



2024 AFRICAN AMATEURS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**21st July 2024 to
29th July 2024**

Bujumbura, Burundi

INVITATION

Under the auspices of the of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Burundi Chess Federation (FECHEBU) has the honor of hosting the 2024 African Amateurs Individual Chess Championships (AAICC)

Dear Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the ACC, the FECHEBU has the honor of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2024 AFRICAN AMATEUR INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS, to be held at Hotel Source du Nil in Bujumbura, Burundi, from July 21st, 2024 (arrivals) to July 29th, 2024 (Departures).

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2024 AAICC are open to all players representing federations which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) which comprise the ACC who have a published FIDE rating BELOW 2300 for at least one year as at January 1, 2024.

2.2 There will be separate championships for categories Under-2300, Under-2000 and Under-1700.

2.3 To participate in the U-2300 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 2300 or greater for at least one year as at January 1, 2024.

A player entering the U-2300 section must not have any title above FM (or WFM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.4 To participate in the U-2000 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 2000 or greater for at least one year as at January 1, 2024.

A player entering the U-2000 section must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.5 To participate in the U-1700 section, a player must NOT have a published FIDE rating of 1700 or greater for at least one year as at January 1, 2024.

A player entering the U-1700 section must not have any title above CM (or WCM for women) when the tournament starts.

2.6 A separate championship for women shall be organized in each rating section, only if there are at least 10 women entries from at least 3 Federations. Otherwise, the women's event will be merged into the Open Section.

2.7 Federations will be allowed to enter an unlimited number of players in each category provided full payment of the required fees is observed.

3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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

3.2 The Time Control will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1);

3.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairing will be published on www.chessresults.com;

3.4 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships.

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

4. TIE-BREAKS

Final standings are established according to game points (Win = 1 point, Draw = 1/2 point, Loss = 0 point). In case of a tie, the following tie breaks are used, in that order:

- a) Buchholz Cut 1 (The sum of the scores of each of the opponents of a player reduced by the lowest score of the opponent)
- b) Buchholz (The sum of the scores of each of the opponents of a player)
- c) Direct encounter (If all the tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters is used)
- d) Sonneborn-Berger (The sum of the scores of the opponents a player has defeated and half the scores of the players with whom he has drawn)
- e) The greater number of wins including forfeits
- f) The greater number of wins with Black pieces (Unplayed games shall be counted as played with White)

5. MAIN PRIZES

UNDER 2300		
#	OPEN SECTION	WOMEN'S SECTION
1 st	US\$ 700	US\$400
2 nd	US\$ 400	US\$300
3 rd	US\$300	US\$200
UNDER 2000		
1 st	US\$400	US\$300
2 nd	US\$300	US\$200
3 rd	US\$200	US\$150
UNDER 1700		
1 st	US\$300	US\$200
2 nd	US\$250	US\$150
3 rd	US\$150	US\$100

The winners in the EACH CATEGORY will also qualify by Personal Right to participate in the 2025 World Amateur Chess Championships with free board and lodging in a shared double room. This qualification by personal right is not transferable and therefore the winners' places cannot be substituted.

In cases where players are tied, the prize money will be shared according to the Hort System.

Winners in each section of the championships will also be awarded trophies.

6. TITLES

Titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below.

The schedule can however be changed should the need arise.

Date	Activity	Time
Saturday, 21 st June 2024	Registration Deadline	23:59
Sunday, 30 th June 2024	Deadline for payments related to board and lodging	23:59
Sunday, 21 st July 2024	Arrival	All day
Monday, 22 nd July 2024	Opening Ceremony and Technical meeting	11:00
	Round 1	15:00
Tuesday, 23 rd July 2024	Round 2	15:00
Wednesday, 24 th July 2024	Round 3	09:00
	Round 4	15:00
Thursday, 25 th July 2024	Round 5	09:00
	Round 6	15:00
Friday, 26 th July 2024	Rest Day	All Day
Saturday, 27 th July 2024	Round 7	09:00
	Round 8	15:00
Sunday, 28 th July 2024	Round 9	09:00
	Closing Ceremony	19:00
Monday, 29 th July 2024	Departure	All Day

8. ARBITRATION TEAM

The Chief Arbiter will be appointed by the ACC President. Other arbiters will be appointed in liaison with the organizers.

9. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the ACC President.

