

Mzansi Chess Academy | Chess SA Rated

TSHWANE

WELCOME

2026



55/55 MIN + 5 SEC INC
5 ROUNDS

24 JAN 2026

Start time 08:00

A,B, C Sections are FIDE RATED

1st R3500

*Section A

1st R1200

*Section B

1st R500

*Section C



Registration Link:

<https://chesshub.org.za/events/mca-welcome-tshwane-2026/>

Whatsapp Link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LL6qyBQYiqv413p28XleLm>

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(NG WIERDAPARK-SUID)**

306 COTIE AVE
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Playing Schedule

Starting time 08:00 Rounds will be played at rate of play.
Sections will run independently.

Sections

SECTION	CRITERIA	FORMAT	ENTRY FEE
Section A	Highest of Chess SA or Fide Rating ≥ 1650	5 rounds Swiss	R350
Section B	Highest of Chess SA or Fide Rating 1500 - 1670	5 rounds Swiss	R300
Section C	Highest of Chess SA or Fide Rating 1300 - 1520	5 rounds Swiss	R300
Section D	Highest of Chess SA or Fide Rating 0 - 1320	5 rounds Swiss	R250
u12	Born 2015 & 2016	5 rounds Swiss	R250
u10	Born 2017 & 2018	5 rounds Swiss	R250
u8	Born 2019 and later	5 rounds Swiss	R250

* Academy members receive 50% off the registration fee.

** All unrated and lower rated adults are to play in the C section please.

***If the chess player is not a permanent resident of South Africa, you will need to contact your country's Chess Federation to obtain a FIDE ID. Please ensure that we receive this FIDE ID by the Friday morning before the tournament begins. Sections A - C will be FIDE rated if there are 3 or more FIDE rated player in the section. If your opponent's FIDE rating is over 1800, the round cannot be FIDE rated per FIDE regulations.

PRIZES – Section A

1st Place R3500 + Gold Medal
2nd Place R2500 + Silver Medal
3rd Place R2000 + Bronze Medal
Best female (min 2) outside top 3 R500 + Gold Medal

PRIZES – Section B

1st Place R1200 + Gold Medal
2nd Place R1000 + Silver Medal
3rd Place R800 + Bronze Medal
Best female (min 2) outside top 3 R350 + Gold Medal

PRIZES – Section C

1st Place R500 + Gold medal
2nd Place R400 + Silver medal
3rd Place R300 + Bronze medal
Best female (min 2) outside top 3 Gold Medal

PRIZES – Section D

1st Place Trophy + Medal
*and 1 month of free classes at Mzansi Chess Academy (worth over R1000)
2nd Place Medal
3rd Place Medal
Best female (min 2) outside top 3 Gold Medal

PRIZES – u12, U10 & u8 Sections

1st Place Trophy + Medal
*and 1 month of free classes at Mzansi Chess Academy (worth over R1000)
2nd Place Medal
3rd Place Medal



Mzansi
Chess Academy
FIDE ACCREDITED

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Tournament Rules

Mzansi Chess Academy (MCA)

- Latest FIDE rules will apply.
- If the chess player is not a permanent resident of South Africa, you will need to contact your country's Chess Federation to obtain a FIDE ID. Please ensure that we receive this FIDE ID by the Friday morning before the tournament begins.
- Sections A - C will be FIDE rated if there are 3 or more FIDE rated player in the section. If your opponent's FIDE rating is over 1800, the round cannot be FIDE rated per FIDE regulations.
- This is an official Tshwane Chess Merit event, all Tshwane Chess rules and regulations apply. This is a official school/club tournament and will count toward the merit points for the 2026 Etienne Lewis Team Trials
- All Sections will be rated by CHESS SA (chessa.co.za).
- Standard ratings file will be used.
- MCA reserves the right to move a player to the appropriate section.
- MCA 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 or any communication devices including watches of any kind will be allowed in the playing area.
- MCA 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 to be submitted to Chess South Africa for rating purposes and other relevant information required. If player/parents do not consent for pictures to be taken or published please let the tournament organiser know before the tournament takes place.
- 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.
- MCA reserves the right to cancel the tournament. Players will have their entry fee refunded.
- Rounds will commence at the published starting times.
- Default time 20 mins for round 1 – thereafter 15 mins for rounds 2 -5.
- Players are expected to adhere to the Tshwane Chess Code of Conduct for Tournaments. (<https://share.google/msWEXrR0uV5XfHSbL>)
- 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.

Procedure for day:

- Please join WhatsApp group for updates and Draw announcements.
- Please arrive early – Start 8am sharp!!
- Draws will be posted online and displayed at venue.
- Notation Pads will be provided at tables.
- Players to supply their own pens.
- Please bring own Chess Clocks.
- Clocks are available to rent, R50 per clock, Cash only.
- Only players allowed in hall.
- Players need to complete notation each round which includes scores on sheets.
- Both players need to submit scores and notation at Results Table – please check Correct Results.
- Prize Giving at end of all rounds per section.
- Please inform organisers if player has to leave unexpectedly, this does affect draws.

Tie Breaks that will be used:

- Direct Encounter
- Buchholz cut 1
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Share the prize(if completely equal)

Final Results:

- While the above tie breaks will help determine overall results for Chess South Africa, Mzansi Chess Academy will also make use of the following to determine final result outcome per section.
- Victory per round = 3 pts
- Draw per round = 1 point
- Loss per round = 0 pts

This will take preference when determining the prize winners in each section.

Enjoy the day with us at Mzansi Chess Academy!

Good luck to all the PLAYERS!



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



See you there!