



FIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

For National Federations applying for FIDE Membership

Please send the completed form with attachments to:

office@fide.com



GENERAL INFORMATION	
Country name:	The republic of Vanuatu
Is your country recognised by the UN or the IOC?	YES, both
Name of the National Federation:	Vanuatu Chess Federation
Established:	Est 2022
English language version of your National Federation name:	Vanuatu Chess Federation
What is (are) your national language(s)?	Bislama, English, French.
Type of legal entity: <small>*please send us foundational document as attachment to the questionnaire</small>	Charitable Organization.
Postal address:	Wan Smol Bag theatre, route to Mele, Port Vila, SHEFA, Vanuatu
Official e-mail address: <small>*registered email address, to be used for all official communications to and from FIDE, that allows to legally track and prove the delivery of your emails and documents, signed electronically.</small>	Rikhinton@yahoo.com
Phone:	+678 7761506
Official website:	none
Official social media accounts user names:	Facebook – Vanuatu Chess Federation
Is your National Federation member of your country's National Olympic Committee? <small>If yes, please send us written support letter from your National Olympic Committee as attachment to the questionnaire. If not, please explain the reasons.</small>	Pending application
Please send us, if any, other written support/recognition letters from your national authorities as attachment to the questionnaire.	See Attached
Please name your national authority supervising sports/chess:	Department Of Youth and Sport
The bank account details of your National Federation:	In the process of obtaining
Do you have dedicated facilities for your National Federation's office ?	Yes – Wan Smolbag Youth Centre in Port Vila and Luganville



GENERAL PRINCIPLES	
<i>Would your National Federation be ready to (please tick the appropriate box):</i>	
Observe all rules, regulations and decisions of FIDE and ensure that your members and various bodies, including leagues and clubs, also comply with them?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure that your Federation's Statutes and rules fully comply with FIDE rules and regulations?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Comply with your own Statutes, rules and regulations, refraining from taking discriminatory decisions or actions?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Maintain full control and governance of chess in your country, including, without limitations, control over your national competitions, excluding unofficial and unrated events ?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Develop chess activities, chess culture and chess education in your country or territory?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Ensure the participation of your players and teams in the most relevant international competitions, in the limits of your possibilities?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Remain in good standing, including in good financial standing?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Pay membership fees and other FIDE obligations?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Recognise FIDE's authority and position?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Effectively support FIDE in all chess activities?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Correctly exhibit FIDE logo and name, in accordance with FIDE Regulations?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Act independently from any government, public or private institution, except for what is provided as mandatory by your national legal order?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Promote amicable and courteous relations with other Member Federations and their members, officials and players?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Communicate a copy of your current Statutes to FIDE Offices, adding a translation into English, if written in a different language?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Communicate any change of your Statutes, not later than two months after their entry into force? *In the event of doubt or conflict, only timely communicated changes will be considered as valid for FIDE organs	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Inform FIDE about your chess activities and your institutional and financial situation, answering an annual questionnaire distributed by FIDE Offices, and also sending, if requested, copies of your official documents? (minutes of Assemblies, financial statements, etc.);	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Regularly organise General Assemblies and elections, in accordance with your Statutes and national legal order?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
Communicate and update, within one month of any change, the following data: address and contacts; registered email address, to be used for all official communications to and from FIDE, that allows to legally track and prove the delivery of your emails and documents, signed electronically; name and contacts of your President and FIDE Delegate.	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>



GENERAL ASSEMBLY	
Please send us a signed copy of your current Statutes, adding a translation into English, if written in a different language and signed minutes of your Federation's last General Assembly as an attachment to the questionnaire.	
When was your National Federation's last General Assembly held?	October 2022
What are the criteria for voting for the members in your National Federation's General Assembly? <small>*answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.</small>	See Statutes attached
Who is eligible as member of your National Federation? <small>*answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.</small>	See Statutes attached
Define the identity of your National Federation's members who represent your national chess community (individuals, clubs, regional associations, etc.): <small>*answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.</small>	Individuals.
What is the date of your National Federation's next elections ?	December 12 th 2023
Does your National Federation have any restrictions on membership in your Federation (on national, political, racial, social or religious grounds or on account of gender)?	No.

