



FIDE QUESTIONNAIRE

For National Federations applying for FIDE Membership

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GENERAL INFORMATION	
Country name:	BURKINA FASO
Is your country recognised by the UN or the IOC?	YES
Name of the National Federation:	FÉDÉRATION BURKINABÈ DE JEU D'ÉCHECS
Established:	General Assembly for our establishment, the 2 nd of June 2024. Recognized by the Ministry of Sports the 8 th of October 2024.
English language version of your National Federation name:	BURKINA FASO CHESS FEDERATION
What is (are) your national language(s)?	FRENCH, MOORÉ, DIOULA, FOULFOULDÉ.
Type of legal entity: *please send us foundational document as attachment to the questionnaire	ASSOCIATION under the recognition of the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Employment of Burkina Faso.
Postal address:	61373761 Wayalghin
Official e-mail address: *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.	nicolas@bien.bf
Phone:	0034665082359
Official website:	www.fbje.org
Official social media accounts user names:	https://chat.whatsapp.com/FuZ4ADsk79O9kxwMjZas7 https://web.facebook.com/FedBurJeudEchecs https://www.chess.com/club/burkina-faso https://lichess.org/team/burkina_faso
Is your National Federation member of your country's National Olympic Committee? If yes, please send us written support letter from your National Olympic Committee as attachment to the questionnaire. If not, please explain the reasons.	No. They don't consider chess as a sport, but as leisure.
Please send us, if any, other written support/recognition letters from your national authorities as attachment to the questionnaire.	done
Please name your national authority supervising sports/chess:	Ministère des Sports, de la Jeunesse et de l'Emploi.
The bank account details of your National Federation:	IBAN: BF42 BF13 4010 0105 0008 7500 0169 SWIFT : ATBFBFBFXXX - BANQUE ATLANTIQUE FÉDÉRATION BURKINABÉ DE JEU D'ECHECS

Do you have dedicated facilities for your National Federation's office ?	No facilities, no proper office
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 ☒ NO ☐
Ensure that your Federation's Statutes and rules fully comply with FIDE rules and regulations?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Comply with your own Statutes, rules and regulations, refraining from taking discriminatory decisions or actions?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Maintain full control and governance of chess in your country, including, without limitations, control over your national competitions, excluding unofficial and unrated events ?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Develop chess activities, chess culture and chess education in your country or territory?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Ensure the participation of your players and teams in the most relevant international competitions, in the limits of your possibilities?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Remain in good standing, including in good financial standing?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Pay membership fees and other FIDE obligations?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Recognise FIDE's authority and position?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Effectively support FIDE in all chess activities?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Correctly exhibit FIDE logo and name, in accordance with FIDE Regulations?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Act independently from any government, public or private institution, except for what is provided as mandatory by your national legal order?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Promote amicable and courteous relations with other Member Federations and their members, officials and players?	YES ☒ NO ☐
Communicate a copy of your current Statutes to FIDE Offices, adding a translation into English, if written in a different language?	YES ☒ NO ☐
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 ☒ NO ☐
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 ☒ NO ☐
Regularly organise General Assemblies and elections, in accordance with your Statutes and national legal order?	YES ☒ NO ☐

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 ☒ NO ☐
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?	3 December 2024	
What are the criteria for voting for the members in your National Federation's General Assembly? *answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.	We follow the statutes. Clubs, Districts and Leagues have different number of votes. Candidates for the Executive Bureau have to be mandated by their chess club.	
Who is eligible as member of your National Federation? *answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.	No restrictions	
Define the identity of your National Federation's members who represent your national chess community (individuals, clubs, regional associations, etc.): *answer the question only if the Statutes of your National Federation do not give a clear answer.	At this moment there are 7 clubs in Ouagadougou, 1 in Koudougou and 1 in Bobo Dioulasso. We have a District in the Boulkiemdé province and a League in the Center Region. Individuals are +/- 350 but since the end of season 2024-2025 member card was not obligatory.	
What is the date of your National Federation's next elections ?	The 2 nd of June of 2028	
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)?	Of course not	

