



2025 CAPE TOWN MASTERS CHESS CHALLENGE

Date

06 to 11 January 2025

Venue

University of the Western Cape
Bellville Campus, Cape Town



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THIS EVENT IS ORGANIZED BY CAPE TOWN CHESS ACADEMY ON BEHALF OF CAPE TOWN CHESS FEDERATION. THE EVENT ORGANIZERS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ANY ASPECT OF THE TOURNAMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO 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.

1. INVITATION

The Cape Town Chess Federation is honored to invite all chess players to participate in the 2025 Cape Town Masters Chess Challenge that will be held from 06 to 11 January 2025 at the University of the Western Cape, Bellville Campus, Cape Town.

2. TOURNAMENT SECTIONS

| MASTERS CHALLENGE (80 Players) | |
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| • Format: | Swiss, 9 rounds over 6 days |
| • Time control: | 90:90 + 30 sec increments from move 1 |
| • Criteria: | Players with a <u>FIDE/Chess SA ratings of 1800+</u> |
| • Entry fee: | R900 |

| ADVANCED SECTION (40 Players) | |
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| • Format: | Swiss, 9 rounds over 6 days |
| • Time control: | 90:90 + 30 sec increments from move 1 |
| • Criteria: | Players with a <u>FIDE/Chess SA ratings 1400 - 1799</u> |
| • Entry fee: | R700 |

The following players will qualify for free entry on condition that they register to participate in the tournament on or before 30 November 2024:

- All FIDE titled players (FM, IM, GM, WFM, WIM and WGM)
- 30 Registered members of the Cape Town Chess Federation that qualifies for free entry in terms of the Cape Town Chess Federation's Player Incentive Policy on a first come, first served basis:
 - CM and WCM Titled players
 - Senior players (60 years +)
 - Nominated official players from affiliated clubs

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3. REGISTRATION

Registration for the event can be done through the online registration portal:

Online registration: <https://bit.ly/CTMCCREG>

Registrations for all sections will close on Sunday, 08 December 2024.

Please note that your entry will only be confirmed once payment has been received. All registrations that are unpaid will be cancelled if no payment is received by the registration due date.

Payment must be made per EFT into the following bank account:

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| • Account Name: | CAPE TOWN CHESS ACADEMY |
| • Bank: | NEDBANK |
| • Account number: | 1208 266 705 |
| • Branch code: | 198765 |
| • Payment reference: | CTMasters + NAME & SURNAME |

Proof of payment must be emailed to ct-masters@ctca.org.za

Late registrations may be accepted after the closing date subject to payment of an additional R300 late registration fee.

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

Venue

The venue for the tournament is the Jakes Gerwel Hall, University of the Western Cape, Robert Sobukwe Road, Bellville, Cape Town, 7535

Travel and Accommodation

There are ample accommodation establishments available in and around Bellville and the Northern Suburbs of the City of Cape Town. 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.

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5. LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Tournament Director: Mr Burton van Staaden Cell: 073 212 4875
CTCF Representatives: Mr Llewellyn Louw Cell: 081 724 9644
Mrs Lauren Willenberg Cell: 078 777 5479

All enquiries regarding this event should be emailed to ct-masters@ctca.org.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: <https://bit.ly/CTMCC24>

7. PRIZE FUND & AWARDS

The total provisional prize fund for the tournament is R65,000 and will be allocated as follows:

| Masters Challenge | | | | Advanced Section | | | |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------|--------|-----------------------|--------|
| 1 st Position | R15,000 | 1 st Woman | R5,000 | 1 st Position | R5,000 | 1 st Woman | R2,500 |
| 2 nd Position | R10,000 | 2 nd Woman | R3,000 | 2 nd Position | R3,000 | 2 nd Woman | R1,500 |
| 3 rd Position | R7,000 | | | 3 rd Position | R2,000 | | |
| 4 th Position | R6,000 | | | | | | |
| 5 th Position | R5,000 | | | | | | |

The prize fund may be adjusted subject to number of entries or additional sponsorship.

