



Dates: **04 to 05 January 2025**

Venue: **Meridian Pinehurst High School**

6 Campus Way, Pinehurst Dr, Durbanville

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Sections	Championship	: Players with Chess SA/FIDE rating 1600+	FIDE Rated
	Advanced	: Players with Chess SA/FIDE rating 1300 to 1699	FIDE Rated
	Intermediate	: Players with Chess SA rating 0 to 1299	CHESSA Rated
	Junior Rapid (Saturday)		CHESSA Rated
	• Under 8	: Players born 2018 or later	
	• Under 10	: Players born during 2016 and 2017	
	• Under 12	: Players born during 2014 and 2015	
	• Under 14	: Players born during 2012 and 2013	
	Open Rapid (Sunday)	: Open to all players	CHESSA Rated

Time control	Championship Section	: 60 + 30 spm	5 Rounds
	Advanced Section	: 60 + 10 spm	6 Rounds
	Intermediate Section	: 60 + 10 spm	6 Rounds
	Rapids	: 20 + 10 spm	6 Rounds

Playing schedule	Date	Championship Section	Advanced & Intermediate Sections	Rapids
	Sat, 04 Jan	09h00: Round 1 12h30: Round 2 16h00: Round 3	Round 1 – 09h00 Round 2 – 11h30 Round 3 – 14h00	<u>Junior Rapid:</u> Round 1 starts at 09h00, interval of 10 minutes between rounds.
	Sun, 05 Jan	09h00: Round 4 12h30: Round 5	Round 4 – 09h00 Round 5 – 11h30 Round 6 – 14h00	<u>Open Rapid:</u> Round 1 starts at 09h00, interval of 10 minutes between rounds.

Entry fee	Championship section: R300	Advanced Section: R200	Intermediate section: R150	Open Rapid: R 150	Junior Rapid: R 100
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Prizes and awards	Position	Championship Section	Advanced	Open Rapid	Intermediate and Junior Rapid
	1 st	R 5,000	R 2,000	R 1,000	No cash prizes.
	2 nd	R 3,000	R 1,500	R 600	
	3 rd	R 2,000	R 1,000	R 400	
	4 th	R 1,000	R500		
	5 th	R 1,000	R500		
A Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the Championship Section. Medals will be awarded for the top 3 positions, best female and best Kraaifontein CC player in each section. Additional special prizes may be awarded at discretion of tournament organizers.					

For more information please contact:

Darryl Jacobs (Cell:083 556 9945) or Paul Wilson (Cell: 083 461 8742)

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

**KRAAIFONTEIN OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
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1. DATES & VENUE

The 2024 Kraaifontein Open Chess Championship will take place from 05 to 06 January 2025 at Meridian Pinehurst High School (Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/cnuDib91PVsDFX1n9>).

2. LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The appointed Local Organising Committee comprise of:

- Tournament Director: Mr Darryl Jacobs
 - Chief Arbiter: Mr Paul Wilson
 - Deputy Chief Arbiter: Mr Burton van Staaden
 - Appeals: Mr Darryl Jacobs
 - Enquiries: Mr Paul Wilson
Mr Darryl Jacobs
- Cell: 083 461 8742 Email: paul@chesshub.org.za
Cell: 083 556 9945 Email: info@kfnchess.org.za

3. EVENT SECTIONS

The event will consist of the following sections:

- Championship Section : Players with CHESSA/FIDE rating 1600+
- Advanced Section : Players with CHESSA/FIDE rating 1300 to 1699
- Intermediate : Players with CHESSA rating 0 to 1299
- Open Rapid : Open to all players
- Junior Rapid
 - Under 8 : Players born 1 Jan 2018 or later
 - Under 10 : Players born during 2016 and 2017
 - Under 12 : Players born during 2014 and 2015
 - Under 14 : Players born during 2012 and 2013

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

Junior players may “play-up” into higher age groups.

For the Championship and Advanced sections, the highest rating between Chess SA rating (OTB or Hybrid Main) 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.”

