



OVER THE BOARD!!!

FIDE RATED!!!

Dates: 07 to 09 January 2022

Venue: Meridian Pinehurst

Sections	Championship	: Players with CHESSA/FIDE rating 1700+	FIDE Rated
	Advanced	: Players with CHESSA/FIDE rating 1300 to 1699	FIDE Rated
	Intermediate	: Players with CHESSA rating 1000 to 1299	CHESSA Rated
	Junior		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under 8 : Players born 2014 or later • Under 10 : Players born during 2012 and 2013 • Under 12 : Players born during 2010 and 2011 • Under 14 : Players born during 2008 and 2009 		

Time control	Championship & Advanced Sections	: 60 + 30spm
	Intermediate & Junior Sections	: 60 + 10spm

Playing schedule	Date	Championship and Advanced Sections	Intermediate and Junior Sections
	Fri, 07 Jan	Round 1 – 18h30	
	Sat, 08 Jan	Round 2 – 09h00 Round 3 – 12h30 Round 4 – 16h00	Round 1 – 09h00 Round 2 – 11h30 Round 3 – 14h00
	Sun, 09 Jan	Round 5 – 09h00 Round 6 – 12h30	Round 4 – 09h00 Round 5 – 11h30 Round 6 – 14h00

Entry fee	Championship section: R300	Advanced Section: R200	Intermediate section: R150	Junior sections: R150
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Prizes and awards	Position	Championship Section	Advanced Section	Intermediate and Development Sections
	1 st	R3000	R1500	No cash prizes
	2 nd	R2000	R1200	
	3 rd	R1500	R800	
A trophy will be awarded to the winner in each section. Medals will be awarded for the top 3 positions and best female player in each section				

Online entries: <https://bit.ly/KFNOpen>

Closing date for entries: Wednesday, 05 January 2022 (21h00)

Maximum number of entries to be accepted: 200 participants

For more information please contact:

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*** Important: Please refer to tournament regulations for more detailed information ***

KRAAIFONTEIN OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. DATES & VENUE

The 2021 Kraaifontein Open Chess Championship will take place from 07 to 09 January 2022 at Meridian Pinehurst.

2. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The appointed Local Organising Committee comprise of:

- Tournament Director: Mr Burton van Staaden
- Chief Arbiter: Mr Andrew Talmarkes
- Chief Covid Officer: Mr Darryl Jacobs
- Appeals: Mr Paul Wilson
- Enquiries: Mr Paul Wilson Cell: 083 461 8742 Email: paul@chesshub.co.za
Mr Burton van Staaden Cell: 073 212 4875 Email: info@kfnchess.org.za

3. EVENT SECTIONS

The event will consist of the following sections:

- Championship Section : Players with CHESSA/FIDE rating 1700+
- Advanced Section : Players with CHESSA/FIDE rating 1300 to 1699
- Intermediate : Players with CHESSA rating 1000 to 1299
- Junior
 - Under 8 : Players born 2014 or later
 - Under 10 : Players born during 2012 and 2013
 - Under 12 : Players born during 2010 and 2011
 - Under 14 : Players born during 2008 and 2009

Players with a rating within 50 points of a higher section may “play-up” into that section.

Junior players may “play-up” into any of the other sections if they meet the minimum rating requirements.

For the Championship and Advanced sections, the highest rating between Chessa rating and Fide rating will be used to determine the section in which the player will compete.

Extract from FIDE rating regulations: “A rating for a player new to the list shall be published when it is based on 5 games against rated opponents. This need not be met in one tournament. Results from other tournaments played within consecutive rating periods of not more than 26 months are pooled to obtain the initial rating. The rating must be at least 1000.”

4. FORMAT AND TIME CONTROLS

The format of the tournament will be a 6-round individual Swiss, with the following time controls:

- Championship & Advanced Sections : 60 + 30spm
- Intermediate & Junior Sections : 60 + 10spm

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5. ENTRY FEES

The entry fees for the event will be as follows:

- Junior Sections : **R150**
- Intermediate Section : **R150**
- Advanced Section : **R200**
- Championship Section : **R300**

6. ONLINE ENTRIES

- Online entries must be submitted by completing the online entry form: <https://bit.ly/KFNOpen>
- The closing date for online entries is Wednesday, 05 January 2022 at 21h00.
- Entries will be limited to a maximum of 200 participants
- Late entries **may** be accepted after the closing date, subject to payment of a R50 late registration fee.

7. TIEBREAKS

The following tiebreak systems, in the order given below, will be used to rank the players (who finish the tournament on the same scores) to determine the final standings.

- Direct encounter
- Bucholz
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Rating average of opponents

8. EVENT REGULATIONS

- The FIDE Laws of Chess (01 January 2018) will apply.
- All electronic equipment (e.g. mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, etc. but excluding those items used exclusively for the running of the Event) must be switched off when brought into the playing hall. Any player who is found to have such a device in his/her possession which is not switched off will immediately be forfeited (loss of game).
- The “late arrival time” for all rounds will be 5 minutes. Any player who arrives more than 5 minutes late after the actual start of a round will immediately be forfeited, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.
- Organisers reserve the right to combine or split sections depending on entries.