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):	It was a collective work

FEDERATION'S OFFICIALS & STAFF			
Please send us your National Federation Chart as an attachment to the questionnaire.			
Position	Full name	E mail	Phone
President:	Nicolas CARBONELL	nicolas@bien.bf	61373761
FIDE Delegate:	President will do this role		
Deputy President: (1st Vice President)	BAYALA Elisée Sonognien		79640832
Vice President: (2nd Vice President)	Ousseni BOUGMA		78181824
General Secretary:	Jean Eric KABORÉ		61005512
Rating Officer: (We have a National Technical Director in spite)	Serge Alain SANOU		70390190
Executive Board members:			
Deputy General Secretary	OUEDRAOGO Moussa		78586475
Secretary for Organization	BOUDA Robert		76608996
1st Deputy Secretary for Organization	KOÏTA Abdoulaye Adama		64071182
2nd Deputy Secretary for Organization	SAKANDE Mady		71884255
Regional Development Secretary	SOUROUEMA Janvier Wennetinre		78638040
Secretary for the Promotion of Women's Chess	DA Kpimewoulou		77639144
Secretary for Communication and External Relations	NANA Wendyam Honoré Théodore		70671603
General Treasurer	RADJI Abib		60436060
Deputy Treasurer	KALAGA Martin		73856350
Auditor	KOÏTA Abdoul Aziz		64071182
Auditor	KABORE Wendinda Alain		70530820

Describe how the Executive Board members are appointed?	Members list or individuals are voted during General Assembly	Only the DTN is found by consensus and among 3 candidates, validated by	the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Employment.
Number of paid staff:	None		
Number of voluntary staff:	All		
Does your National Federation have Commissions? If yes, please specify names, responsibilities, and their Chairpersons. Please provide Commissions' Chairpersons' details (name, email, phone).	No commissions		
Other positions, if any (please add the title)	No other positions		

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.	Not this year. We are not strictly obliged to. In 2025-2026 we will start asking bills for all our expenses, that were informal in 2024-2025.
Are annual reports reviewed and approved by your National Federation's board and / or General Assembly?	Formally yes. In fact, we look for a consensus through our WhatsApp groups. We correct mistakes and add suggestions and then we send it.
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.	There are no annual accounts yet. First, we need to have incomes, but what we have is ridiculous.
Does your National Federation prepare annual budgets?	yes
Are annual budgets reviewed and approved by your National	The approval procedure includes taking in account the demands of the clubs of the 3 regions of Burkina Faso where we play, building a budget, sharing it online with the Board, and approving it this way.

Federation's Board and / or General Assembly?	
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 (%)	In 2024-2025 1) membership fees 100.000 FCFA 2) Fees for services provided 0 FCFA 3) Income from tournaments 0 FCFA 4) Government funding 500.000 FCFA 5) National Olympic Committee 0 FCFA 6) Private sponsors 1.900.000 7) Other sources 0 FCFA Membership fees were not obligatory in 2024-2025 to participate in the tournaments. Now they are. But we will not get a lot of money from this income because many players prefer not to pay and not to go to national or international championships. And also because we allow all the players that are training school teams to not pay their membership fees.

NATIONAL TEAMS	
Does your National Federation have National Teams? If yes, in which categories?	Not yet
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.)	We don't have resources to provide them
Does your National Federation provide any Insurance/social benefits for your national team players?	We don't have resources to provide them
Please provide details about your National Team Championships for the last year: (number of teams participated, Championship's dates)	4 teams from Ouagadougou clubs flighted in January and February the previous regional tournament, won by Gambit de Saaba chess club team, then in March, they flighted against the teams of Bobo Dioulasso and Koudougou, and they won again.

