



2026 AFRICAN SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

DATES: 6th December 2026 to 14th December 2026

PLAYING VENUE: MERCURE HOTEL WINDHOEK

**HOTELS: MOVENPICK HOTEL WINDHOEK &
MERCURE HOTEL WINDHOEK**

WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA

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2 PARTICIPATION

2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2026 African Schools Individual Chess Championships invites the following age groups of players:

- Under 7- players born on or after January 1, 2019
- Under 9- players born on or after January 1, 2017
- Under 11- players born on or after January 1, 2015
- Under 13- players born on or after January 1, 2013
- Under 15- players born on or after January 1, 2011
- Under 17- players born on or after January 1, 2009

2.2 In accordance with FIDE regulations, there will be separate championships for the Open Category and a Girls category.

2.3 Separate championship for each category shall be organized if there are at least 10 entries from at least 3 Federations. Otherwise, the categories will be merged with another Section.

2.4 Registration is opened for all African federations affiliated to both FIDE and ACC.

2.5 Each African federation will be allowed to enter **as many players in each category**. All players will be responsible for payment of their board and lodging in addition to Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

2.6 The host will be allowed to enter as many players in each category and in case of an odd number one additional player could be added.

2.7 Winners of last edition championship in each category (Only those eligible to defend their age category), Open and Girls, will be recognized as the Official Players while all other players will be designated as Additional Players.

2.8 Subject to agreement with the organizers, the African Chess Confederation President may allow additional participants for the Tournament.

3 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

3.1 The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations.

3.2 The Time control will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1).

3.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairing will be published on www.chessresults.com.

3.4 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation may be paired together in the last round;

3.5 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move

3.6 The default time will be 30 minutes for all rounds.

4 TIE-BREAK

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the final order of placement will be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:

- (a) Direct encounter;
- (b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- (c) Number of wins, the highest number wins;
- (d) Number of wins with Black, the highest number wins.

5 AWARDS

5.1 **Trophies:** Players taking first place in both open and girls categories will receive trophies

5.2 **Medals:** The players taking the first three places in each category will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals respectively.

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

5.4 **Titles:** Titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE regulations.

6 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

6.2 Detailed program for the half rest day and related costs will be communicated by the organizer.

Date	Activity	Time
Sunday, 6 th December , 2026	Technical Meeting	21:00
Monday, 7 th December , 2026	Opening Ceremony Round 1	10:00 15:00
Tuesday, 8 th December , 2026	Round 2 Round 3	09:00 15:00
Wednesday, 9 th December , 2026	Round 4 Round 5	09:00 15:00
Thursday, 10 th December , 2026	Round 6	09:00
Friday, 11 th December , 2026	Free day	All day
Saturday, 12 th December , 2026	Round 7 Round 8	09:00 15:00
Sunday, 13 th December , 2026	Round 9 Blitz Competition Closing Ceremony	10:00 15:00 20:00
Monday, 14 th December , 2026	Departure	10:00

7 ARBITRATION TEAM AND FAIR PLAY DELEGATE

7.1 The Chief Arbiter and the Arbitration Team shall be appointed by the African Chess Confederation in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee.

7.2 The Fair play delegate shall be appointed by the African Chess Confederation.

8 APPEALS COMMITTEE

8.1 The Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the African Chess Confederation.

8.2 The other two members of the Appeals Committee and two reserves shall be chosen from the participating delegations.

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 ONE Hour after the completion of the respective game.

8.4 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of US \$100 as a deposit from the complainant. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. If the appeal is successful, the deposit shall be returned to the complainant. Should the appeal be found to be baseless, the deposit will be forfeited to Namibia Chess Federation.

9 BOARD AND LODGING

9.1 All participants are expected to lodge at the Official Accommodation venues.

9.2 All additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will lodge at the **Mercure Hotel Windhoek** and **Movenpick Hotel Windhoek** at a fee specified below. This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner).; All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before the **15th November, 2026** which will be the deadline.

