

CURRO CHESS OPEN ONLINE TOURNAMENT

Dear Parents/Guardians

We are extremely excited about the Curro Chess Open online tournament taking place on **Saturday, 10 October 2026**.

This is a wonderful event where learners from all schools in the country can get together online and play against each other in the spirit of great sportsmanship.

Sections:	Format	Time control
Primary school: Under 8	5-round Rapid Swiss	20 + 5 spm
Primary school: Under 10, 12 and 14	6-round Rapid Swiss	20 + 5 spm
High school: Under 16 and 20	6-round Rapid Swiss <i>(with compulsory Zoom video monitoring)</i>	20 + 5 spm

*Organisers reserve the right to add an additional round if needed, depending on the number of participants in an age group.

** Organisers reserve the right to merge and waive criteria in all the sections

SCHEDULES:

PRIMARY SCHOOL: 09:30 – 13:30

HIGH SCHOOL: 13:30 – 19:00

AGE CATERGORIES:			
Section	Year of birth	Section	Year of birth
Under 8	2019 and later	Under 14	2013 and 2014
Under 10	2017 and 2018	Under 16	2011 and 2012
Under 12	2015 and 2016	Under 20	2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010

FAIR PLAY

- **Players may not receive ANY assistance whatsoever**, including from computers/chess engines or from any other persons (i.e. parents, coaches, friends or siblings).
- All under 16 and 20 players will be required to play under **Zoom video monitoring** and may be requested to share their screen. Prolonged absence from Zoom meeting may result default loss of match in question. Zoom meeting links will be provided in the booking confirmation email and shared via WhatsApp.
- High School players must be appropriately dressed while on Zoom. No earphones, beanies or hoodies
- Primary school learners may be asked to join Zoom meeting for video monitoring by the Chief Arbiter.
- Pairings are done as per the Lichess.org pairing system and all regulations in respect to using computer assistance will be strictly monitored.
- Cheating will be monitored by Lichess.org. Any breaches of Lichess' terms and services within 48 hours after the event will result in automatic disqualification and investigation.
- Please inform the chief arbiter should you suspect your opponent of breaching the fair-play spirit. Please do not message the player or comment in the tournament chat. You reserve the right to report the player via Lichess for suspected cheating.
- Random games will be monitored by the arbiter and their findings regarding cheating are binding.
- Please ensure that you have a good Wi-Fi/Internet connection on the day of the tournament to ensure that your tournament experience is a pleasant one.
- Any person found guilty of cheating will forfeit their place in the rankings and may be banned from participating in future events.
- Please use Google Chrome seeing that the Lichess.org platform is more effective while using this browser.
- Players should not have multiple tabs open on the computer while playing the tournament.

REGISTRATION:

Registration link: <https://chesshub.org.za/events/curro-chess-open-online-rapid-2026-term-4/>

PLEASE NOTE: Learners need to register on SA Chess Hub even if they have participated in the previous Curro tournaments.

Before you start the entry procedure you need to sign up with Lichess.org if you do not already have a Lichess account. There are no costs involved in obtaining a Lichess account. See detailed instructions below.

Entry fee per learner: R50,00

Administration fee of R15,00 will be charged for an entry withdrawal.

Closing date for entries – Thursday, 08 October 2026 at 20:00 (Late entries may be permitted)

STEP 1: (All participants)

Learners need to make sure that they are **registered on the www.lichess.org website** and that they have a username.