GRAPHICS & TRADEMARKS	
<i>Please send us your official logo, flag and anthem or any other official symbols of your National Federation as attachments to the questionnaire. Your logo and flag should be sent as .jpg, .png, .eps or .ai files.</i>	
Name and author of the anthem (if available):	See attached Logo.



FEDERATION'S OFFICIALS & STAFF			
Please send us your National Federation Chart as an attachment to the questionnaire.			
Position	Full name	E mail	Phone
President:	Lesly Nompavos	lnompavos@wansmolbag.org	+678 7366004
FIDE Delegate:	Rik Hinton	Rikhinton@yahoo.com	+678 7761506
Deputy President:	None see statutes	None	None
Vice President:	Rik Hinton	Rikhinton@yahoo.com	+678 7761506
General Secretary:	Jeremy Elison	jeremyellison1213@gmail.com	+678 7387969
Rating Officer:	Not yet	Not yet	Not yet
Executive Board members' details (name, email, phone): <small>*Please indicate Representatives for Athletes', Disabled chess players and Women in Chess, if any.</small>	None	None	None
Describe how the Executive Board members are appointed?	Elected at general assembly.		
Number of paid staff:	None		
Number of voluntary staff:	Members are volunteers.		
Does your National Federation have Commissions? If yes, please specify names, responsibilities, and their Chairpersons. Please provide Commissions' Chairpersons' details (name, email, phone).	N/A	N/A	N/A
Other positions, if any (please add the title)	None	None	None

FINANCIAL MATTERS
<i>* If there are any legal restrictions on disclosure of financial information as requested, please justify and provide the data to the extent it is possible.</i>



Does your National Federation prepare annual financial reports, including balance sheet and income statement? If yes, please send the documents as attachments to the questionnaire.	In the process of opening bank account.
Are annual reports reviewed and approved by your National Federation's board and / or General Assembly?	Not yet see above
Are annual accounts audited by an independent auditor duly licensed according to the laws of your jurisdiction? If yes, please attach the auditor's opinion to the financial report and send the documents as attachments to the questionnaire.	Not yet, see above
Does your National Federation prepare annual budgets?	Yes, The budget is currently done through WSB finance office.
Are annual budgets reviewed and approved by your National Federation's Board and / or General Assembly?	Not yet.
What are the sources of income for your National Federation? Please state percentage for the below items for the latest financial year: 1) membership fees and fees for services provided by your National Federation (%), 2) income from tournaments organized by your National Federation (%), 3) government funding (%), please provide the amount 4) National Olympic Committee, (%), please provide the amount 5) funding from private sponsors / donors, 6) other sources – please specify (%)	Two of our clubs fall under the Wan Smolbag youth centres based in Port Vila and Santo. Both youth centres receive core funding from New Zealand, Australia and Oxfam. A small portion of the annual budget is allocated to chess activities and tournaments. We also have a club based in the French School which is aided by the school's budget.

NATIONAL TEAMS



Does your National Federation have National Teams? If yes, in which categories?	Not yet but we intend to.
What kind of support do you provide to your national team players? Please provide details (e.g.: Monthly Salary, covering Open tournaments expenses, Training camps, etc.)	N/A
Does your National Federation provide any Insurance/social benefits for your national team players?	No
Please provide details about your National Team Championships for the last year: (number of teams participated, Championship's dates)	N/A

LEAGUES AND CLUB INFORMATION	
Is there a club registration in your National Federation?	No.
Number of leagues:	0
Number of clubs:	6 – WSB Vila Youth Centre, NCYC Luganville, USP, Grand Hotel, Teoma Community and Lycée français Le Clézio de Port Vila
Number of women's clubs:	All clubs are mixed
Please provide details about your Club Championships for the last year: (number of clubs participated, Championship's dates)	We have held tournaments between clubs in the past but no ongoing championships. We are hoping to expand on this.



