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Venue:

Sarit Expo Centre, Westlands
Nairobi, Kenya

Format

Swiss Pairing, 9 Rounds
90Min +30Sec

Cash Awards

NO.	OPEN	LADIES	VETERANS (50+)	PWD OPEN	PWD LADIES
1st	Ksh 1,000,000	Ksh 500,000	Ksh 75,000	Ksh 100,000	Ksh 50,000
2nd	Ksh 750,000	Ksh 350,000	Ksh 50,000	Ksh 75,000	Ksh 35,000
3rd	Ksh 500,000	Ksh 200,000	Ksh 30,000	Ksh 50,000	Ksh 20,000
4th	Ksh 300,000	Ksh 150,000			
5th	Ksh 200,000	Ksh 100,000			
6th	Ksh 100,000	Ksh 75,000			
7th	Ksh 75,000	Ksh 50,000			
8th	Ksh 50,000	Ksh 30,000			
9th	Ksh 30,000	Ksh 20,000			
10th	Ksh 20,000	Ksh 10,000			

OTHER CASH AWARDS FOR TOP 3 IN:

U2000 (Open)	U1500 (Open)
U2000 (Ladies)	U1500 (Ladies)
U1800 (Open)	Juniors (Boys)
U1800 (Ladies)	Juniors (Girls)

Total Prize Fund:

USD 42,000

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1. INVITATION

Chess Kenya Federation and Terrian Chess Africa have the honour of inviting all interested players to participate in the 2023 Kenya Open Chess Championship.

The Championship will be held at the Sarit Expo Centre in Nairobi, Kenya from 5th April, 2023 (arrival) to 11th April, 2023 (departure).

2. PARTICIPANTS

The tournament is open to all players belonging to federations which are affiliated to the International Chess Federation (FIDE) and will be divided into two major categories;

1.1 Open Category; which will be played as a single category with the following award subcategories:

- Open prize award positions 1-10 in the final ranking
- Veterans (age 50+) award positions 1-3
- PWD award positions 1-3
- Junior Under 20 years positions 1-3
- Under Published FIDE Rating 2000 as at March 31st 2023 positions 1-3
- Under Published FIDE Rating 1800 as at March 31st 2023 positions 1-3
- Under Published FIDE Rating 1500 as at March 31st 2023 positions 1-3

1.2 Ladies Category; which will be played as a single category with the following award subcategories:

- Ladies prize award positions 1-10 in the final ranking
- PWD award positions 1-3
- Junior Under 20 years positions 1-3
- Under Published FIDE Rating 2000 as at March 31st 2023 positions 1-3
- Under Published FIDE Rating 1800 as at March 31st 2023 positions 1-3
- Under Published FIDE Rating 1500 as at March 31st 2023 positions 1-3

In accordance with the organizer's regulations, players need to indicate clearly the section and subsection they are interested to compete in during registration.

3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

3.1 It is intended that the championship will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 rounds Swiss System tournament;

3.2 The time control will be 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1);

3.3 The games will be played using digital clocks; and pairings will be published on the www.chess-results.com server

3.4 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

3.5 Default time/Walk-over time is 30 minutes for all rounds.

4. TIE-BREAK

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the order will be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:

- a) Direct Encounter
- b) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- c) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- d) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

In case of unplayed games, the following criteria will be applied:

- a) Buchholz cut-1, the highest number wins;
- b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
- c) Number of wins, the highest number wins.