LEAGUES AND CLUB INFORMATION	
Is there a club registration in your National Federation?	They are free to be created. We approve their participation in the Federation in our General Assembly.
Number of leagues:	1
Number of clubs:	9
Number of women's clubs:	0
Please provide details about your Club Championships for the last year: (number of clubs participated, Championship's dates)	We did not have a club championship apart of the National Team championships

PLAYERS	
Is there an individual player registration in your National Federation?	We are starting with that just from October.
If yes, what is the total number of registered male players/female players/boys U18/girls U18?	We expect to have many U18, because of our chess in schools programme that will reach 500 children in 2025-2026
Does your National Federation organise chess Under Age Group National Competitions?	No
If yes, please list the Age Group National Competition(s) your National Federation conducts?	
Please provide details about your National Individual Championships for the last year: (number of players participated, Championship's dates)	It was in March 2025, following the National Team championships to take advantage of the presence of players from the different regions of Burkina Faso. There were 41 participants at the CFPEM high school. The winner was Nicolas Carbonell, followed by Florian Bambara.
How many active players does your National Federation have (with or without FIDE ID)?	In the FIDE ratings actual page, we are 3. In the previous FIDE ratings page, we were much more. They are active in the country, but they don't appear now.

Name your player(s) with FIDE titles (if any) :	None
How many open tournaments does your National Federation organise annually?	Apart from individual and club teams national championships, all our other tournaments, including the interschool championships, are open. In 2024-2025, they have been +12, in 2025-2026 they will be more.
Did your players and teams participate in any international competitions last year? If no, please provide the reasons.	Yes, a few of them. Burkina Faso is very poor. No federation and no individual resources We went to Ridef because our player was already studying in Canada. We went to Abidjan or Rabat because the trip was cheap and in the 3 cases bed and food were paid for by organizers.
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.	Aser Lompo was at the Ridef in Quebec, Saidou Koita and Latifa Koita went to the Zonal 4.2., Burkina Faso team (Aurélien Lefebvre, Aser Lompo, Edmond Sanou and Nicolas Carbonell) were at Budapest Olympiads. Aurélien was at the Rabat international universities chess tournament. We expect to participate in the 2026 Olympiads, but first we have the Marrakesh Ridef and the West Africa tournament of Abidjan, and the 4.2. Zonal that we don't know where it will be.

OTHER MATTERS	
Share a few examples of key / big projects organized by your National Federation. Describe other major activities organized by your National Federation such as social programs, workshops etc.	Start from 0 and arrive to organize competitions twice a month in all the country has been our biggest project. The 2 more important activities done by our Federation in 2024-2025: * The visit of Nigel Short, with many institutional and chess social visits, 2 chess training sessions, and a simul tournament offered by him against 22 of the best players of the country, and he won. * The organization of the first national interschool championship of Burkina Faso, with 40 children from 8 schools from 3 distant regions.
How may FIDE support the development of your National Federation?	Allowing us to organize a 4.2. West Africa zonal competition in 2026-27 and an ACC meeting at the same time.
How many schools in your country have some type of chess programs?	10 during the year 2024-2025, 25 during the year 2025-2026
Is your National Federation responsible for educational chess and its promotion in your country?	Yes