PLAYERS	
<p>Is there an individual player registration in your National Federation?</p> <p>If yes, what is the total number of registered male players/female players/boys U18/girls U18?</p>	<p>Yes.</p> <p>Male 36 Female 10 Boys 22 Girls 8</p>
<p>Does your National Federation organise chess Under Age Group National Competitions?</p> <p>If yes, please list the Age Group National Competition(s) your National Federation conducts?</p>	<p>Yes, Under 12 and under 18</p>
<p>Please provide details about your National Individual Championships for the last year: (number of players participated, Championship's dates)</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>How many active players does your National Federation have (with or without FIDE ID)?</p>	<p>76</p>
<p>Name your player(s) with FIDE titles (if any) :</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>How many open tournaments does your National Federation organise annually?</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Did your players and teams participate in any international competitions last year? If no, please provide the reasons.</p>	<p>Yes. Jeremy Ellison – Nauru 2023</p>
<p>Please list the competitions (indicate the dates) that your National Federation plans to organize next year or send us your events Calendar as an attachment to the questionnaire.</p>	<p>WSB Vs Lycée français Le Clézio de Port Vila – March 2023 WSB Port Vila Vs WSB Luganville (NCYC) – June 2023 USP Open – July 2013 WSB Literacy Competition x 2. (Under 12) – September 2023</p>



OTHER MATTERS	
<p>Share a few examples of key / big projects organized by your National Federation.</p> <p>Describe other major activities organized by your National Federation such as social programs, workshops etc.</p>	<p>In 2022 We had a visit from GM Samy Shoker with did a simulations exhibition with 20 participants at WSB youth centre</p> <p>Later that year year we had a visit from GM Nigel Short who also did a simultaneous exhibition and gave a talk on chess and his career. He also visited Lycée français Le Clézio de Port Vila & Port Vila International School to give a talk on his career and a lesson on chess for the interested students.</p> <p>We have held “come and try days” at the local parks & shopping malls. Chess has also been a key activity in the WSB youth centre out reach days we just finished running with Save the Children. These days showcased all the youth centre had to offer including chess. We went to 9 communities and had over 400 young people try chess, most likely for the first time.</p> <p>We have started a popular weekly chess class in the low risk prison.</p>
How may FIDE support the development of your National Federation?	Through equipment, boards and set pieces to continue us being able to set up and run chess clubs in schools. Continue to send GM's to help promote the sport. Assist in how to structure competitions and start a national championship.
How many schools in your country have some type of chess programs?	Two. Lycée Français Le Clézio de Port Vila & Port Vila International School
Is your National Federation responsible for educational chess and its promotion in your country? If not, please provide the name and the contact of the responsible organization.	Yes.
Does your National Federation have an official responsible for developing Chess in Education on your National Federation's Executive Board? If yes, please provide his/her contact information.	No but we all work in schools, youth centre and university settings.
Specify the Vision, Mission and Values of your National Federation.	We are aiming to make a chess part of the lives of people living in Port Vila and the islands. We also want to use it as a tool to engage young people out of school or work to help them think differently. We hope that Chess will be recognized as a sport in Vanuatu people will enjoy watching and following it as they do playing it.
What are your expectations from becoming a FIDE member?	We are hoping for funding to continue our work with out of school youth and in the low risk prisons. We hope to one day have Vanuatu represented at global chess events.



Please add any points not covered above that you would like to add.

[Click here to fill in text.](#)

Submission date:	16/10/23
Questionnaire filled in by:	Rik Hinton
Position in a National Federation:	Vice President

We thank you very much for your time, efforts and kind responses to this important FIDE document.

GOVERNMENT
OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

**DEPARTMENT OF
YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND
SPORTS**

Private Mail Bag 9043
PORT VILA
Tel : (678) 23561
Tel/Fax : (678) 23766



GOUVERNEMENT
DE LA
REPUBLIQUE DE VANUATU

**SERVICE DU DEVELOPPEMENT
DE LA JEUNESSE ET DES
SPORTS**

Sac Postal Privé 9043
PORT-VILA
Tél: (678) 23561
Tél/Fax: (678) 23766

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR/BUREAU DU DIRECTEUR

MYDS/DYDS/ht/42

21 November 2022

To Whom It May Concern

Federation Internationale des Echecs

Dear Sir/Madame,

RE : SUPPORT – VANUATU CHESS FEDERATION to become member of INTERNATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION


This is to confirm the support of the Vanuatu Government, through the Department of Youth Development & Sport, towards the application of Vanuatu Chess Federation to become a member of the International Chess Federation.

