



2026 AFRICA JUNIORS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES: 23rd AUGUST 2026 — 1st SEPTEMBER 2026

VENUE: King's Conference Center
Bujumbura, BURUNDI

INVITATION

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- 1.2 *The Championships will be held at King's Conference Center, **Bujumbura, Burundi**. From **Sunday, 23rd August 2026** (official arrival date), to **Tuesday, 1st September 2026** (official departure date).*

-2- PARTICIPATION

- 2.1 *In accordance with **FIDE** regulations, the **2026 Africa Juniors Individual Championships** are open to all players representing federations which are affiliated to the International Chess Federation (**FIDE**) which comprise the African Chess Confederation who were born **on or after 1st January 2006**.*
- 2.2 *There will be separate Championships for the **Open Category** and the **Girls Category**.*
- 2.3 *The separate Championship for Girls shall be organized if there are at least **10** Girls entries from at least **3** Federations. Otherwise, the Girls' event will be merged into the Open Section.*
- 2.4 *Each Federation will be allowed to register an unlimited number of players provided they are registered before the registration deadline. However, should the maximum accommodation capacity be reached, registrations will be accepted on a **first-come, first-served basis**.*

-3- TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 3.1 *The Championships will be played in accordance with **FIDE** regulations as a **9 Round Swiss** tournament system.*
- 3.2 *The time control for the Standard Championship shall be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the remainder of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move one.*
- 3.3 *For the Rapid Championship, the time control shall be 15 minutes per player, with an increment of 10 seconds per move from move one.*
- 3.4 *For the Blitz Championship, the time control shall be 5 minutes per player, with an increment of 3 seconds per move from move one.*
- 3.5 *The games will be played using Digital clocks, and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com.*
- 3.6 *Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships.*
- 3.7 *Draw offers are not allowed before **Black's 30th** move.*
- 3.8 *The default time shall be 30 minutes for all rounds of the Standard Championship, 5 minutes for the Rapid Championship, and 2 minutes for the Blitz Championship.*

-4- TIE-BREAKS

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

- a) *Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) **
- b) *Buchholz Cut 1***
- c) *Buchholz*
- d) *Direct encounter between the players in tie*
- e) *Most wins*
- f) *Most wins with black pieces*

** Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.*

*** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.*

-5- AWARDS

5.1 Medals and Trophies:

The players taking the first three places in each category will be awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals, respectively, in addition to trophies.

5.2 Qualification:

*The winners in each category (**Open and Girls**) will be awarded personal rights to participate at the **2027 World Junior Chess Championships**.*

5.3 Titles:

Direct titles will be awarded according to the FIDE handbook, and the link to the table is <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2026>

-6- TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated below. The schedule may, however, be changed should a need arise. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Activity</i>	<i>Time</i>
Sunday, 23rd August 2026	<i>Arrival from 12:00hrs</i>	<i>12:00hrs</i>
Monday, 24th August 2026	<i>Technical Meeting</i>	<i>10:0hrs</i>
	<i>Opening Ceremony</i>	<i>16:00hrs</i>
	<i>Round 1</i>	<i>17:00hrs</i>
Tuesday, 25th August 2026	<i>Round 2</i>	<i>10:00hrs</i>
	<i>Round 3</i>	<i>17:00hrs</i>
Wednesday, 26th August 2026	<i>Round 4</i>	<i>10:00hrs</i>
	<i>Round 5</i>	<i>17:00hrs</i>
Thursday, 27th August 2026	<i>Day off with a tour</i>	<i>Day off</i>
Friday, 28th August 2026	<i>Round 6</i>	<i>10:00hrs</i>
	<i>Round 7</i>	<i>17:00hrs</i>
Saturday, 29th August 2026	<i>Round 8</i>	<i>10:00hrs</i>
	<i>Round 9</i>	<i>17:00hrs</i>
Sunday, 30th August 2026	<i>Rapid Tournament</i>	<i>10:00hrs</i>
Monday, 31st August 2026	<i>Blitz Tournament</i>	<i>10:00hrs</i>
	<i>Closing ceremony</i>	<i>17:00hrs</i>
Tuesday, 1st September 2026	<i>Departure</i>	<i>12.00hrs</i>

-7- ARBITRATION TEAM

- 7.1 *The **Chief Arbiter** will be appointed by the **African Chess Confederation**.*
- 7.2 *Other members of the Arbitration Team will be appointed by the **African Chess Confederation** in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee.*

-8- APPEALS COMMITTEE

- 8.1 *The **Appeals Committee** will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves.*
- 8.2 *The **Chairman** of the **Appeals Committee** will be appointed by the **African Chess Confederation** while the other 2 members and 2 reserves will be selected from amongst the participating federation officials.*
- 8.3 *Any protest regarding a decision taken by the **Chief Arbiter** or any of his assistants must be submitted in writing to the **Chairman** of the **Appeals Committee** within **30** minutes after the completion of the respective game.*
- 8.4 *A written protest must be accompanied by the sum of **100 USD (US Dollars)** as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is found to be baseless by the appeals committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the Burundian Chess Federation.*

