



Report

Inter Region Chess Championships 2018 KIMBERLEY

04 to 05 May 2018

Organized by

Northern Cape Chess



1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the relevant stakeholders on the Inter Region Chess Championships 2018 (IRCC 2018) that were held in Kimberley at the Diamantveld High School from the 04 – 05 May 2018.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 South Africa's economy has not only expanded significantly over the last two decades, but has significantly changed in nature.
- 2.2 A result of this is a dramatic demand for trained people with analytical and problem-solving skills.
- 2.3 Such people are required across the board, but particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).
- 2.4 **Chess has long been regarded as a game that has beneficial effects on learning and development, especially when it is played from a young age.**
- 2.5 **For many years now, around the world, it has been shown that the playing of chess by school students improves their performance in all school subjects, not only in mathematics and science.**
- 2.6 **By pursuing to create a chess culture among the youth the country would in the long term be in a position to produce people with the necessary skills required.**
- 2.7 Northern Cape Chess Association strives to give effect to Outcome 14 of the National Development Plan which speaks to Nation Building and Social Cohesion.
- 2.8 It understands the long-term goals of the National Development Plan Vision 2030 specifically in promoting social cohesion across society through increased interaction across race and class.
- 2.9 Citizen participation has an important role to play in bringing about transformation.
- 2.10 Hosting the Inter Region Chess Championships 2018 in Kimberley contributed positively towards unity amongst our communities which will combat against social ills such as racial discrimination, gender discrimination, xenophobia and other related intolerances.

3. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- 3.1 Every year the Inter Region Chess Championships (IRCC 2018) take place in various provinces. This year the IRCC 2018 was held in Kimberley from 04 – 05 May 2018 at the Diamantveld High School.
- 3.2 The purpose of the tournament is to create a platform and opportunity for players to play against opponents from other districts. This greatly improves the competitiveness amongst players and improve the quality of chess by means of inter pollination within districts.
- 3.3 Funds generated from of the IRCC 2018 will go towards development of administrators (Arbiters, Coaches and Tournament) and players all around the Northern Cape.

4. ATTENDANCE

- 4.1 Every year districts from various provinces participate in the IRCC. The championship took place in Rustenburg, North West Province in 2017. A total of 413 players participated from the following districts:
- 4.1.1 Bojanala Platinum District, North West
 - 4.1.2 Dr Kenneth Kaunda District, North West
 - 4.1.3 Mangaung District, Free State
 - 4.1.4 Lejweleputswa, Free State
 - 4.1.5 Northern Cape (did not participate as separate districts, but as a province).
- 4.2 This year the IRCC will take place in Kimberley on the 4th and 5th of May 2018. 513 players took part in the IRCC 2018 from the following districts:
- 4.2.1 Namakwa (Northern Cape)
 - 4.2.2 ZF Mgcawu (Northern Cape)
 - 4.2.3 John Taolo Gaetsewe (Northern Cape)
 - 4.2.4 Pixley ka Seme (Northern Cape)
 - 4.2.5 Frances Baard (Northern Cape)
 - 4.2.6 Xhariep (Free State)
 - 4.2.7 Lejweleputswa (Free State)
 - 4.2.8 Mangaung (Free State)
 - 4.2.9 Bojanala Platinum (North West)
 - 4.2.10 Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati (North West)
 - 4.2.11 Cape Winelands (Western Cape)
 - 4.2.12 West Coast (Western Cape)
- 4.3. This year has been one of the biggest events in the history of IRCC and approximately 800 people attended the event which includes players, administrators, teachers and parents.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 The event unfolded over two days.

Friday

Registration and Arrival 13:00 – 14:30

Preliminary draw 15:45

Players seated / opening 16:00

Round 1 : 16:15 - 18:15

Round 2 : 18:30 - 20:30

Saturday

Round 3 : 8:30 – 10:30

Round 4 : 10:45 – 12:45

Round 5 : 13:00 – 15:00

Prize giving at 16:00

6. ASSISTANCE

6.1 We would like to thank the following institutions for their valuable contributions in ensuring the Inter Region Chess Championships was a success:

- 6.1.1 Diamantveld High School
- 6.1.2 Zane's Trophy Centre
- 6.1.3 Protea Hotel
- 6.1.4 Horshoe Inn
- 6.1.5 Airport Hotel
- 6.1.6 Sun One
- 6.1.7 La D Da Lodge
- 6.1.8 Julie's Catering
- 6.1.9 Party n More
- 6.1.10 Copper Pot
- 6.1.11 Northern Cape Tourism Authority

6.1.12 The Local Organising Committee:

- 6.1.12.1 Mr. Warren Ahjum
- 6.1.12.2 Mr. Alfred Pesa
- 6.1.12.3 Ms. Lesego Mothata
- 6.1.12.4 Ms. Samantha Gorrah
- 6.1.12.5 Mr. Jason Johnson
- 6.1.12.6 Ms. Cezanne Drude
- 6.1.12.7 Ms. Nthabeleng Tlali

6.1.13 The Arbiters:

- 6.1.13.1 FA - Mr. Ben De Winnaar (Chief Arbiter)
- 6.1.13.2 FA - Ms. Anjurie de Wet,
- 6.1.13.3 NA - Ms. Susan Nel,
- 6.1.13.4 PA - Mr. Loyd Wellen,
- 6.1.13.5 PA - Mr. Werner Bosch,
- 6.1.13.6 PA - Ms. Maria Nel,
- 6.1.13.7 PA - Ms. Marieta van der Westhuizen
- 6.1.13.8 RA - Mr. Carl Wentzel,
- 6.1.13.9 RA - Mr. Fanie Pretorius,
- 6.1.13.10 RA - Mr. Henrikus Roesch,
- 6.1.13.11 TS - Ms. Sonet Botes

6.1.13.12 TS - Mr. Carol Lefyedi

6.1.14 **Medical Team**

6.1.14.1 Dr. J Mokoena

6.1.14.2 Ms. C Moller

6.1.14.3 Ms. M Bosch

7. ATTACHMENTS

7.1 Photos

Kind Regards



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