The Vanuatu Chess Federation has been active in the following activities :

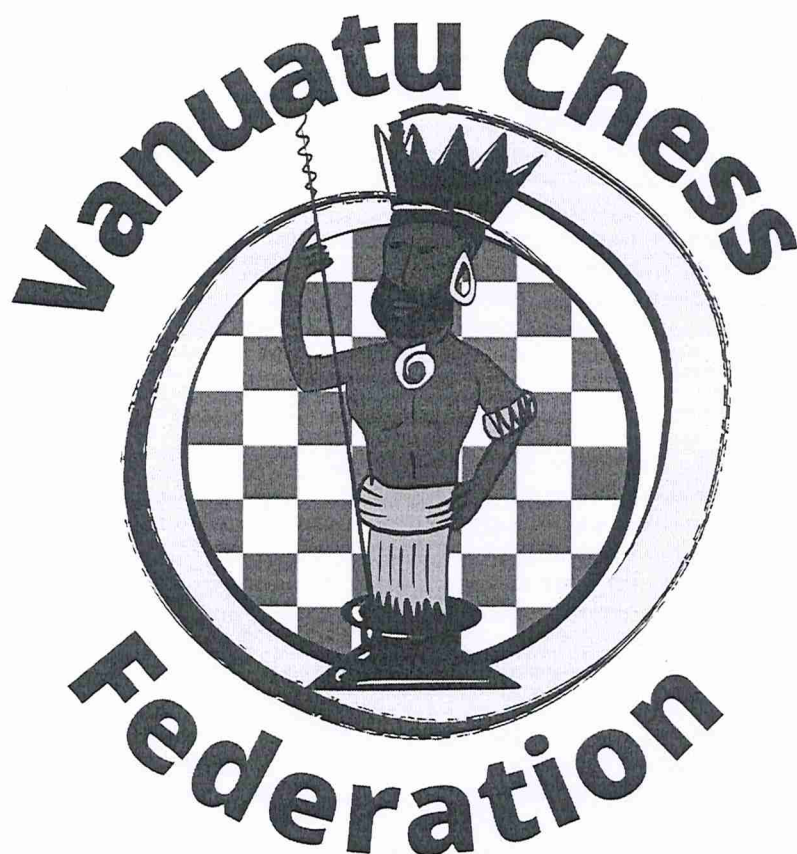
- Clubs meet regularly in Vila at Wan Smol Bag Youth Centre, Grand Hotel, Lycee Français Le Clezio de Port Vila and NCYC in Santo.
- Two Grand Master Simultaneous Exhibition with over 20 participants.
- Regular tournaments.
- Planned Chess in Prison Program.

We look forward to a positive response in approving VCF application for FIDE membership.

Kind regards,


Henry Tavoia
Director, Department of Youth Development and Sport
Ministry of Youth Development and Sport





The Constitution

NAME

1. The name of this body shall be the VANUATU CHESS FEDERATION and it shall hereafter be referred to as the "Federation".

MISSION STATEMENT "

Our mission is to promote chess at all levels of society as an effective tool to enhance social and intellectual development for the benefit of one and all.

OBJECTIVES

2. (a) To promote Chess in Schools and Communities in Vanuatu.
- (b) To organize Chess tournaments and competitions.
- (c) To liaise with relevant National and International Sporting and Chess Federations.

MEMBERSHIP

3. Any person who is interested in chess shall be eligible for membership upon filling up of an application for membership form.