5. MAIN PRIZES

NO.	OPEN	LADIES	VETERANS (50+)	PWD OPEN	PWD LADIES
1st	Ksh 1,000,000	Ksh 500,000	Ksh 75,000	Ksh 100,000	Ksh 50,000
2nd	Ksh 750,000	Ksh 350,000	Ksh 50,000	Ksh 75,000	Ksh 35,000
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U2000 (Ladies)

1st Ksh 15,000
2nd Ksh 10,000
3rd Ksh 7,500

U2000 (Open)

1st Ksh 15,000
2nd Ksh 10,000
3rd Ksh 7,500

U1800 (Ladies)

1st Ksh 15,000
2nd Ksh 10,000
3rd Ksh 7,500

U1800 (Open)

1st Ksh 15,000
2nd Ksh 10,000
3rd Ksh 7,500

U1500 (Ladies)

1st Ksh 15,000
2nd Ksh 10,000
3rd Ksh 7,500

U1500 (Open)

1st Ksh 15,000
2nd Ksh 10,000
3rd Ksh 7,500

Juniors (Boys)

1st Ksh 30,000
2nd Ksh 20,000
3rd Ksh 10,000

Juniors (Girls)

1st Ksh 30,000
2nd Ksh 20,000
3rd Ksh 10,000

The overall winner of open section will be declared 2023 Kenya Open Champion and overall winner of Ladies section will be declared the 2023 Kenya Open Ladies Champion.

In cases where players have tied, the prize money will be shared according to the Hort System, considering all tied players. This is applicable in the Open and Ladies main categories prizes. Winners in each section of the championships will also be awarded trophies.

6. TITLES

GM/IM Norms:

Subject to attaining FIDE Rating Regulations requirement of at least 20 FIDE rated players, not from the host federation, from at least 3 different federations, at least 10 of whom hold GM, IM, WGM or WIM titles, norms will be awarded. Besides federation mix, a participant must meet the following condition to earn the norm:

- GM performance is ≥ 2600 performance against opponents with average rating ≥ 2380 and 1/3 of opponents is minimum 3 GMs.
- IM performance is ≥ 2450 performance against opponents with average rating ≥ 2230 with 1/3 of opponents, minimum 3 IM/GMs.

More details will be agreed upon in the technical meeting.

Titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations

7. ARBITRATION TEAM

The Chief Arbiter and other arbiters will be appointed by the Chess Kenya President in liaison with Terrian Chess Africa.

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE AND PAIRINGS

- Round one (1) and Round (2) will be accelerated.
- No half-point byes will be issued.
- Missing a round without notification of Chief Arbiter will result in automatic withdrawal from tournament.
- Results will be updated during the round at intervals of 15 minutes, 1 hour from beginning of the round.
- Once pairings are published, they will not be changed.

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee, two (2) other members and reserves will be appointed from members present at the tournament during the technical meeting.

Appeals should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within 30 minutes after the occurrence of the incidence in question, with a US\$100 deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below.

The schedule can however be changed should the need arise. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

Date	Activity	Time
Wednesday 5th April 2023	Arrival	1400 hrs
	Opening Ceremony	1900 hrs
Thursday 6th April 2023	Technical Meeting	0800 hrs
	Round 1	0900 hrs
	Round 2	1600 hrs
Friday 7th April 2023	Round 3	0900 hrs
	Round 4	1600 hrs
Saturday 8th April 2023	Round 5	0900 hrs
	Round 6	1600 hrs
Sunday 9th April 2023	Round 7	0900 hrs
	Round 8	1600 hrs
Monday 10th April 2023	Round 9	0900 hrs
	Closing Ceremony	1600 hrs
Tuesday 11th April 2023	Departure	All Day

10. VENUE, BOARDING AND LODGING

10.1 The playing venue will be at the Sarit Expo Centre Nairobi, Kenya.

10.2 Free half board accommodation (bed, breakfast and dinner) will be provided to players holding GM and WGM titles for a maximum of six days (duration of the tournament).

10.3 All other participants will make their own accommodation arrangements.

The Organisers have however negotiated for discounted rates as listed below with Utalii hotel. Bookings for the official accommodation for the event must be made through the Organizing Committee.

Kindly note that participants can make inquiries and arrangements for accommodation and airport transfers through the organizing committee.

