



Western Cape Closed Chess Championship 2023

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Chess Western Province invites all chess players that are members of regional federations affiliated to the Western Cape Chess Association (Cape Winelands, Chess Western Province/Cape Town Metro, Central Karoo, Eden District, Overberg, West Coast) to participate in the Western Cape Closed Chess Tournament.

Date: **22 – 25 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Venue: **FAIRBAIN COLLEGE**

Hugo St, Goodwood, Cape Town, 7460

FORMAT AND TIME CONTROL

Section/Event	Criteria	Format	Time Control
PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP A Section	Players with Chess SA/FIDE rating 1600+	6 Round Swiss	90/90 +30 spm (3 Days: Sat to Mon)
B Section	Players with Chess SA/FIDE rating 1400 to 1599		
C Section	Players with Chess SA/FIDE rating 1200 to 1399	6 Round Swiss	60/60 +30 spm (2 Days: Sun to Mon)
D Section	Players with Chess SA ratings 1000 to 1199		
PROVINCIAL JUNIOR RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP	U08: Players born in 2016 or later	6 Round Swiss	20/20 + 5spm (1 Day: Sat)
	U10: Players born during 2014 and 2015		
	U12: Players born during 2012 and 2013		
	U14: Players born during 2010 and 2011		
	U16: Players born during 2008 and 2009		
PROVINCIAL BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP	Open to all Western Cape players (Fide Rated)	7 Round Swiss	3/3 + 2spm (Friday evening)

ENTRY FEES

CHAMPIONSHIP	B SECTION	C & D SECTIONS	JUNIOR RAPID	BLITZ
R400	R300	R250	R150	R150

LOC CONTACT DETAILS

Tournament Director Llewelyn Louw Cell: WhatsApp: 081 724 9644 Email: dev@chesswp.co.za

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

1. Registration for the tournament must be made online. Tournament registration link: <https://bit.ly/WCCC23>
2. **The closing date for registrations and payment is Monday, 18th September 2023 at 21h00.** Late entries will be subject to an additional late entry fee of R100 and will be allowed up to 24 hours before the scheduled start time for the first round of the relevant section.
3. Please note that your entry will only be confirmed once payment has been received. Payment of entry fees must be made into the following bank account:
 - Account Name: Chess Western Province
 - Bank: Standard Bank
 - Account number: 070 157 359
 - Branch code: 051001
 - Payment Ref: WCCC/Your name

Proof of payment must be emailed to wccc@chesswp.co.za

4. Only players that are registered members of regional federations affiliated to the Western Cape Chess Association (Cape Winelands, Chess Western Province/Cape Town Metro, Central Karoo, Eden District, Overberg, West Coast)

5. JOIN TOURNAMENT WHATSAPP GROUPS:

[BLITZ](#)

[JUNIOR RAPID](#)

[A B C & D Sections](#)

PLAYING SCHEDULE

A & B SECTIONS	C & D SECTIONS	JUNIOR RAPID	BLITZ
<p><u>Saturday, 23 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08h45: Announcements • 09h00 Round 1 • 14h00 Round 2 <p><u>Sunday, 24 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09h00 Round 3 • 14h00 Round 4 <p><u>Monday, 25 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09h00 Round 5 • 14h00 Round 6 • 18h00 Award ceremony 	<p><u>Sunday, 24 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08h45: Announcements • 09h00 Round 1 • 12h00 Round 2 • 15h30 Round 3 <p><u>Monday, 25 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 09h00 Round 4 • 12h00 Round 5 • 15h30 Round 6 • 18h00 Award ceremony 	<p><u>Saturday, 23 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 08h45: Announcements • 09h00 to 15h00: Rounds 1 – 6 • Awards Ceremony – after the last round. 	<p><u>Friday, 22 September 2023</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18h45: Announcements • 19h00 to 21h00: Rounds 1 – 7 • 21h30: Award ceremony

