



2023 CAPE TOWN MASTERS CHALLENGE

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JOIN TOURNAMENT WHATSAPP GROUP:

- Cape Town Masters: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E9v5q6EOWOOEY8HkcbSjNj>

1. INVITATION

Chess Western Province is honored to invite all chess players to participate in the 2023 Cape Town Masters Challenge that will be held from 04 to 08 January 2023 at the Western Province Bridge Centre in Sea Point, Cape Town.

2. TOURNAMENT SECTIONS

2.1 Open Masters Section (40 Players)

- Format: Swiss, 9 rounds over 5 days
- Time control: 90:90 + 30 sec increments from move 1
- Criteria: All players with a FIDE/Chess SA **rating of 1800 or higher**
Women titled players with FIDE/Chess SA rating of 1700 or higher
- Rating: This section will be FIDE & Chess SA Rated

2.2 IM Norms Section (10 Invited Players)

- Format: Round Robin, 9 rounds over 5 days
- Time control: 90:90 + 30 sec increments from move 1
- Criteria: Invited players to meet FIDE IM Norm requirements
- Rating: This section will be FIDE & Chess SA Rated

2.3 Advanced Section (20 Players)

- Format: Swiss, 5 rounds over 5 days
- Time control: 90:90 + 30 sec increments from move 1
- Criteria: All players with a FIDE/Chess SA rating of 1400 or higher
- Rating: This section will be FIDE & Chess SA Rated

3. ENTRY FEES AND REGISTRATION

3.1 Entry fees for Open Masters Section: R800 per player.

3.2 Entry fees for Advanced Section: R400 per player.

3.3 Players that wish to participate in the IM Norms Section **must** register for the Open Masters Section. The LOC will issue invitations to selected players that have registered for the Open Masters Section to participate in the IM Norms Section. An additional fee of R1000 will be levied on players that accepts the invitation to participate in the IM Norms Section.

3.4 Registration for the event must be done via SA Chess Hub. Link for online registrations:
<https://chesshub.org.za/events/ctnmasters2023/>

- 3.5 Registrations for the IM Master and Open Masters sections will close on Sunday, 04 December 2022.
- 3.6 Registrations for the Advanced section will close on Friday, 23 December 2022.
- 3.7 Late registrations may be accepted after the closing date subject to payment of an additional R200 late registration fee.
- 3.8 A R200 administration fee will be levied if a player requests an entry fee refund due to withdrawal from the event on or before closing date for registrations. No entry fee refunds will be granted after the closing date for registrations.

4. VENUE AND ACCOMMODATION

4.1 Venue

The venue for the tournament is the Western Province Bridge Centre, Sea Point, Cape Town.

4.2 Travel and Accommodation

There are ample accommodation establishments available in and around Sea Point and the Cape Town CBD. E-hailing taxi services such as Uber and Bolt are readily available in the area. Participants are required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

4.3 Other facilities

The playing venue is near prominent tourist attractions such as the Cape Town Stadium, V & A Waterfront, Sea Point Promenade as well as shops and other amenities along the Sea Point Main Road.

5. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

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| 5.1 | Convenor & Tournament Director: | Mr Burton van Staaden | Cell: 073 212 4875 |
| 5.2 | Finance Officer: | Mr Mark Lewis | Cell: 083 650 5599 |
| 5.3 | Logistics: | Mr Ricardo Minnaar | Cell: 081 546 2221 |
| 5.4 | IT & Admin Support: | Mr Darryl Jacobs | Cell: 083 556 9945 |

All correspondence and enquiries regarding this event should be emailed to

capetownmasters@chesswp.co.za

6. COMMUNICATION

Updates relating to the event will be posted on the tournament WhatsApp Group. All participants are required to join this tournament WhatsApp Group:

- Cape Town Masters: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/E9v5q6EOWOOEY8HkcbSjNj>

7. PRIZE FUND & AWARDS

7.1 The final prize fund will be determined based on the number of entries. The minimum guaranteed prizes for the event are as follows:

	IM Norms Section	Open Masters Section	Advanced Section
1 st Position	R10,000	R7,000	R1500
2 nd Position	R5,000	R4,000	R1200
3 rd Position	R3,000	R3,000	R800
4 th Position	R2,000	n/a	n/a

7.2 Players must attend the award ceremony to be eligible to receive their prizes.

7.3 Players will only be eligible for one cash prize. If a player qualifies for more than one cash prize, he/she will be awarded the cash prize with the highest monetary value. This excludes any special prizes.

7.4 All prizes will be paid in the South African currency via EFT to a designated South African bank account within 72 hours after the conclusion of the event.

7.5 Cash prizes will be awarded in accordance with the final player rankings as determined by the applicable tie-breaks.

7.6 Medals will be awarded to all prize winners and a trophy or shield will be awarded to the winner of each section.

8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

8.1 Pairings for first round will be published at least 24 hours prior to the start of the round.

DATE	OPEN MASTERS SECTION & IM NORMS SECTION	ADVANCED SECTION
Wed, 04-Jan-23	09h00: Opening Ceremony 09h30: Round 1 17h00: Round 2	09h00: Opening Ceremony 09h30: Round 1
Thu, 05-Jan-23	09h30: Round 3 17h00: Round 4	09h30: Round 2
Fri, 06-Jan-23	09h30: Round 5 17h00: Round 6	09h30: Round 3
Sat, 07-Jan-23	09h30: Round 7 18h00: Round 8	09h30: Round 4
Sun, 08-Jan-23	09h30: Round 9 14h30: Award Ceremony	09h30: Round 5 14h30: Award Ceremony

9. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 9.1 The FIDE Laws of Chess (01 October 2022) will apply to this event.
- 9.2 The “default time” for all rounds will be 30 minutes. Any player who arrives more than 30 minutes late after the actual start of the round will immediately be forfeited unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.
- 9.3 No electronic equipment (e.g. mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, etc. but excluding those items used exclusively for the running of the Event) are allowed inside the playing venue. Any player who is found to have such a device in his/her possession whilst his/her game is still ongoing will forfeit the game (loss of game).
- 9.4 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.
- 9.5 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:

Open Masters Section and Advanced Section

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

IM Norms Section

- Direct encounter
- Greater number of victories
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Koya System

- 9.6 A player wishing to lodge an appeal against a ruling made by an Arbiter, must do so within 30 minutes after the game has ended. Appeals must be in writing and must be lodged with the Tournament Director accompanied by a R300 cash fee that will be refunded if the appeal is successful.
- 9.7 The highest rating between the player's Chess SA (OTB) and FIDE rating will be used to determine whether a player is eligible to participate in the event.
- 9.8 Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable. Casual wear/clothing will be allowed. Players must wear shoes or sandals.
- 9.9 Photographs and videos will be taken during the event and the award ceremony. All players, officials and spectators within the playing venue 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.
- 9.10 Chess Western Province reserves the right to change any aspect of the tournament regulations including but not limited to venue, sections, format, time control, dates, number of players, rating criteria and prize funds. Chess Western Province will communicate changes to the tournament regulations through the tournament WhatsApp group.