




SOUTH AFRICAN JUNIOR CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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1. VENUE

1.1. Hottentots-Holland High School, Somerset West

1.2. Venue Map: [CLICK HERE](#)

2. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE (LOC)

2.1. Tournament Director

- Aldo Pekeur [president@wc-chess-assoc.co.za]

2.2. Western Cape Rep

- Freek Geysers [skaakfreek@gmail.com]

2.3. Finance

- Leigh-Anne Viljoen [cwchessfinance@gmail.com]

2.4. Chess SA Rep -

- Vicky Magu vickymagu@gmail.com

2.5. Chief Arbiter

- TBC

2.6. Safeguarding Officer

- TBC

3. REGISTRATION

3.1. All registrations must be done online at: [CLICK HERE](#)

3.2. Registration Fee: R1000.00 per player.

3.3. Registration closing date: 16 March 2025.

3.4. No late registration will be accepted.

3.5. Registration is the responsibility of the player/parent.



4. PAYMENTS

4.1. Donation: Your kind support can help cover the fees of a less privileged player. Any contribution is greatly appreciated.

4.2. Banking Details:

Account Name: *Cape Winelands Chess*

Bank: *ABSA*

Account No: *4116747027*

Branch Code: *632005*

Reference: The player's first three [3] letters of surname-initial-section-SAJCCC must appear on the deposit slip as the reference.

(e.g. **Lew-A-u8G-SAJCCC**)

4.3. Please email Proof of Payment [PoP] to: cwchessfinance@gmail.com

4.4. Please be advised that all Chess SA fees of R100 per player must be paid no later than 28 February 2025. Timely payment is essential to ensure player registration and participation in official events.

5. COMMUNICATION

5.1. Only publications by the Tournament Director will be regarded as official.

5.2. To make communication effectively, we have created the following

WhatsApp Group: [JOIN HERE](#)

5.3. Pairings and results to be published to chess-results.com

6. ACCOMMODATION

6.1. Everyone is responsible for arranging their own accommodation.

7. MEDICAL SERVICES

7.1. There will be first aid facilities on site. Hospitals are also in close proximity.



8. TOURNAMENT RATING & REGULATIONS

- 8.1.** The results of this competition will be submitted for rating to the CHESS SA Rating Bureau. Certain sections will be FIDE rated.
- 8.2.** The latest FIDE rules will apply.
- 8.3.** All other relevant information will be published via the WhatsApp groups and other official platforms.
- 8.4.** According to the SASCOC policy, only players who are South African citizens will qualify for SA colours.
- 8.5.** Only SA citizen will qualify for the title of SA Junior Closed Champion and will qualify for the invited player benefits.
- 8.6.** Only South African citizens and permanent residents will be eligible to participate in the SAJCCC.
- 8.7.** Only South African citizens will receive South African Colours.
- 8.8.** Permanent residents will receive National Federation Colours (Chess SA)
- 8.9.** South African Junior Colours will only be awarded after SASCOC has lifted our suspension.
- 8.10.** In the interim, CHESS SA (Federation) Colours will be awarded, to all players who participate in events before the suspension is lifted.
- 8.11.** Players may apply to play in a higher age category however it may be granted or declined depending on the criteria.
- 8.12.** The appeals committee will be announced after round 1.



9. AGE AND GENDER GROUPS

- 9.1. U08 Open & Girls born: 2017 & later
- 9.2. U10 Open & Girls born: 2015 & 2016
- 9.3. U12 Open & Girls born: 2013 & 2014
- 9.4. U14 Open & Girls born: 2011 & 2012
- 9.5. U16 Open & Girls Born: 2009 & 2010
- 9.6. U18 Open & Girls Born: 2007 & 2008
- 9.7. U20 Open & Girls Born: 2005 & 2006

10. PRIZES

- 10.1. The winners of each age and gender category will receive a trophy and the top three (3) finishers will receive medals and all participants will receive certificates. [digital]
- 10.2. Each of the category winners will be awarded the title of **“South African Junior Closed Chess Champion 2025”**.

11. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 11.1. The format of the tournament will be an Individual Swiss, played over 9 rounds.
- 11.2. There will be no combined sections.
- 11.3. Time Control: 90/90 + 30SIPM
- 11.4. Tie-Breaks:
 - 11.4.1. Direct Encounter
 - 11.4.2. Average Rating of Opponents
 - 11.4.3. Buchholz
 - 11.4.4. Sonneborn-Berger
 - 11.4.5. Most Victories
- 11.5. The Tournament Rules will be finalized by the LOC/Chief Arbiter and the published rules will supersede all other rules.



12. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
MONDAY 31 MARCH 2025	08h15	Players seated for announcements
	08h25	Opening Ceremony
	08h45	Official Announcements
	09h00	Round 1
	16h00	Round 2
TUESDAY 1 APRIL 2025	08h45	Players seated for announcements
	09h00	Round 3
	16h00	Round 4
WEDNESDAY 2 APRIL 2025	16h00	Blitz Event
	18h00	Blitz Prize Giving
THURSDAY 3 APRIL 2025	08h45	Players seated for announcements
	09h00	Round 5
	16h00	Round 6
FRIDAY 4 APRIL 2025	08h45	Players seated for announcements
	09h00	Round 7
	16h00	Round 8
SATURDAY 5 APRIL 2025	08h45	Players seated for announcements
	09h00	Round 9
	15h00	Prize Giving



13. SELECTION CRITERIA

13.1. This selection criterion is only applicable for 2025.

13.2. The GPX and Rating Period of 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024 is applicable.

14. U20 PARTICIPATION

14.1. All the U20 Girls & Open born 2005/2006 will be eligible to participate in the 2025 SAJCCC.

15. REPLACEMENT CRITERIA

15.1. All replacements will be done according to Rating, GPX & Mzansi qualifiers. All replacements will be done by 16 March 2025.

15.2. All sections must comprise of an even number of players.

15.3. All replacements after 16 March will be taken from the host province.

16. INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION

16.1. Players who qualified through the final standing at the SAJCCC 2025 for Continental and International participation will be announced at the prize giving ceremony.

17. SAFEGUARDING POLICY STATEMENT

17.1. Chess South Africa is deeply committed to creating and maintaining a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment for all its members, players, coaches, officials, and stakeholders.

17.2. Everyone associated with Chess South Africa has the right to participate in an environment free from any form of discrimination, harassment, abuse, or misconduct.



- 17.3.** As such Chess South Africa adopts a zero-tolerance stance towards all forms of abuse, including but not limited to physical, sexual, emotional, and bullying.
- 17.4.** Any allegations of misconduct will be taken seriously, thoroughly investigated, and dealt with swiftly and appropriately.
- 17.5.** For this reason, it will be compulsory for all administrators and arbiters involved in the 2025 SAJCCC to have a Level 1 or Level 2 safeguarding certificate to be involved in the tournament.
- 17.6.** These certificates must be submitted to the LOC as required.
- 17.7.** These are some of the examples of online safeguarding courses include:
- FIFA Level 1 & 2 (<https://safeguardingsport.fifa.com>)
 - Gymnastics SA Level 1 & 2.
 - The Guardian BSA (Level 1)
 - The Guardian – DSO (Level 2).

18. FAIRPLAY POLICY

18.1. Prohibited Devices

18.1.1. No electronic devices, including cell phones, smartwatches, hoodies or earphones, are allowed in the playing area. Devices must be stored in a designated area or left outside the venue.

18.2. Body Scanning

18.2.1. All players must undergo body scanning upon entering the playing area and before accessing the toilets to ensure compliance with Fairplay rules.

18.3. Zero Tolerance for Cheating.

18.3.1. Any form of cheating, including the use of external assistance or unauthorized software, will result in immediate forfeiture or disqualification and reporting to the relevant chess authorities.

18.4. Surveillance and Monitoring

18.4.1. Players are subject to monitoring by Fairplay officials through live observation, cameras, and anti-cheating software. Compliance with these measures is mandatory.



18.5. Random Inspections

18.5.1. Random inspections may be conducted during the tournament. Players must cooperate fully with Fairplay officials during checks.

18.6. Player Conduct

18.6.1. Unauthorized communication among players is strictly prohibited during the games. Violations will result in penalties, including disqualification.

18.7. Spectator Restrictions

18.7.1. Spectators are not allowed to communicate with players during the games and must stay in designated areas away from the playing area.

18.7.2. These regulations ensure a fair and transparent tournament environment. By participating, players agree to abide by these rules.