If not, please provide the name and the contact of the responsible organization.	
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.	We are now 3 Lead School Instructors Abdel Noel Zalla, Edmond Sanou and Nicolas Carbonell that we have been certified, and accepted in the Senior Lead Instructor training from the 31-10 to the 2-11. Almost one of us should improve this training. This one will be the Federation's responsible for Chess in Education in the future. Because we have not this responsibility in our Executive Board now according to our statutes.
Specify the Vision, Mission and Values of your National Federation.	The Burkinabe Chess Federation's objectives are: - To organize and develop the practice of chess in Burkina Faso. - To bring together, guide, and supervise all associations practicing chess in a spirit of solidarity, inclusion, equality, and fair play. - To practice transparent, democratic, and egalitarian management. - To maintain all useful relationships with other sports organizations, partners, and public authorities. - To worthily represent Burkina Faso nationally and internationally. - To create a framework for the education and development of Burkinabe youth. - To work with its peers in Mali and Niger to promote fraternal cooperation within the framework of the AES. - To represent Burkina Faso in international organizations (FIDE, African Chess Federation, AIDEF). - To actively contribute to making Chess a sport for girls as much as for boys.
What are your expectations from becoming a FIDE member?	Allow us to get FIDE ID for all our players without having to beg for it. Allow us to ask the former body that was approved by FIDE to give us the materials they received from FIDE but never were distributed among players or clubs. The recognition we have done a huge amount of work without resources and that we have future.
Please add any points not covered above that you would like to add.	We are not happy about the fact that we had to pay the arrears of the former FIDE-recognized body in Burkina Faso, the CNBE, only to find ourselves in a situation of dependence on a reverse delegate. It was unfair to us barely born, we were threatened with suspension, ordered to pay to avoid this, and then put under guardianship. Fortunately, our reverse delegate was a wonderful person. But FIDE should be co-responsible for the arrears accumulated, and in the case of a completely different new and democratic federation (the previous one was not), the debts should have been forgiven.

Submission date:	08/10/2025
Questionnaire filled in by:	Nicolas Carbonell
Position in a National Federation:	PRESIDENT

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

MINISTRE DES SPORTS,
DE LA JEUNESSE ET DE L'EMPLOI

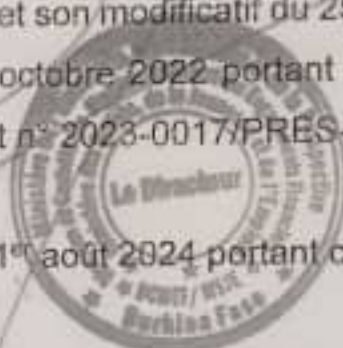
CABINET

BURKINA FASO
Unité-Progrès-Justice

ARRETE N° 2024-096 /MSJE/CAB portant
validation des élections de la Fédération
Burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs

LE MINISTRE DES SPORTS, DE LA JEUNESSE ET DE L'EMPLOI

- Vu la constitution ;
- Vu la Charte de la Transition du 14 octobre 2022 et son modificatif du 25 mai 2024;
- Vu le décret n°2022-0924/PRES-TRANS du 21 octobre 2022 portant nomination du Premier Ministre et son rectificatif le décret n° 2023-0017/PRES-TRANS du 12 janvier 2023 ;
- Vu le décret n°2024-0908/PRES-TRANS/PM du 1^{er} août 2024 portant composition du Gouvernement ;
- Vu le décret n° 2022-0996/PRES-TRANS/PM du 02 décembre 2022, portant attribution des membres du Gouvernement ;
- Vu la loi n°064-2015/CNT du 20 octobre 2015 portant liberté d'association ;
- Vu la loi n°050-2019/AN du 21 novembre 2019 portant loi d'orientation des sports et des loisirs ;
- Vu le décret n°2022-0897/PRES-TRANS/PM/MSJE du 03 octobre 2022 portant organisation du ministère des sports, de la jeunesse et de l'emploi ;
- Vu le décret n°2023-1676/PRES-TRANS/PM/MSJE/MATDS du 04 décembre 2023 portant conditions de création, attributions organisation et fonctionnement des structures dirigeantes du sport ou des loisirs ;
- Vu l'arrêté n°2024-039/MSJE/CAB du 14 mars 2024 portant modalités de création d'une structure dirigeante de sport ou de loisirs ;
- Vu la directive n°2024-001/MSJE/SG/DGS/DFR du 17 avril 2024 portant modalités de mise en place du bureau exécutif de la Fédération burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs ;
- Vu le rapport de l'assemblée générale constitutive de la Fédération burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs ;
- Vu le procès-verbal de l'assemblée générale constitutive de la Fédération burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs tenue le 02 juin 2024.