4. (a) The annual membership fee for all classes of membership shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation in each year.
- (b) Persons under the age of 18 years shall be eligible to join as junior members at such special fee as shall be determined but they shall not be entitled to hold office, or vote or take part in business procedure at meetings of the Federation.
5. A properly constituted Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting may appoint any person as an honorary member of the Club in recognition of the interest and support rendered in promoting the interests and objectives of the Federation.
6. Any member may resign from the Federation by writing to the Secretary of the Federation.
7. The Committee may expel any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the Federation.
8. Any person ceasing to be a member for any reason will not be entitled to a refund of their membership fees.

COMMITTEE

9. The business and affairs of the Federation shall be under the management and control of the committee, provided however, that except in the case of extreme urgency the committee shall not take any action contrary to decisions made at a general meeting.
10. The committee shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer (hereinafter called the Office Bearers) and four members elected at the Annual General Meeting.
11. All members of the committee must be financial members of the Federation.
12. Should any vacancy occur in the committee or office bearers of the Federation other than in the normal course of elections, the committee shall fill the vacancy from the financial members and that member will hold office until the next Annual general Meeting.
13. The committee shall meet as often as may be required to conduct the business of the Federation. The President will chair all committee meetings. Should the President not be present, the Vice-President will chair. If neither President nor Vice-President is present the committee shall elect one of its member to take the chair.
14. The chair at all committee meetings shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
15. All notices of committee meetings shall be in writing and sent to members of the committee at least seven days prior to the date of such meeting by the Secretary.
16. The accidental omission to give to any member, or the non-receipt by any member of any notice required by this constitution, shall not invalidate or affect any proceedings at such meeting.
17. The quorum for committee meeting shall be five (5) members present in person.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18. Once a year the Committee shall convene the Annual General Meeting. This meeting shall be held within 5 months from the end of the previous financial year.
19. The Annual General Meeting shall be open to all members of the Federation.
20. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be ten (10) members present in person.
21. All notices of the Annual General Meeting shall be in writing and sent to Federation members at least 14 days prior to the date of such meeting by the Secretary.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

22. Nomination for each candidate for election as office bearers or committee members shall be proposed and seconded respectively by two members at the Annual General Meeting. Voting shall be by the show of hands by all eligible members.
23. No person shall be eligible for election unless a financial member of the Federation

DUTIES

24. The President leads the Federation and chairs all committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting.
25. The Vice-President assumes duties and responsibilities of the President in their absence for any reasons whatsoever.

26. The Secretary operates under the direction of the committee and keeps a true record of all minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence, issue notices for meetings, keep records and carry out such duties as the committee may from time to time direct.

27. The Treasurer shall receive all monies payable to the Federation and issue receipts. All monies received will be paid into the bank account of the Federation. The Treasurer shall present at each meeting a statement of financial position and shall keep proper books of account of all monies received and disbursed and perform all such duties as directed by the committee from time to time.

28. The Members of the committee shall have voting rights and shall be elected during the AGM or any extra-ordinary meeting as seen appropriate by the committee.

FINANCES

29. The Financial year shall be from 1st January to 31st December

30. All monies of the Federation shall be paid into the account of the Federation at such bank as the committee may direct.

31. The following members shall be the signatories to the Federation's bank account; President, Secretary and Treasurer from which any two can sign to draw payments agreed upon by the committee.

32. The books and accounts shall be audited annually by an independent auditor and presented to the Annual General Meeting.

33. The property assets and equipment whether purchased or donated and income of the Federation shall be not paid or transferred either directly or indirectly by way of bonus or dividend to members generally of the Federation. However, nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remunerations and services provided by any officers or servants of the Federation or any member in return for services actually rendered.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

34. This shall be the only Constitution of the VANUATU CHESS FEDERATION and shall come into force forthwith and shall not be altered, varied, added to or repealed unless two thirds of financial members present at an Annual General Meeting or any meeting specifically convened for that purpose are in favor of such alteration, variation, addition or repeal.

DISSOLUTION

38. Should the Federation ceases to function for any reason whatsoever, any member or person holding any money or property shall forthwith pay the same to the committee. The assets and property shall be donated to any similar federation or organization with similar objectives to the Federation under the jurisdiction of the committee.