UTALII HOTEL - 4 STAR



Package	Bed and breakfast (KSH)	Half board (KSH)	Bed and breakfast (USD)	Half board (USD)
Single Occupancy	5,000	6,500	40	52
Double Occupancy	3,250	4,500	26	36

* The above amounts are daily rates

The current Exchange Rate is 1 US Dollar = 125 KSh

11. REGISTRATION AND TOURNAMENT FEES

11.1 All participants shall be required to pay Tournament Fees depending on their residency

- a) Players holding GM, IM, WGM and WIM titles will be given **free entry**
- b) All Kenyans registering as individual participants **KSh. 2,000/-** and Corporate teams **KSh. 3,000** per player
- c) Players from federations affiliated to the African Chess Confederation (ACC) **US\$ 50** per player.
- d) Players from other continents/federations **US\$ 100** per player
- e) PWD **free entry**.

11.2 Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

11.3 No refunds will be made for any Player, Official or Accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying the registration fee.

11.4 Registration forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials or the players must fill them in and return them to the designated Local Organising Committee officials on or before 1st April 2023 by e-mail or physically to confirm entry.

11.5 All Players MUST also register online via this link: <https://b.link/kenyaopen2023>

13. BANK DETAILS

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ACCOUNT NAME	CHESS KENYA
ACCOUNT NUMBER	02120162629400
BANK NAME	COOPERATIVE BANK OF KENYA
BRANCH NAME	KIMATHI STREET BRANCH
BRANCH CODE	11045
SWIFT CODE	KCOOKENA
BANK ADDRESS	P.O. BOX 104726-00101, JAMIA, NAIROBI,

14. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Kenyan Shilling (KSh).

The current Exchange Rate is 1 US Dollar = 125 KSh; 1 Euro = 118 KSh. The conversion rate of 1 USD = 125 KSh is what will be used in paying foreign winners.

15. ACCREDITATION

Each participant shall send their official names together with a passport size photo to prepare accreditation cards.

16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Jomo Kenya International Airport in Nairobi are to be taken care of by the respective players participating in the tournament.

Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport provided that the full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organizing Committee by **2nd April 2023**.

17. VISAS

For participants requiring visas to enter Kenya, these can be obtained from the Kenya Embassies, High Commissions or Consulate Offices in the respective countries.

The Local Organizing Committee will issue invitation letters to participants and officials applying for visas to help them in processing their visas to Kenya at their respective embassies or consulates.

18. REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Entry forms must be filled by participants and returned to the Local Organizing Committee not later than **2nd April 2023**.

19. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

a) Chess Kenya Federation President - Benard Wanjala

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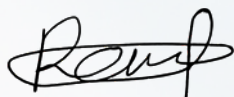
c) Kenya Open 2023 Secretariat - John Mukabi

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We look forward to welcoming you to the land of **HAKUNA MATATA (NO WORRIES)**, Kenya!

Yours Sincerely,



Benard Wanjala
President Chess Kenya Federation



Brian Kidula
CEO Terrian Chess Africa

PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM

— OPEN AND LADIES SECTION



PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Names :

ID/Passport No : Date Of Birth :
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Full Address :

Nationality : Tel No. :

E-Mail :

Gender : ☐ Male ☐ Female

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION DETAILS

FIDE ID : FIDE title :

Event section : Event Subsection:

Would you want the event organizer to assist with a suitable accomodation package? : ☐ Yes ☐ No

I hereby declare that the information provided is true and correct.
I also understand that any willful dishonesty may render for refusal of
this application or immediate cancellation of registration.

Signature of applicant

More Information :

Kenya Open 2023 Secretariat
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Please Note:

Duly completed forms **MUST** be e-mailed to **Secretariat** with a copy to the President on Email **benard.wanjalaw@gmail.com** and CEO **brian@terrianchess.com**

Online Registration Link: <https://b.link/kenyaopen2023>

THANK YOU FOR YOUR REGISTRATION

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