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9. APPEALS

A player wishing to appeal against a ruling made by an arbiter, must do so immediately after the game has ended and before the pairings for the next round has been published.

10. ARBITERS

The following arbiters have been appointed:

- Chief Arbiter: Andrew Talmarkes
- Other Arbiters: Darryl Jacobs
Burton van Staaden

11. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY	
Friday, 07 January 2022	18h00	Covid Screening	
	18h15	All players to be seated	
	18h20	Announcements	
	18h30		Round 1: Championship & Advanced Sections
Saturday, 08 January 2022	08h00	Covid Screening	
	08h45	All players to be seated	
	08h50	Announcements	
	09h00	Round 1: Intermediate & Junior Sections	Round 2: Championship & Advanced Sections
	11h30	Round 2: Intermediate & Junior Sections	
	12h30		Round 3: Championship & Advanced Sections
	14h00	Round 3: Intermediate & Junior Sections	
	16h00		Round 4: Championship & Advanced Sections
Sunday, 09 January 2022	08h00	Covid Screening	
	08h45	All players to be seated	
	08h50	Announcements	
	09h00	Round 4: Intermediate & Junior Sections	Round 5: Championship & Advanced Sections
	11h30	Round 5: Intermediate & Junior Sections	
	12h30		Round 6: Championship & Advanced Sections
	14h00	Round 6: Intermediate & Junior Sections	
	16h30	Award Ceremony	

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12. PRIZES

- Each individual section winner will be presented with a trophy and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place as well as best female player will receive medals.
- The awards and prizes are as follows:

Position	Championship Section	Advanced Section	Intermediate and Development Sections
1 st	R3000	R1500	No cash prizes
2 nd	R2000	R1200	
3 rd	R1500	R800	

- All place (1st. - 3rd.) prize money will be shared equally amongst tied players.
- Prizes may be paid in by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) within 48 hours after the conclusion of the event.
- Players must attend the award ceremony to receive their prizes and/or awards.
- No player may win more than one individual prize. A player will receive the prize with the highest value.
- Prizes may be amended subject to numbers of entries.

13. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EVENT

- Players withdrawing from the event will forfeit their entry fees.
- If a player withdraws during the event, rating penalties will be applied as per Chess SA Rating Regulations if no valid and acceptable reason(s) are provided by the player.

14. DRESSCODE

Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable. Casual wear/clothing will be allowed. Players must wear shoes or sandals. In compliance with Covid Health and Safety regulations, all players must wear a a mask that cover their nose and mouth.

15. PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs will be taken during the event and the award ceremony. All players are deemed to allow publication of photographs of them taken at the event by the organisers for publicity purposes unless they inform the organisers otherwise.

16. TRANSPORT AND ACCOMODATION

Each participant is responsible for his/her own transport & accommodation arrangements and the costs thereof.

17. TUCKSHOP

A tuckshop will be in operation for the duration of the event.

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18. COVID-19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

1. A total of 200 players will be allowed to participate in the event.
2. Only players will be allowed to enter the playing area.
3. No spectators or parents will be allowed into the playing area.
4. Screening of all players, support staff, officials and attendees will be done upon entry at the venue and recorded in a register.
5. All players, support staff and attendees will complete a self-screening questionnaire to ensure efficient contact tracing where necessary.
6. Any person displaying symptoms associated with Covid-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath or breathing difficulties) or people who are considered in a high-risk group should not attend.
7. Players will not be allowed to leave the playing venue during the day as well as its associated demarcated breakaway area.
8. No food deliveries will be allowed, and players will not be able to leave the playing area to buy food or drink.
9. Sanitisation of chess pieces, sets and surfaces will be done in between rounds, but players may bring their own hand sanitizers as well.
10. Hand sanitiser will be available at the entrance of the venue, as well as at strategic areas inside the venue and toilets. Toilets will have sufficient soap and paper towels as well as marked Covid-19 disposal facilities.
11. All players must wear masks always covering both their noses and mouths.
12. All players must adhere to strict social distancing at all times.
13. Players, support staff and officials over the age of 60 or people with comorbidities will be encouraged to be cautious and minimise exposure.
14. Players will sign their own scoresheets and report the result to the arbiter. No signing of opponent sheets and no sharing of pens.
15. No hands will be shaken at the commencement of the round, nor at the end of the match.
16. Once the players are done with a match, and their results have been recorded, they become "Spectators" and must leave the playing area immediately and reside in the breakaway demarcated area.
17. No informal games on private chess sets are allowed outside the playing venue in the demarcated breakaway area.
18. Any player that does not comply with Covid-19 Health and Safety protocols may be expelled from the event.