Name : Lesly Nompavos

Position : President

Signature :

Date :

24/11/22



VANUATU FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

VANUATU CHESS FEDERATION COMMITTEE (INC.)
501193

I hereby certify that VANUATU CHESS FEDERATION COMMITTEE (INC.) has this day been incorporated under the Charitable Associations (Incorporation) Act [CAP. 140] on the 12th day of June 2023

Registered Office Address:

Wan Smolbag Theatre, Tagabe, Port Vila, Vanuatu

Given under my hand and seal at Port Vila on 20th day of June 2023

Branan Karae
Registrar of Charitable Associations

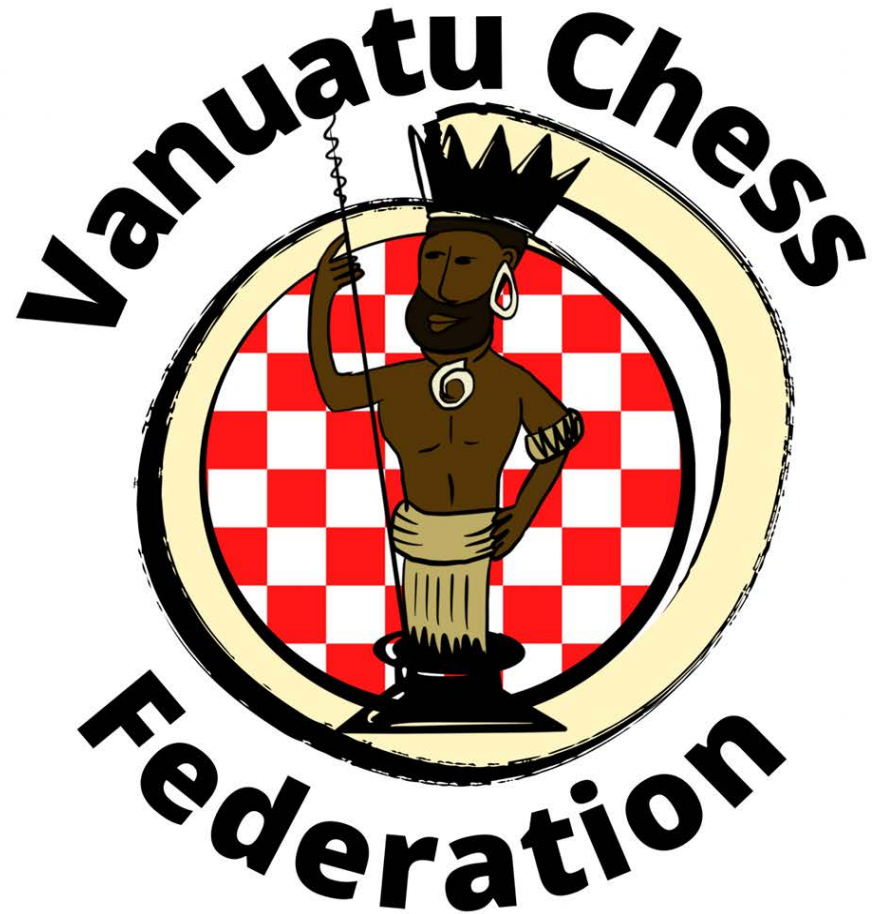
Certificate generated 20th day of June 2023



CS/DB-40254/23







**We are the Vanuatu Chess
Federation,
this is what we do!**



We take chess to schools and give the locals opportunities to learn!



**Taking part in
annual
tournaments!**



**Winning prizes from tournaments!
In part due to generous sponsors.**



Students learning at
the local University
(USP – Emalus
Campus)

Here are our 6 Chess Clubs in Vanuatu

Port Vila (Efate Island)

1. Wan Smolbag Youth Centre
2. The French School
3. The Grand Hotel
4. University of the South Pacific, Emalus Campus
5. Teouma Community

Luganvile (Espirito Santo Island)

6. Northern Care Youth Clinic (NCYC)



Chess is slowly
but steadily
gaining traction
and attention in
Vanuatu!



