



Johannesburg Metro Chess 2026 Kick off Tournament

JMC Kick off – Sunday 1st February 2026

Time control: 55/55 + 5 sec increment

Venue: St John's College

20 Tea Lane, Houghton Estate,
Johannesburg, 2198

Right of admission reserved – Only Eligible Players can enter

Online Entries:

A, B, C, D, U12, U10, U8

U12: Players born in 2016 and 2015

U10: Players born in 2018 and 2017

U8: Players born in 2019 or later

<https://chesshub.org.za/events/jmc-kick-off-2026-st-johns-college>

Entries Close: 30th January 2026 at 18.00

Join the Tournament WhatsApp group for tournament information and updates:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dxz2dTyQy175cTuGWuXi0X>

To get info on **JMC tournaments** join - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/EVQjvcesmZgFwDeNqnTaOx>

Draws and results will be published on <http://chess-results.com/fed.aspx?lan=1&fed=RSA>



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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. JMC and its officials do not provide supervisory or caregiving services to young players.
- Parents of players are therefore urged to remain present at the venue for the duration of the tournament to supervise their children.
- JMC and St John's College accepts 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.

Rules:

- Clocks and notation pads will be provided by JMC
- Players to supply their own PENS.
- Latest FIDE rules will apply.
- All Sections will be rated by CHESS SA
- Standard ratings file will be used
- It is the responsibility of the player to ensure that he/she is entered into the correct section. The Organiser reserves the right to move a player to the appropriate section.
- The Organiser has the right to combine sections.
- Only players with confirmed payments will be added to the draw as published on <http://chess-results.com/>
- **No cell phones, watches of any kind (e.g. smart watches, fitness trackers, step counters etc) or any communication devices** will be allowed in the playing area except for the TD, Chief Arbiter, Arbiters and PC personnel.
- The Organiser of the tournament and other tournament officials are not responsible for the safety or property of players or spectators.
- The player/parent/guardian gives consent for the player's name, surname, gender, race, date of birth CHESSA ID and or FIDE ID to be submitted to the rating agencies (CHESSA and/or FIDE) for the purposes of rating the tournament and the rating agencies displaying it on their respective websites.
- The player/parent/guardian gives consent for the publication of the player's details name, surname, gender, race, date of birth, CHESSA ID and/ or FIDE ID on the website www.chess-results.com for the purpose of tournament pairings and administration.
- 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.
- The player/parent/guardian gives consent for photo's to be taken of the players during the tournament and to be published on our Social Media pages. **Should consent not be given please notify us before the tournament so that we can notify our photographers.**
- The tournament organisers reserve the right to cancel the tournament. Players will have their entry fee refunded
- Rounds will commence at the published starting times, next round will commence 5-10 minutes after the last game completed from the previous round.
- Default time 20 mins for round 1 – thereafter 15 mins for rounds 2 - 5
- Players are expected to adhere to the JMC Code of Conduct for Tournaments, contraventions of which must be reported to the Chief Arbiter without delay and prior to the end of the Tournament.
- No spectators in the playing hall
- No refunds for withdrawals or no-shows (refund only if we cancel the tournament)
- Appeals must be submitted within 10 minutes of the game being completed and before the next round starts



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Schedule:

Round 1: 8:00

Round 2 – 5: Starts shortly after the end of the previous round. Rate of play will be followed.

Tie Breaks: (i) Direct Encounter; (ii) Buchholz cut 1; (iii) Sonneborn-Berger; (iv) Share the prize (if completely equal).

Note: A player cannot win 2 prizes (Cash or medal)

<u>A Section:</u> (minimum 10 players)	<u>B Section:</u> (minimum 10 players)	<u>C Section:</u>	<u>D Section:</u>	<u>U8, U10 and U12 Sections</u>																									
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Total prize fund = R9000 1 st Place – Gold medal + Please refer to prize table 2 nd Place – Silver medal + Please refer to prize table 3 rd Place – Bronze medal + Please refer to prize table 4 th Place – Please refer to prize table Best female outside of the Top 3 – Gold medal + R500 (<i>min 2 females</i>)	1 st Place – Gold medal + R1000 2 nd Place – Silver medal + R800 3 rd Place – Bronze medal + R600 Best female outside of Top 3 – Gold medal + R300 (<i>minimum 2 females</i>)	Medals: 1 st – Gold 2 nd – Silver 3 rd – Bronze Best female outside Top 3 – Gold	Medals: 1 st – Gold 2 nd – Silver 3 rd – Bronze Best female outside Top 3 – Gold	Medals: 1 st – Gold + Trophy 2 nd – Silver 3 rd – Bronze Best female outside Top 3 – Gold																									
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Entry Procedures:

We are using the South African Chess Hub website to administer our booking and payment administration for the tournaments.

In order to facilitate the entry procedures in joining Chesshub we ask you to carefully follow the steps described below:

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/> and click on the event link for your tournament:
4. Read the event description and scroll down to "Bookings"

Bookings

Price: R50.00

Spaces:

Attendee 1

Attendee First Name *

Attendee Surname *

Attendee Date of Birth *

Attendee Gender * ☐ Male ☐ Female

Attendee Chess SA ID *

5. Select the number of "Tickets" (i.e. number of attendees) for the section/s you wish to enter. This is applicable where a family has more than one child that will be entering. It is only necessary to register one profile with Chesshub. It is not required to register a profile for each child, unless you want to.
6. Where there are two children, select 2 "spaces", you will then enter the information for each child separately as "attendee 1" and "attendee 2"
7. At "Payment and Confirmation" select your method of payment. If you select to pay by EFT, you will receive an email with the banking details for payment. The Account is in the name of "Promoting Pawns NPC". If you pay by EFT your entry will only reflect once payment is received.



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8. Complete the attendee(s) information and then click on

Register for event

9. This will take you to the Payfast secure payment page. Complete the payment.

10. You will receive a booking confirmation email a short while after completing payment.