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4. FORMAT AND TIME CONTROLS

The format of the tournament will be an individual Swiss, with the following time controls:

● Championship Section	: 60 + 30spm	5 Rounds	Saturday & Sunday
● Advanced Section	: 60 + 10spm	6 Rounds	Saturday & Sunday
● Intermediate Section	: 60 + 10spm	6 Rounds	Saturday & Sunday
● Junior Rapid	: 20 + 10spm	6 Rounds	Saturday
● Open Rapid	: 20 + 10spm	6 Rounds	Sunday

5. ENTRY FEES

The entry fees for the event will be as follows:

● Junior Rapid	: R100
● Open Rapid	: 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://chesshub.org.za/events/kfn-open-2024/>
- ***The closing date for online entries is Tuesday, 31 December 2024 (23h00).***
- Entries will be limited to a maximum of 250 participants.
- Late entries **may** be accepted after the closing date, subject to payment of a R50 late registration fee.
- Cancellation and Refunds will be subject to R50 administration fee.

7. 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.

8. 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

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9. EVENT REGULATIONS

- The latest FIDE Laws of Chess will apply to this event.
- 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 10 minutes. Any player who arrives more than 10 minutes late after the actual start of a round will immediately be forfeited, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.
- Where possible, for round 1, players will be re-paired after 10 minutes.
- The organisers reserve the right to change any aspect of the tournament regulations, including but not limited to combining or splitting of sections, format, time control, dates, number of players and prize funds. Any changes to the tournament regulations will be communicated to players through the tournament WhatsApp groups and through email send to the email address provided by the player upon registration.
- No spectators or parents will be allowed in the playing venues.
- Once the players are done with a match, and their results have been recorded, they become “Spectators” and must leave the playing area immediately.

10. 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. All appeals must be in writing and be submitted to the tournament director.

11. ARBITERS

The following arbiters have been appointed:

- Chief Arbiter: Mr Paul Wilson
- Deputy Chief Arbiter: Mr Burton van Staaden
- Other Arbiters: TBC

12. COMMUNICATION

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

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13. PRIZES

- Prize money will be split amongst tied players using the Hort system.
- Prizes will be paid 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. Special prizes may be awarded based on number of participants.

14. DRESSCODE

Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable. Casual wear/clothing will be allowed. Players must wear shoes or sandals.

15. PHOTOGRAPHS

Photographs and video recordings will be taken during the event and the award ceremony. All players are deemed to allow publication of photographs and video recordings 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.

18. NOTICE TO PARENTS

The safety and well-being of all players outside of the Playing Hall remains the responsibility of the parents of the players. Parents of players are therefore urged to remain present at the venue for the duration of the tournament to supervise their children. The organizers and tournament officials accept no liability for any harm caused to, or damages suffered by any attendee of the tournament (player, parents, siblings, or other persons) arising from any cause whatsoever.

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How to book on South African Chess Hub:


1. Go to <https://chesshub.org.za/>
2. Log into your account or register a new profile.
3. Go to the event on the event calendar: <https://chesshub.org.za/events-calendar/> or click on the event link supplied in the brochure.
4. Read the event description and scroll down to Booking details:

Bookings

0 booked of 100 - 100 available spaces

Tickets

Elite WOMEN ONLY (CHESSA Rating 1300 & above)	R300.00	0 ▾
Open OPEN TO ALL	R200.00	0 ▾
Development WOMEN ONLY (CHESSA Rating below 1000)	R100.00	0 ▾

5. Select the number of “Spaces” by clicking on the dropdown box (i.e. number of attendees). *You MUST be logged into your SA Chess Hub profile to register.*
6. Complete the attendee(s) information, select your preferred payment method between Payfast or EFT and then click on 
7. Payment:
 - a. If you selected **Payfast** payment method you will be taken to the Payfast secure payment page. Complete the payment and you will receive a booking confirmation email a short while after successful payment.
 - b. If you opted to pay by **EFT**, you will receive a “Booking Pending” email with all payment information (i.e. banking details, etc.). Complete EFT payment and email proof of payment to events@chesshub.org.za. Once booking approved you will receive booking confirmation email. *Please allow up to 24 hours for approval.*
8. You will receive a booking confirmation email a short while after completing payment.

Please email events@chesshub.org.za or WhatsApp Paul Wilson on 083 461 8742 for assistance.