

MENLO OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT – 21 JULY 2018

VENUE:

Laerskool Menlopark, 10th Street, Menlopark



TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:

- 5 round Swiss 60/60
- CHESSA-rated tournament
- Merit tournament

REGISTRATION PROCESS:

1. Enter online at www.tshwanechess.com (No telephonic or sms entries will be accepted).
2. Players not previously registered with CHESSA will be automatically registered.
3. Payments must be made to: LAERSKOOI MENLOPARK, ABSA, (CHEQUE A/C) ACC NO: 540540020 on or before Wednesday 18 July 2018.
4. Reference: Surname + Initials + MOpen
5. Fax / e-mail proof of payment to 012 460 2304 / micherasmus@yahoo.com
6. To assist us we kindly request that you make separate payments for different players.
7. Only players whose payments have been confirmed will be published and put into the draw for Round 1.
8. No refunds will be given.
9. Closing date: **Wednesday 18 July 2018 20:00 or as soon as 175 entries have been received.**
10. The players' list will be published on www.chess-results.com on Friday at 08h00. If your name does not appear on the list, contact Fransie Grobbelaar (073 189 9524) before 15:00 on Friday 20 July 2018.

TOURNAMENT ARRANGEMENTS:

1. Latest FIDE rules apply. Default time is 15 minutes from the start of the clock.
2. No cellphones except for the TD, Chief Arbiter, Arbiters and PC personnel will be allowed in the playing area.
3. Right of admission reserved.
4. Sections can be combined if the organisers deem it necessary.
5. The organiser will distribute unrated players between sections A – D at its own discretion.
6. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that he/she is entered into the correct section.
7. The organisers reserve the right to request proof of identity from any player.
8. CHESSA ratings as on 19 July will be used for pairing purposes.
9. 0 rating qualify as unrated and vice versa.
10. The organisers reserve the right to move a player to the appropriate section in accordance with the latest national rating.
11. Guideline III.4 will be allowed.
12. Any disputes will be referred to the appeals committee. An appeal fee equal to the entry fee is payable. The decision of the appeals committee is final. The money will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
13. The tournament entry list will be published on the website.
14. Players seated 07:50
15. No item may be sold or traded by any person.
16. By entering into the tournament, you agree unconditionally to abide by all the rules and regulations as contained in the Tshwane Chess Handbook.
17. The organisers of the tournament are not responsible for the safety or property of players or spectators.
18. Players must provide their own clocks (black to provide the clock). Chess boards and sets will be provided by the organisers.
19. Tie breaks are determined by Búcholz, Búcholz Median (Cut 1), Number of wins, Number of wins with black, Sonneborn Berger.
20. A tuckshop will be available at the venue.

PRIZES:

1. Prize giving commences after the last round per section. **Players must attend the prize giving to qualify for prizes.** Unclaimed prizes will be forfeited and will become the property of Laerskool Menlopark.
2. Prize money is subject to entries.
3. Players playing in the wrong section will not receive any prize money.
4. Values will be published before Round 3.
5. At least 25% of the entry fee will be allocated to prize money.
6. Where a special prize (age/girl) has been won by a player in the top 3, only the maximum of the two prizes will apply. The other prize will fall away.
7. No player can win more than one prize. Prize money will not be shared with all individuals that ended with the same total points.

Section	A	B	C	D	E	F
Rating	1490 and higher	>= 1190 and <= 1510	>= 790 and <= 1210	>= 500 and <= 810	0-500	First time players
Age	Open	Open	Open	Open	Born on or after 01/01/2011	Born on or after 01/01/2013
Time control	60:60	60:60	60:60	60:60	60:60	60:60
Entry fee	R250	R200	R200	R200	R150	R150
Players seated	07h50					
Round 1	08h00					
Round 2	15 minutes after Round 1					

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