Six Gun Grill Summer Sport Festival

Chess Championships 2026

Tomorrow's Heroes Today!!

Dates: Friday & Saturday, 04 & 05 December 2026
Registration link: https://chesshub.org.za/
Venue: Hugenote High School, Wellington
Map: https://maps.app.goo.gl/EZGTH7b1DZA5MRYJA

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

We are proud to announce the 2nd Six Gun Grill Summer Sports Festival Chess Championships, taking place in December 2026 at Huguenot High School, Wellington.

Chess will take centre stage on Friday and Saturday, 04 and 05 December 2026 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 2016 and later)	R 380 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 2014 and later)	R 380 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 2012 and later)	R 380 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 2009 and later)	R 380 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 may be allocated based on the average team rating using the Chess SA Main rating.

For more information on the Festival: https://summerfestival.co.za/

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Date	Schedule	Date	Schedule
Team Event: **Friday** **04 December 2026**	08h15 Manager meeting 08h45 - Announcements 09h00 – Round 1 10h15 – Round 2 11h30 – Round 3 14h00 – Round 4 15h15 – Round 5 17h00 – Prizegiving	**Individual event:** **Saturday** **05 December 2026**	08h45 - Announcements 09h00 – Round 1 10h15 – Round 2 11h30 – Round 3 14h00 – Round 4 15h15 – Round 5 17h00 – Prizegiving

Rounds will not be accelerated.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

1. Registration link: https://chesshub.org.za/ (Links: TEAM Tournament & INDIVIDUAL Tournament)
2. The closing date for registrations and payment is **Friday, 27 November 2026.** Late entries may be accepted subject to availability.
3. Should the school require an invoice, please email paul@chesshub.org.za.
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/GOYf2IH7zlfKqjqmdNTBmk

TEAM BOARD ORDERS

1. Players must be registered in their respective board order. Google form will be provided to confirm board orders before Wednesday, 02 December 2026.
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 Thursday, 03 December 2026 at 14:00. Any replacement players will slot in/play at the lowest board (4) and all the players move one board up from board 4.
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 mangers, 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. 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.
7. 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.
8. All players are required to wear official school or club 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.
11. The awarding of the “Spicy Players of the Round” is at the sole discretion of the Tournament Director and Chief Arbiter after taking into account the performances of each round. Unless deemed otherwise by the Tournament Director, a player is only eligible for one award during the tournament.