Hotel Name	Triple Room	Double Room	Single Room
Mercure Hotel Windhoek (3 star)	90	95	115
Movenpick Hotel Windhoek (4 star)	100	110	125

9.4 Accommodation will be awarded on the first come first serve basis. No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying the accommodation, Hotel will be blocked for tournament period. Alternative hotel will be communicated in case of spillover.

9.6 The first meal on arrival day is Dinner and last meal on Departure day is Breakfast. Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 6th December, 2026 (14:00hrs) or depart after 14th December, 2026 at 12.00hrs will be expected to arrange their own meals and accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.

9.7 All payments must be made to the account of the Namibia 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 ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

10.1 In compliance with ACC Regulations, both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament Fees of **US\$ 50**

10.2 ACC Tournament Fees must be paid into the account of the Namibia Chess Federation, as indicated hereunder, **15th November, 2026**.

11 REGISTRATION FEES

11.1 Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **US\$ 60**. The registration fee for the Blitz Competition is **US\$ 10**. Only Federations and Fide endorsed academies can register players.

11.2 Where registrations are emailed, they must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, FIDE title (If any), and passport number of each player (a scanned copy should be included). Kindly refer to the attached registration form.

11.3 No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying the Registration Fees and/or ACC Tournament Fees.

11.4 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein. Federation officials must fill them in and return them to Namibia Chess Federation before **15th November, 2026** by e-mail to confirm entry.

11.5 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Hosea Kutako International Airport to the accommodation venue by protocols assigned at the airport.

11.6 All are requested to register early to help ease preparations.

12 ACCREDITATION

12.1 Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by the **15th November, 2026**.

13 BANK DETAILS

13.1 Registration Fees shall be paid to the account of the Namibia Chess Federation as listed below and proof of payment forwarded to treasurer@ncf.com.na

13.2 Present details of payment to the official federation address.

13.3. The amount received should be net, sender to take care of bank transfer fees

ACCOUNT NAME	Namibia Chess Federation
ACCOUNT NUMBER	8020606373
BANK NAME	Bank Windhoek Limited
BRANCH NAME	Maerua Mall
BRANCH CODE	483-872
SWIFT CODE	BWLINANX
BANK ADDRESS	Centaurus Road, Maerua Mall, Windhoek

14 LOCAL CURRENCY

14.1 The local currency is the Namibia Dollar with the current exchange rate at US\$1 = N\$17/=)

15 TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

15.1 All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Hosea Kutako International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament; organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Hosea Kutako International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance.

16 VISAS

16.1 We will avail an official invitation to delegations that need a copy for VISA processing

17 DRESS CODE

17.1 All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore **Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.**

17.2 The preferred dress code will be a suit or track suit showing the federation logo and the nation.

18. WEATHER CONDITIONS

18.1 In the month of December, the weather in Windhoek will be rather fresh and the temperature around 27°C.

19 ELECTRICITY

19.1 The standard voltage is 220 volts

20. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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21 DEADLINE DATE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **15th November, 2026**. This date is the registration deadline.

21.1 Late registration attracts a penalty charge of USD 100.00. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to accept or reject any player who wants to register after the Deadline.

21.2 All changes and late registration shall be accepted until **20th November, 2026 (late registration Deadline)**. Thereafter the host federation will reserve the rights to accept or reject any changes.

22 COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION:

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Eswatini, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We look forward to welcoming you all to our beautiful nation

Yours Sincerely

NAMIBIA CHESS FEDERATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Eichab', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Charles Eichab
PRESIDENT

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Federation name	
Contact person	
Email	
Telephone	

Category: Under 7 Open

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 7 Girls

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 9 Open

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 9 Girls

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 11 Open

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 11 Girls

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 13 Open

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 13 Girls

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 15 Open

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Category: Under 15 Girls

Surname	Name	Fide ID	Fide rating	Title

Accompanying persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be sent to the Namiba Chess Federation by Email to: td@ncf.com.na with copy to the ACC Secretary General before **15th November, 2026**.