GM Samy Shoker
Simul Event
October 12th 2022
@Wan Smolbag
Youth Centre



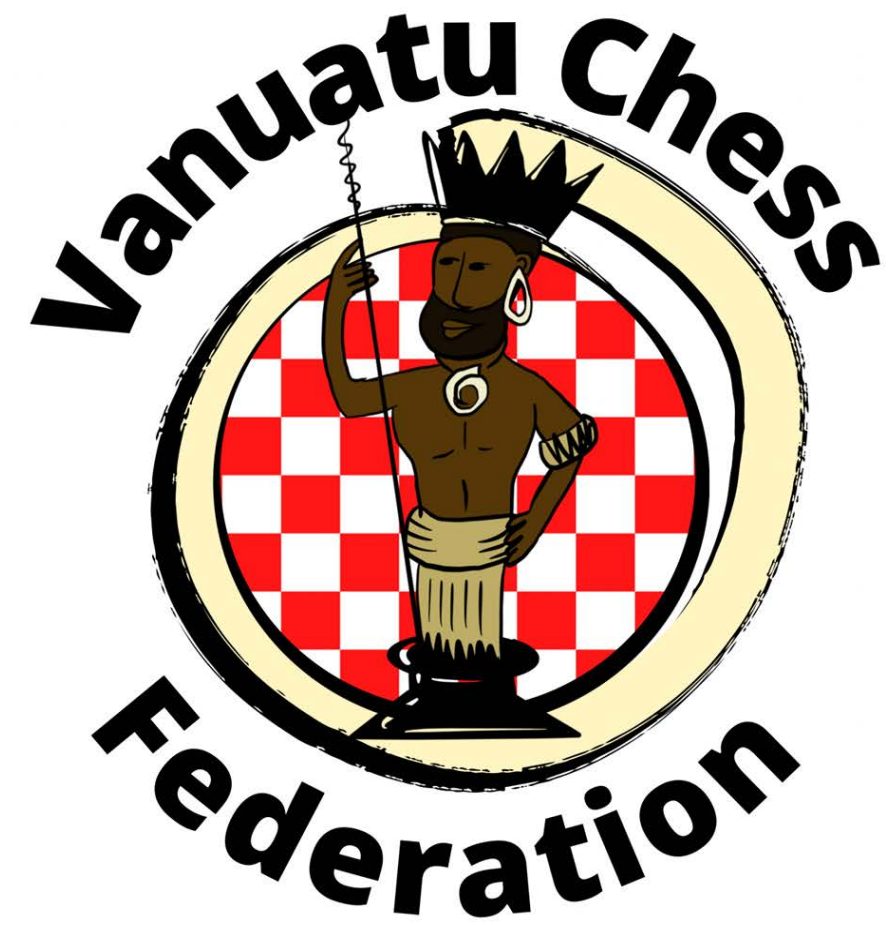
GM Nigel Short
Simul Event
November 10th,
2022
@Wan Smolbag
Youth Centre