ARRETE

Article 1 : Les élections pour la mise en place des membres du bureau exécutif et des commissaires aux comptes de la Fédération burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs qui se sont déroulées le dimanche 02 juin 2024 à Ouagadougou sont validées.

Article 2 : Le bureau exécutif de la Fédération burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs se compose comme suit :

Président	CARBONELL Nicolas
1er Vice-Président	BAYALA Elisée Sonognien
2ème Vice-Président	BOUGMA Ousseni
Secrétaire Général	KABORE Wendpanga Jean-Eric
Secrétaire Général Adjoint	OUEDRAOGO Moussa
Trésorier Général	RADJI Abib
Trésorier Général Adjoint	KALAGA Kimdaogo Martin
Secrétaire à l'Organisation	BOUDA Robert
1 ^{er} Secrétaire Adjoint à l'Organisation	KOITA Abdoulaye Adama
2ème Secrétaire Adjoint à l'Organisation	SAKANDE Mady
Secrétaire au développement territorial	SOUROUEMA Janvier Wennetinre
Secrétaire à la promotion des Jeux d'Echecs féminins	DA Kpimewoulou
Secrétaire à la Communication et aux Relations Extérieures	NANA Wendyam Honoré Théodore

Article 3 : Les commissaires aux comptes sont :

- KOITA Mohamed Abdoul Aziz
- KABORE Wendinda Alain

Article 4 : Le mandat du bureau exécutif de la Fédération burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs et des commissaires aux comptes prend fin à l'issue du renouvellement des bureaux exécutifs des structures dirigeantes du sport ou de loisirs prévu pour se tenir au cours de l'année 2028.

Article 5 : Le présent arrêté qui prend effet pour compter de sa date de signature, abroge toutes dispositions antérieures contraires.

Article 6 : Le Secrétaire Général du Ministère des Sports, de la Jeunesse et de l'Emploi est chargé de l'exécution du présent arrêté.

Article 7 : Le présent arrêté sera publié et communiqué partout où besoin sera.

Fait à Ouagadougou, le 08 OCT 2024


Anouyirtole Roland SOMDA
Officier de l'Ordre de l'Etat

Ampliations :

- PM (ATCR)
- SG/MSL
- CNOSB
- ITS/MSL
- DGS
- DGL
- DFR
- DGF
- Toutes DR
- Intéressés
- J.O
- Archives/Ch

MINISTRE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT DE BASE,
DE L'ALPHABETISATION ET DE LA
PROMOTION DES LANGUES NATIONALES

SECRETARIAT GENERAL

DIRECTION GENERALE DE L'AMELIORATION
DES CONDITIONS D'ENSEIGNEMENT ET DE
LA VIE SCOLAIRE

DIRECTION DES ACTIVITES SPORTIVES, CULTURELLES
ET DES LOISIRS DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT DE BASE



BURKINA FASO
Unité - Progrès - Justice

17 MARS 2025

Ouagadougou, le

N° 25-00298 /MEBAPLN/SG/DGACEVS/DASCLEB

Le Ministre

A

**Monsieur le Président de la Fédération
burkinabè du jeu d'Échecs**

OUAGADOUGOU

Objet : autorisation d'enseigner le jeu d'échecs

Référence : votre demande en date du 21/02/2025

Monsieur le Président,

J'accuse réception de votre correspondance susmentionnée, par laquelle vous sollicitez l'autorisation d'introduire l'enseignement du jeu d'échecs en tant que discipline extrascolaire au sein des établissements relevant du MEBAPLN.

Je tiens à vous exprimer ma profonde gratitude pour cette initiative louable, qui s'inscrit dans une dynamique de renforcement des capacités intellectuelles des apprenants en vue d'une amélioration de leur rendement scolaire.