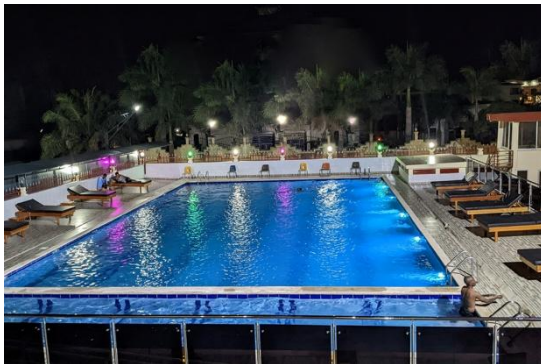
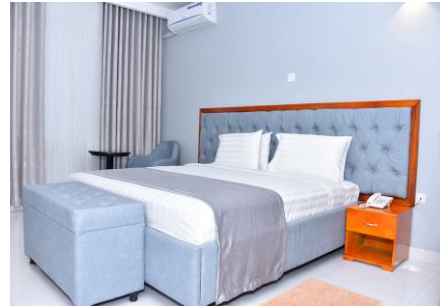
-9- BOARD AND LODGING

- 9.1 *All participants are **obligated** to lodge at the official accommodation Hotel.*
- 9.2 ***Six (6) previous medalists (Gold, Silver and Bronze Medalists in both categories from the 2025 edition)** will receive free board and lodging in twin rooms.*
- 9.3 ***Twelve (12) winners** from the most recent **Africa Youth** edition (The best boys and girls from the **AYCC 2026** U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, U08) will receive free board and lodging in twin rooms.*
- 9.4 *ACC will receive free board and lodging for 6 officials.*
- 9.5 *The Host will provide boarding and lodging for the technical team.*
- 9.6 *Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at:*
- *70 USD per person per day (**sharing in twin room**).*
 - *80 USD per person per day (**single room**).*

This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner)

- 9.7 *All payments related to board and lodging must be made before **16th August 2026**.*
- 9.8 *Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the **23rd August 2026** or depart after **1st September 2026** will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.*

- 9.9 *All payments must be made to the account of the Burundi Chess Federation as indicated in Clause (13) Bank Details. If payments are not received before the start of the competition, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.*



-10- AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION TOURNAMENT FEES

- 11.1 *In accordance with ACC Regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament Fees of 50 USD **on arrival**.*
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-11- REGISTRATION FEES

*The Registration Fee for each participating player is **60 USD (USD)**. This payment includes transportation from and to the airport, accreditation, identification badges, and organization costs and must be paid into the Burundi Chess Federation account before **16th August 2026**.*

- 11.1 *The Registration Fee for invited officials and each accompanying person will be **60 USD**.*
- 11.2 **LATE REGISTRATION FEE, IF AUTHORISED, will be an extra 100 USD (160 USD in total).**
- 11.3 *Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.*
- 11.4 **Only Federations can register players.** *Registration forms must be filled and sent to fechebur@yahoo.fr before the deadline date.*
- 11.5 **No refunds** *will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying registration or ACC Tournament Fees for any reason.*
- 11.6 *All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Bujumbura International Airport [BJM]*

All are advised to register early to help ease preparations.

-12- ACCREDITATION

- 12.1 *Each federation shall register names and FIDE IDs together with passport-size photos and copies of their passports for all their Players, officials, and Accompanying persons by **09th AUGUST 2026***

-13- BANK DETAILS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of the Burundi Chess Federation as listed below, and proof of payment Registered to the Form.

<i>Beneficiary Account Number</i>	01107853885
<i>Beneficiary Name</i>	FECHEBU
<i>Beneficiary Address</i>	I, Avenue du Gouvernement
<i>Beneficiary Bank</i>	Banque de la République du Burundi
<i>SWIFT CODE</i>	BRBUBIBI
<i>IBAN (If applicable)</i>	
<i>Intermediary Bank Name (If applicable)</i>	Citibank NA
<i>intermediary Bank Swift Code (If applicable)</i>	CITI US 33
<i>intermediary Bank Address (If applicable)</i>	New York

-14- LOCAL CURRENCY

- 14.1 *The local currency is the Burundian Franc (BIF).*
- 14.2 *Current exchange rate at **1 Euro = 3403.8980 BIF** **US\$1 = 2972.0320 BIF** (There may be slight changes)*

-15- TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- 15.1 *The host federation covers all travel arrangements and costs to and from Bujumbura International Airport. The organizers will meet the participants and the accompanying persons at Bujumbura International Airport.*
- 15.2 *Provided that the complete itinerary of each participant and their accompanying persons is communicated (registered in the registration form) in advance to the organizer.*

-16- VISAS

- 16.1 *For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Burundi, these can be obtained from Burundi Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries. Visas can also be obtained and paid directly on arrival.*
- 16.2 *The Burundi Chess Federation will avail official invitation letters to participants that need copies for the processing of their Visas.*

-17- DRESS CODE

- 17.1 *All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.*
- 17.2 *The preferred dress code shall be a suit or tracksuit showing the federation logo and the nation.*

-18- DEADLINE DATE

- 18.1 *Entry forms must be filled by the respective federation not later than **9TH AUGUST 2026**. This date is the **registration deadline**.*
- 18.2 *Late registration attracts a penalty charge of an additional 100 USD (**US Dollars**). The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to either accept or reject any player who wants to register later than the official deadline date.*

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We look forward to welcoming you to Burundi, **Igihugu c'amata n'ubuki** (The Country of Milk and Honey)!!

**Yours in Chess,
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President of the Burundian Chess Federation**

