



Six Gun Grill Summer Sport Festival

Chess Championships 2025

Tomorrow's Heroes Today!!



Dates: Monday & Tuesday, 08 to 09 December 2025

Registration link: <https://summerfestival.co.za/>

Venue: Huguenot High School, Wellington

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/EZGTH7b1DZA5MRYJA>

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

We are proud to announce that chess has officially been added as a featured sport at the prestigious Six Gun Grill Summer Sports Festival, taking place in December 2025 at Huguenot High School, Wellington.

Chess will take centre stage on Monday and Tuesday, 08 and 09 December 2025 with a team and individual rapid tournament, bringing together sharp minds and fierce competition from across the country!! Schools, clubs and individuals are encouraged to register early to secure their place!!

The Six Gun Grill Summer Sport Festival is a celebration of tomorrow's heroes today, set amidst the picturesque landscapes of Wellington, South Africa. This action-packed, festival kicks off the pre-season in style, offering school athletes, coaches and schools the chance to hone their skills and set new goals for the upcoming school sports season.

Sections	Criteria	Entry Fee	Time Control
Primary School Under 11 Mixed & Girls	Team & Individual: 5 Rounds (learners born 2015 and later)	R 350 both days / R 200 for one day (per player)	15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment
Primary School Under 13 Mixed & Girls	Team & Individual: 5 Rounds (learners born 2013 and later)	R 350 both days / R 200 for one day (per player)	15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment
High School Under 15 Mixed & Girls	Team & Individual: 5 Rounds (learners born 2011 and later)	R 350 both days / R 200 for one day (per player)	15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment
High School Under 18 Mixed & Girls	Team & Individual: 5 Rounds (learners born 2008 and later)	R 350 both days / R 200 for one day (per player)	15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment

Teams of four players plus one optional reserve.

Schools/Clubs may enter more than one team in a section.

Separate girls' group will be added per section if a minimum of 6 girls teams enter.

Teams will be allocated into groups based on the average team rating using the Chess SA Main rating.

PLAYING SCHEDULE			
Date	Schedule	Date	Schedule
<u>Team Event:</u> Monday 08 December 2025	08h15 Manager meeting 08h45 - Announcements 09h00 – Round 1 10h15 – Round 2 11h30 – Round 3 13h00 – Round 4 14h15 – Round 5 16h00 – Prizegiving	<u>Individual event:</u> Tuesday 09 December 2025	08h45 - Announcements 09h00 – Round 1 10h15 – Round 2 11h30 – Round 3 13h00 – Round 4 14h15 – Round 5 16h00 – Prizegiving

Rounds will not be accelerated.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT
1. Registration link: https://summerfestival.co.za/ 2. The closing date for registrations and payment is Friday, 31 October 2025. Late entries may be accepted subject to availability. 3. Once the school has registered via the link, they will be sent an invoice to make payment. 4. By completing the registration, the school, parent, guardian, or player gives consent for the publication of the player's details name, surname, gender, date of birth, Chess SA ID on the website www.chessresults.com for the purpose of tournament pairings and administration. 5. The school, parent, guardian or player gives further consent for the player's name, surname, gender, date of birth and Chess SA ID to be submitted to the Chess SA for the purposes of rating the tournament and the rating agencies displaying it on their respective websites. 6. The above processing of information is required for the running of this event. Should consent for either of the above be refused, the player will not be able to participate in this event.

LOC CONTACT DETAILS		
Tournament Director	Festival Director	Chief Arbiter
Paul Wilson events@chesshub.org.za 083 461 8742 (WhatsApp)	Lize Vosloo event@summerfestival.co.za	TBC

COMMUNICATION
Team managers should join the following tournament WhatsApp group to receive information relating to the event: Link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/GO9I50ggwO35IObpgaTJRx

TEAM BOARD ORDERS
1. The schools must submit their player lists according to board order by no later than Thursday, 04 December 2025 at 20:00 (google form link will be provided to all team managers). 2. For each match, players must play in the board order as indicated on registration. 3. One optional reserve is allowed per team. A player may only play for one team. 4. Late replacements will be allowed provided the player information is emailed to paul@chesshub.org.za by no later than Sunday, 07 December 2025 at 14:00. Any replacement players will slot in/play at the lowest board (6) and all the players move one board up from board 6. 5. Any player who is ineligible or plays out of his/her board order sequence will have his/her game(s) defaulted along with all boards below the contravention (i.e. if board 4 plays on board 1, all players will be defaulted).

TEAM MANAGERS

1. Every team must have a dedicated team manager (i.e. manager cannot manage two teams).
2. Team managers must be present during all rounds as score officials and for team management.
3. Team managers are required to ensure that their players are seated correctly and capture the scores accurately. However, team managers are not allowed to consult with their players while their games are in progress and may not interfere with the players' games.
4. The team managers are responsible for the discipline of their teams, inside and outside the playing venue.
5. Please note that only team managers, players playing matches and tournament officials will be allowed in the playing venue after a round has started. – please inform your parents and coaches.
6. Once the players are done with a match, and their results have been recorded, they become “Spectators” and must leave the playing area immediately.
7. The safety and well-being of all players outside of the playing hall remains the responsibility of each school/club. Whilst the team manager is still in the playing venue with the players, the remaining players should be supervised by someone from their school.
8. The organisers, school and tournament officials accept no liability for any harm caused to, or damaged suffered by any attendee of the tournament (players, parents, siblings or any other persons) arising from any cause whatsoever.
9. All players are required to wear official uniforms throughout the tournament. Civilian clothing, including regional colours, is not permitted.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. Time control is 15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment. Notation is not compulsory.
2. All FIDE chess rules shall apply. The tournament will be Chess SA rated.
3. There will be no default time in round 1, however the Chief Arbiter may repair teams after 5 minutes. Default time for rounds 2 to 5 will be 15 minutes.
4. Team Tie-Breaks (swiss pairings will be done on match points):
 - a) Match Points (2 For wins, 1 For Draws, 0 For Losses)
 - b) Game Points (total game points scored by the team)
 - c) Direct Encounter
 - d) Sonneborn-Berger
 - e) Buchholz
 - f) Top board result
5. Individual Tie-breaks:
 - a) Direct Encounter
 - b) Buchholz
 - c) Sonneborn-Berger
 - d) Average rating of opponents
6. Appeal: When players wish to appeal formally, they must immediately notify the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director immediately and submit written appeal within 5 minutes after the completion of the specific round.
7. Once the players are done with a match, and their results have been recorded, they become “Spectators” and must leave the playing area immediately.
8. All electronic devices (smartphones, smart watches, smart rings etc.) must be switched off when brought into the playing area. Any player who is found to have such a device in his/her possession which is not switched off will immediately be defaulted. Exceptions: In cases where a player has a specific medical condition, which has been declared to and accepted by the Chief Arbiter. It is recommended that players do not wear any watches or smart devices in playing area.
9. Photographs, video recordings or live broadcast may be taken during the event and the awards 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.
10. The organisers reserve 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 prizes. Any changes will be communicated to players through the tournament WhatsApp group.