**Sending a participant
from Vanuatu
to compete in the Nori
International Open 2023
September 4th – 15th**

Grandmaster Nigel Short with the Vanuatu Chess Federation Organizers





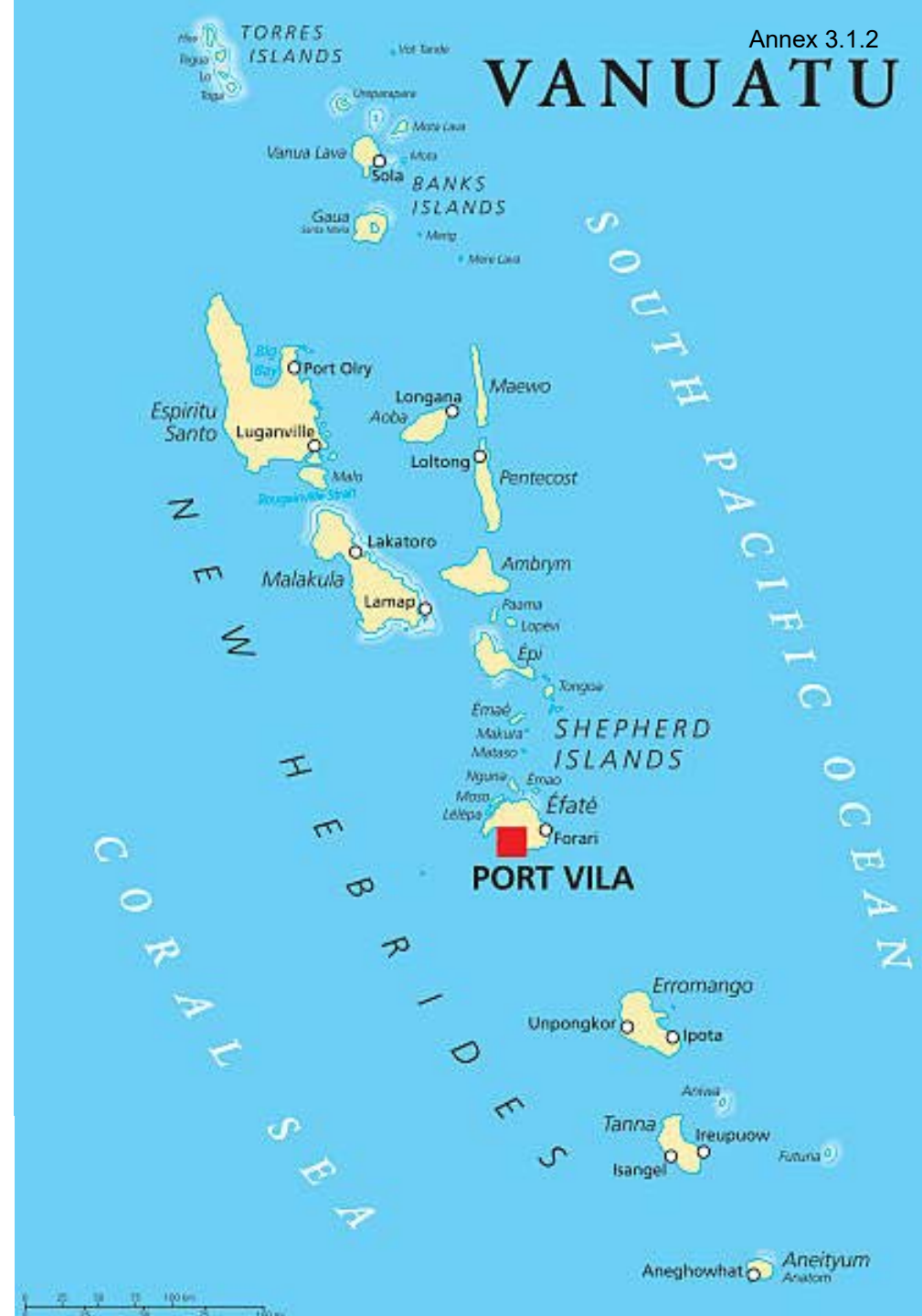


Vanuatu Chess Federation

Republic of Vanuatu

Formerly known as The 'New Hebrides'

Vanuatu has 83 Islands,
115 different languages
7 active land and
underwater volcanoes



Tosdei 10 Nov 1pm - WSB Yut Senta

A recent promotion that
Grandmaster Nigel Short took
part in with
Wan Smol Bag
Youth Centre

**WSB YUT
VS****Yu save
bitem Wan
GrandMaster?****Grand Master
Nigel Short MBE blo U.K****CASH
PRIZE!!!****WAN SMOL BAG
YUT SENTA**



GM Nigel short visiting schools in Port Vila, Vanuatu



Visit to the French School.



Simul at Wan Smol Bag Youth Centre





















Accepting Defeat



GM Nigel Short, answering questions after the Simul.



5 Clubs

Port Vila (Efate Island)

- 1. Wan Smolbag Youth Centre**
- 2. The French School**
- 3. The Grand Hotel**
- 4. Teoma Community**

Luganvile (Espirito Santo Island)

- 5. Northern Care Youth Clinic (NCYC)**

Grandmaster Nigel Short with the Vanuatu Chess Federation Organizers

