't win, they lose the tie.

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

10. 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. 1f-0f or 0f-1f, will be shown in the event of a forfeit.



11. PRIZES:

11.1. The overall winners in each section will receive a trophy and medals.

11.2. All payments to will be done via bank transfer and no cash payments will be handled by the LOC.

	Open	Women	Veterans	Junior
	NAD (N\$)	NAD (N\$)	NAD (N\$)	NAD (N\$)
1	N\$7 000	N\$5 000	N\$1 000	N\$1000
2	N\$5 000	N\$4 000	N\$750	N\$800
3	N\$4 000	N\$3 000	N\$500	N\$600
4	N\$3 000	N\$2 000	N\$350	N\$500
5	N\$2 000	N\$1 000		N\$400
6	N\$1 000	N\$750		N\$300
7	N\$750	N\$500		N\$200
8	N\$500	N\$350		N\$100
TOTAL	N\$23 250	N\$16 600	N\$2 600	N\$3 900

13. 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. An appeals fee of N\$200.00 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\$200.00. The appeals committee will be announced before the start of Round 1.

14. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACT DETAILS:

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15. COMMUNICATION WHATSAPP GROUP AND FACEBOOK:



Follow this link to join my WhatsApp group:
<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BkXnxTyQVT85Ji3j0nXcgT>



Find all pictures and daily updates on Namibia Chess Federation on Facebook via
<https://www.facebook.com/NamibiaChessFederation>

16. Accommodation

Discounted Prizes available to all players lodging at the Windhoek Country Club and Resort. Contact LOC for bookings.

Alternative lodging also available at prices ranging between N\$400.00 (22 USD) – N\$1000.00 (53 USD) per night around Windhoek.

Arebbusch (about 2 Km from the Venue at the Golf Course) <https://www.arebbusch.com/>

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17. 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.

(download FIDE laws of chess handbook for all the rules that you may want to know at

<https://www.fide.com/FIDE/handbook/LawsOfChess.pdf>)

- I. Players who are late by **15 minutes** after a round has started will forfeit their games.
- II. 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 their alarm goes off, such a 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.
- III. Players, parents, coaches and spectators should keep the playing venue and its surroundings neat and tidy. No food allowed on the table of the games.
- IV. 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.
- 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 then presses the clock.
- VII. 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.
- VIII. First illegal move will result in a penalty in the form of 2 extra minutes in favor of the opponent. **After the second illegal move the defaulting party 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 with immediate effect. The Chief Arbiter's and his/her assistants' decisions will be final.
- X. 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.
- XI. **NB: Players will be provided with a game pen and** Chess players are requested to please bring their pens to record their moves for all rounds. All players are required to write down their moves. Score sheets will be provided by the NCF.
- XII. **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.

By Order of the Namibian Chess Federation

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.

ALL RIGHTS TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS WHEN NECESSARY AND IN THE INTEREST OF THE COLLECTIVE IS RESERVED BY THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR AT ANY POINT BEFORE ROUND 3 OF THE TOURNAMENT.

All pictures, videos or any other digital recordings of persons at the playing venue shall be the property of the NCF and all players or persons upon entrance, confirmation or registration shall automatically accept this condition unconditionally.



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