Toutefois, afin d'assurer une meilleure appréhension des implications de ce projet, je vous invite à prendre attache avec la Direction Générale de l'Amélioration des Conditions d'Enseignement et de la Vie Scolaire (DGACEVS) pour des modalités pratiques.

Je vous prie d'agréer, **Monsieur le Président**, l'expression de mes salutations distinguées.


Jacques Sosthène DINGARA
Officier de l'Ordre de l'Étalon

MINISTRE DE L'ENSEIGNEMENT
SECONDAIRE ET DE LA FORMATION
PROFESSIONNELLE ET TECHNIQUE

SECRETARIAT GENERAL

DIRECTION GENERAL DES APPUIS
SPECIFIQUE



Annex 1.2.1

BURKINA FASO

La Patrie ou la Mort, nous Vaincrons

Ouagadougou, le **13 MARS 2025**

N°2025/ **000784** / MESFPT/SG/DGAS

Le Ministre

A

**Monsieur le Président de la Fédération
Burkinabè de Jeu d'Echecs**

OUAGADOUGOU

Objet : réponse à votre demande d'autorisation
d'enseignement extrascolaire

Monsieur le Président,

J'accuse réception de votre correspondance relative à une demande d'autorisation d'enseignement de la pratique du jeu d'échecs dans les établissements d'enseignement secondaire et de formation technique et professionnelle.

Je voudrais vous féliciter et vous encourager pour cette belle initiative qui contribue à promouvoir les loisirs éducatifs dans les établissements.

Par la présente, je marque mon accord de principe pour l'initiation des élèves à la pratique du jeu d'échecs.

Toutefois, cette autorisation ne donne pas lieu à un enseignement formel du jeu d'échecs dans les établissements.

A cet effet, je vous invite à prendre attache avec le Direction Générale des Appuis Spécifiques pour les aspects pratiques et techniques liés à l'organisation de l'activité sur le terrain aux numéros suivants : **70 47 82 63 / 78 83 19 47**.

Je vous prie d'agréer, **Monsieur le Président**, l'expression de ma considération distinguée.

Pour le Ministre et par délégation
Le Secrétaire général

Henri Prosper PARE
Officier de l'Ordre de l'Éducation

Secrétaire
Général

Ampliation :

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STATUTES OF THE BURKINA FASO CHESS FEDERATION (FBJE)

and

INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE BURKINA FASO CHESS FEDERATION (FBJE)

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PART I – STATUTES

PREAMBLE

Invented in India, transformed in Persia (Iran), modernized by the Arabs, and later introduced to Europe, chess was initially the game of kings before becoming popularized and played by millions of people around the world — in families, among friends, in public places, in clubs, tournaments, by correspondence, against computers, and today, above all, online.

Chess has been recognized as a sport by the International Olympic Committee since 1999, and the current World Champion is the Chinese Grandmaster Ding Liren (since 2023).

Chess is the best sport to train the most important organ in our body: the brain. It is a mental discipline that develops observation and analytical skills, deductive reasoning, foresight, creativity, perseverance, character strength, respect for opponents and rules, logical rigor, and critical thinking.

Throughout history, many eminent figures have been passionate chess players — from Napoleon to Che Guevara, from Thomas Sankara to Vladimir Putin.

Playing chess fosters creativity more than any other activity. It enhances problem-solving skills (and mathematics performance), memory, and reading comprehension. Every move has a consequence, good or bad. Thinking carefully before making a move and executing it on the board provides deep satisfaction. Acting hastily, on the other hand, can lead to frustration.

By studying one's games, participating in competitions, and analyzing losses to identify weaknesses, the player develops confidence and resilience. Winning and losing become life lessons — this is why chess has the power to bring people together.

TITLE I – CONSTITUTION, NAME, DURATION, OBJECTIVES, NATURE AND AFFILIATION

Article 1 – Constitution

Under the High Authority of the Ministry of Sports of Burkina Faso and in accordance with the official directives issued for this purpose, chess clubs, chess sections within multi-sport clubs, and regional chess structures (Leagues and Districts) that adhere to these Statutes have decided to establish the **Burkina Faso Chess Federation (FBJE)**.