Additional and special prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the tournament organizers and will be communicated in due course. Players **must** attend the award ceremony to be eligible to receive their prizes.

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.

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.

Cash prizes will be awarded in accordance with the final player rankings as determined by the applicable tie-breaks. Prizes for players on equal score will be split using the HORT system.

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

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8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Pairings for first round will be published the day before the start of the first round.

| DATE | MASTERS CHALLENGE | ADVANCED SECTION |
|----------------|---|---|
| Mon, 06-Jan-25 | 09h00: Opening Ceremony 09h30: Round 1 16h00: Round 2 | 09h00: Opening Ceremony 09h30: Round 1 16h00: Round 2 |
| Tue, 07-Jan-25 | 09h30: Round 3 | 09h30: Round 3 |
| Wed, 08-Jan-25 | 09h30: Round 4 16h00: Round 5 | 09h30: Round 4 16h00: Round 5 |
| Thu, 09-Jan-25 | 09h30: Round 6 | 09h30: Round 6 |
| Fri, 10-Jan-25 | 09h30: Round 7 16h00: Round 8 | 09h30: Round 7 16h00: Round 8 |
| Sat, 11-Jan-25 | 09h30: Round 9 14h00: Award Ceremony | 09h30: Round 9 14h00: Award Ceremony |

9. GENERAL REGULATIONS

- 9.1 The latest FIDE Laws of Chess will apply to this event.
- 9.2 All sections will be CHESSA and FIDE rated.
- 9.3 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.
- 9.4 Draw offers are not allowed before black's 30th move.
- 9.5 No electronic devices (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).
- 9.6 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.
- 9.7 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:

Masters Challenge & Advanced Section

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

9.8 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.

9.9 The highest rating between the player's Chess SA (Main) and FIDE rating will be used to determine whether a player is eligible to participate in the event.

9.10 Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable. Players must at all times wear shoes or sandals. Any player found to be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be disqualified from the event.

9.11 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.

10. SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

We express our sincere appreciation for the continued support provided by the Western Cape Provincial Government for this event.

Individuals and/or businesses that are interested in sponsorship opportunities relating to this event or otherwise wish to partner with Cape Town Chess Federation for future chess events are welcome to contact the Tournament Director.

11. TUCKSHOP AT VENUE

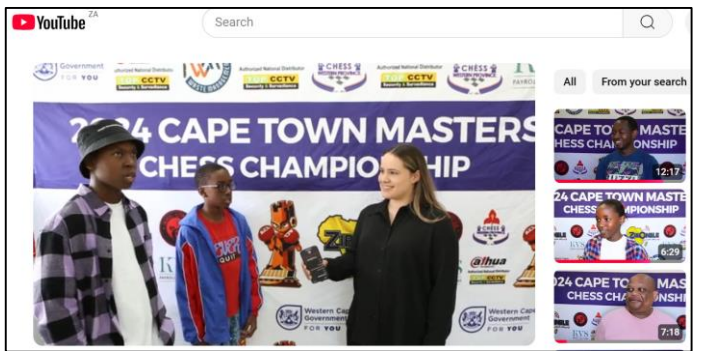
The UWC Chess Club will be operating a tuck shop for the duration of the tournament.

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12. BANNER SPONSORSHIP CAMPAIGN

Businesses and organizations that would like to partner with the Cape Town Chess Federation by investing in the development of chess in Cape Town can do so by supporting our Banner Sponsorship Campaign. Sponsorship enquiries can be directed to the Tournament Director, Mr Burton van Staaden, contact number: (+27) 73 212 4875.



CAPE TOWN MASTERS - BANNER ADVERTISING

1 X MAIN WALL BANNER

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|---|----|---|---|----|----|----|---|---|----|
| 2025 CAPE TOWN MASTERS <i>Chess Championship</i> | | | | | | | | | |
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| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 6 | 7 | 8 |

2 X SIDE WALL BANNERS

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| 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 |
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| 9 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 |
| 11 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 6 |
| 3 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 |
| 5 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 2 |
| 7 | 8 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 12 | 3 | 4 |

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