Two (2) other members and reserves will be appointed from members present at the tournament;

Appeals should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two hours (2 hours) after the end of the round in question, with a US \$100 deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

10. VENUE, BOARDING AND LODGING

10.1 The accommodation and playing venue will be at Hôtel Source du Nil in Bujumbura, Burundi.

10.2 All Participants and all Accompanying Persons are obliged to lodge at the official accommodation venue. Bookings for the official accommodation for the event must be done through the Organizing Committee.

10.3 Official players include the champions of AAICC 2023 (6 players in total, one for each category), 6 players per zone (1 player per category and per zone, 30 players in total). They are entitled to free full board and lodging for eight (8) nights; checking in after 1400hrs on July 21, 2024, and checking out before 1200hrs on July 29, 2024, at the official hotel in shared twin and single rooms.

10.4 All Officials, Accompanying Persons and Additional Players from participating federations will lodge at US\$ 90.00 per person per day shared (in a twin room) or US\$ 80.00 per person per day in a single occupancy room). These rates include full board (breakfast, lunch, and supper). The first meal provided by the organizers will be supper on the evening of July 21, 2024, whilst the last meal will be breakfast on the morning of July 29, 2024. Any additional meals will be charged separately.

10.5 All payments related to board and lodging must be paid before the July 1st, 2024.

10.6 Scanned copies of documents confirming bank transfer of funds should be e-mailed to the General-Secretary of Burundi Chess Federation on e-mail fechebur@yahoo.fr with a copy to the President on e-mail eltorodestoro@gmail.com and to the Treasurer on email alainmichelingabire@gmail.com.

10.7 Players, Officials and Accompanying Persons who arrive before July 21, 2024, or depart after July 29, 2024, will be expected to arrange their own accommodation, or pay for the additional days.

11. TOURNAMENT AND REGISTRATION FEES

These fees include **ACC fees** (50 USD) and **registration fees** (60 USD), a **total of 110 USD per participating player**.

Fees must be paid into FECHÉBU account by July 7th 2024 or upon arrival before the start of the Technical Meeting, provided a request is made to the Organizers. Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate to the tournament.

11.1 Only Federations and Zones can register players.

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

11.3 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Local Organizing Committee officials on or before June 15th 2024

by e-mail.

11.4 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Bujumbura International Airport on arrival and departure.

12. BANK DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME	FECHEBU
ACCOUNT NUMBER	01107853885
BANK NAME	BANQUE DE LA REPUBLIQUE DU BURUNDI
BANK ADDRESS	I, Avenue du Gouvernement
SWIFT CODE	BRBUBIBI
CORRESPONDANT BANK NAME	Citibank NA
CORRESPONDANT BANK ADDRESS	New York
CORRESPONDANT BANK SWIFT CODE	CITIUS33

13. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Burundian franc (BIF).

The current Exchange Rate is 1 US Dollar = 2860 BIF; 1 Euro = 3070 BIF

14. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying Persons before the Technical Meeting on July 22nd 2024.

15. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Bujumbura International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament. Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Bujumbura International Airport provided that full itinerary for each Participant and their accompanying Persons are communicated to the Local Organizing Committee by July 7th 2024.

16. VISAS

Visas to enter Burundi are issued upon arrival. Passengers must fill the online form at <https://migration.gov.bi/> before their arrival. Arrangements are actually being made with the government of Burundi to issue free visas for all participants and we will keep you updated about that.

The Local Organizing Committee will issue official invitation letters that participants and officials applying for visas and for presentation upon arrival for the visa issuance procedure.

17. DEADLINE DATE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organizing Committee not later than on June 21st 2024.

18. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE CONTACTS

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We look forward to welcoming you to “Igihugu c’Amata n’Ubuki” (The country of Milk and Honey), Burundi!

Yours Sincerely,

Wilfried NTAMATUNGIRO
FECHEBU PRESIDENT



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Registration Forms

Federation name	
Contact Person	
E-mail	
Telephone	

Under 2300 Open Section:

#	Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Under 2300 Women's Section

#	Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Under 2000 Open Section

#	Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Under 2000 Women's Section

#	Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Under 1700 Open Section

#	Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Under 1700 Women's Section

#	Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

Accompanying Persons

#	Surname	Name	Designation
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			

To be emailed to fechebur@yahoo.fr before **June 21st 2024**.