STEP 2: (All participants)

Procedure to register on South African Chess Hub:

1. Go to <https://chesshub.org.za/>
2. Log into your SA Chess Hub account or register a new profile.
3. Go to <https://chesshub.org.za/events/curro-chess-open-online-rapid-2026-term-4/>
4. Read the event description and scroll down to Booking details:

Bookings

Tickets		
Under 8 Players born 2018 and later	R50.00	0 ▾
Under 10 Players born 2016 and 2017	R50.00	0 ▾
Under 12 Players born 2014 and 2015	R50.00	0 ▾

5. Select the number of “Tickets” (i.e. number of attendees). Complete the attendee(s) information and Registration information. You **MUST** be logged into your SA Chess Hub profile to register.
6. Select payment method (Payfast or EFT) then click on “REGISTER FOR EVENT”:

Booking Summary	
1 x Under 8	R50.00
Total Price	R50.00

Please select your payment preference, Payfast or EFT/cash deposit at bank

I will make EFT Payment or cash deposit

7. Payment Methods:

- If you select the 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 completing payment.
- If you opted to pay by EFT or cash deposit, you will receive an email upon registering with all payment information. Complete EFT payment or cash deposit and email proof of payment to events@chesshub.org.za. Once booking has been approved, within 48 hours, you will receive a booking confirmation email.

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

STEP 3: Joining the team (new participants and if you have changed your Lichess' username)

You will receive a booking confirmation email from Chess Hub a short while after completing registration. This email will take you to the Lichess platform to ensure that you join the team, and you can then sign up for your age group's tournament.

Lichess joining instructions

- The booking confirmation will give you the link to the Lichess team. Click on that link to start the joining process. If necessary, log in to your Lichess account.

Primary School Team link: <https://lichess.org/team/curro-chess-open-2026-term-4-primary-school>
 High School Team link: <https://lichess.org/team/curro-chess-open-2026-term-4-high-school>

- Click on the  button.
- There will be an easy puzzle (mate in 1 move) that needs to be completed. Then click Join team.

Message

Hello, I would like to join the team!

Your join request will be reviewed by a team leader.



White to checkmate in one move

This is a chess CAPTCHA.
Click on the board to make your move, and prove you are human.

Help: <https://lichess.org/rkh9NI9D>

✓ Checkmate

Cancel 

- Thereafter, the player will be accepted into the team by the 'team leader' and will receive a notification message in Lichess.

STEP 4: Joining the Tournament for your age group (All participants)

Once accepted in the team, the player must click on the tournament link in the booking confirmation or return to the Lichess team and click on the appropriate tournament/section.

LICHESS TOURNAMENT LINKS:

Under 08 - https://lichess.org/swiss/93C0cZDs	Under 14 - https://lichess.org/swiss/8CrHQ64x
Under 10 - https://lichess.org/swiss/6ExiOm3i	Under 16 - https://lichess.org/swiss/C6ndfv1E
Under 12 - https://lichess.org/swiss/XuMb1HZI	Under 20 - https://lichess.org/swiss/FgJMLya1

Click on the  button to enter the tournament. Kindly join the tournament at least one hour before the tournament starting time.

- The tournament organiser is not liable for a player joining his/her tournament/section late, resulting in missing a round(s). If a player joins the wrong age group, all their games will be defaulted.

STEP 5:

Whatsapp groups have been created for communication (parents, staff or learners)

- Primary school: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bm2vEGlor5i2dYthMptogi>
- High school: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KkxLEnvaQLTKyo6hRDxL3v>

You are done! Learners will now be able to participate in the tournament.

Curro Chess Open Warm Up Arena (Friday, 09 October 2026 at 16:00) – This is not compulsory but recommended for new players to Lichess.

- Primary Schools: <https://lichess.org/tournament/AiZ8eif3>
- High Schools: <https://lichess.org/tournament/2HCJ1uYd>

OTHER REGULATIONS:

- Players are only allowed to play in either Primary School or the High School section.
- All players must be logged into Lichess 60 minutes before the first round starts.
- Players are not allowed to pause in-between rounds.
- Players must not log out of the tournament and must be committed to play all rounds.
- Late joining points awarded by Lichess will be ignored for purposes of final standings.
- Tie Break – (1) Lichess Sonneborn-Berger (2) Buchholz
- The organisers reserve the right to cancel / reschedule this event should they consider this necessary.

THERE ARE EXCITING PRIZES TO BE WON FOR 1st, 2nd and 3rd PLACE FOR EACH AGE GROUP!

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