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Position	SECTION					JUNIOR RAPID
	A	B	C	D	BLITZ	
1 st	R5000	R2500	R1000	R800	R1000	No monetary prizes Trophies to best players
2 nd	R3500	R2000	R800	R600	R800	
3 rd	R2500	R1500	R600	--	R600	
4 th	--	--	--	--	R 500	
5 th	--	-	--	--	R 400	
Best Women	R1000	R500	R400	--	R400	
Best Junior	R800	--	--	--	R400	
Best Braille Player	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy		

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. FIDE LAWS OF CHESS

1.1 The latest FIDE Laws of Chess (01 January 2023) will apply to this tournament.

2. RATING OF SECTIONS

2.1 The A, B and C sections as well as Blitz will be FIDE/CHESSA rated.

2.2 All other sections will be CHESSA-rated only

3. DEFAULT TIME

3.1 There is no default time for round 1 for all sections. If a player is not present at the start of round 1, the player will be removed from the pairings and his/her opponent will be manually paired with another available player.

3.2 The A, B, C and D Sections - The default time will be 30 minutes for rounds 2 to 6.

3.3 Junior Sections - The default time will be 10 minutes for rounds 2 to 6.

4. PARTICIPATION

General

4.1 Participation in this tournament is limited to players that are registered members of players that are members of regional federations affiliated to the Western Cape Chess Association (Cape Winelands, Chess Western Province/Cape Town Metro, Central Karoo, Eden District, Overberg, West Coast)

4.2 The highest rating between the CHESSA rating (OTB Main or Hybrid Main) and FIDE rating will be used to determine the section in which the player will compete.

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

4.4 Junior players are not allowed to "play-up" into a higher section for the Junior Rapid.

Junior Rapid

4.5 Each regional federation is entitled to enter a maximum of two regional teams per age group consisting of no more than 10 players per team as the official players for that region.

4.6 Junior players that are not part of the official player list of any region may participate as "All Star Team Players"

4.7 The cumulative score of the top five players in each team will constitute the team score in the determination of the Rapid Team Champions for each age group.

5. 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.

All SECTION

- Direct encounter
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Greater number of victories
- AOR (Average opponent Rating)

6. 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 have been published. All appeals must be in writing and submitted to the tournament director.

7. PRIZES AND AWARDS

Prizes

- 7.1 Monetary prizes will be awarded in accordance with the player ranking as determined by the tie-breaks. No sharing (splitting) of monetary prizes will be done for players on equal scores.
- 7.2 Prizes will be paid by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) within 48 hours after the conclusion of the event.
- 7.3 Players must attend the award ceremony to receive their prizes and/or awards.
- 7.4 No player may win more than one individual prize. A player will receive the prize with the highest value.
- 7.5 Prizes may be amended subject to the number of entries.

Individual and Team Awards

- 7.6 The title: **Western Cape Chess Champion for 2023** will be awarded to the winner of the Championship Section (A Section).
- 7.7 The title: **Western Cape Blitz Chess Champion for 2023** will be awarded to the winner of the Blitz Chess Championship.
- 7.8 The title: **Western Cape Rapid Chess Champion for 2023** will be awarded to the winner of each age group section in the Junior Rapid Championship.
- 7.9 The title: **Western Cape Girls Rapid Chess Champion for 2023** will be awarded to the best performing girl of each age group section in the Junior Rapid Championship.
- 7.10 The title: **Western Cape Junior Team Chess Champions for 2023** will be awarded to the highest ranked regional teams for each age category based on cumulative score of top 5 players in each age category.

8. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EVENT

- 8.1 Players withdrawing from the event will forfeit their entry fees.
- 8.2 Player withdrawing from the event after registration closing date
- 8.3 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. COMMUNICATION

All players (or parents of junior players) must join the tournament WhatsApp group to receive communication regarding the event.

10. DRESS CODE

Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable. The dress code is smart casual. Official players (players that were selected by their respective regions to represent the region) participating in the Junior Rapid Chess Championship may wear their regional team attire.

11. PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

Photographs and video recordings 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.

12. TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION

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

13. TUCKSHOP

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

Chess Western Province reserves the right to change any aspect of the tournament including but not limited to the venue, sections, format, time control, dates, number of players, and prize funds. Any changes will be communicated to players through the tournament Whatsapp groups and to the email addresses provided by players upon registration.