The Federation is created pursuant to **Law No. 050-2019/AN of 21 November 2019** (Law on the orientation of sports and leisure) and **Decree No. 2004-511/PRES/PM/MSL of 17 November 2004**, concerning the organization and attributions of national sports governing bodies.

Article 2 – Name

The Federation established under Article 1 shall be known as the **Fédération Burkinabè de Jeu d'Échecs (FBJE)**, hereinafter referred to as the **Burkina Faso Chess Federation**.

Its official acronym is **F.B.J.E.**

Article 3 – Duration

The duration of the Federation is **ninety-nine (99) years**, except in the case of early dissolution decided in accordance with these Statutes.

Article 4 – Registered Office

The registered office of the Burkina Faso Chess Federation is located in **Ouagadougou**, capital of the province of **Kadiogo**.

It may be transferred to any other location within Burkina Faso by decision of the Executive Board, ratified by the General Assembly.

Article 5 – Objectives

The Burkina Faso Chess Federation pursues the following objectives:

- To organize and develop the practice of chess throughout Burkina Faso;
 - To unite, guide, and supervise all chess associations in a spirit of solidarity, inclusion, equality, and fair play;
 - To ensure transparent, democratic, and equitable management;
 - To maintain cooperative relations with other sports organizations, partners, and public authorities;
 - To represent Burkina Faso with dignity at the national and international levels;
 - To create a framework for the education and development of Burkinabè youth;
 - To collaborate with its counterparts in Mali and Niger to promote fraternal cooperation within the framework of the **Alliance des États du Sahel (AES)**;
 - To represent Burkina Faso within international organizations (**FIDE, African Chess Confederation, AIDEF**);
 - To promote chess equally among **girls and boys**, making it a sport accessible to all.
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Article 6 – Nature

The Burkina Faso Chess Federation is **non-political, secular, and non-profit**. It operates on **democratic principles** and prohibits all forms of discrimination. Any violation of this rule may result in suspension or expulsion.

Article 7 – Affiliation

The FBJE shall be affiliated with the **International Chess Federation (FIDE)** and shall comply with its statutes, rules, and regulations, as well as with the national sports laws and regulations of Burkina Faso.

TITLE II – MEMBERS

Article 8 – Categories of Members

The FBJE is composed of the following categories of members:

- **Active members,**
 - **Honorary members,**
 - **Benefactor members.**
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Article 9 – Active Members

Active members are chess clubs and associations affiliated with the FBJE. Chess sections within multi-sport clubs are considered as chess clubs.

To be recognized as active members, such associations must:

1. Possess an official certificate of registration (or a record of establishment attached to the parent club's registration);
 2. Pay the required membership or affiliation fees to the FBJE;
 3. Regularly participate in FBJE competitions and activities;
 4. Send representatives to attend the Federation's administrative meetings;
 5. Through their members, participate in national online tournaments organized on **Chess.com** or **Lichess.org** within the Burkina Faso team.
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Article 10 – Honorary Members

The title of **Honorary Member** may be conferred by the **General Assembly**, upon recommendation of the **Executive Board**, on persons who have rendered exceptional services to the FBJE.

Article 11 – Benefactor Members

The title of **Benefactor Member** may be granted by the **General Assembly**, upon recommendation of the **Executive Board**, to any individual or legal entity providing regular financial or material support to the Federation.

Article 12 – Admission of New Members

Any chess association established in accordance with the laws of Burkina Faso and adhering to these Statutes and Internal Regulations may apply to the Executive Board for **provisional affiliation**.

The Executive Board shall decide on such applications within one (1) month. **Final affiliation** shall be granted by the **General Assembly** upon recommendation of the Executive Board.

Article 13 – Loss of Membership

Membership in the FBJE may be lost:

- For leagues, districts, clubs, or sections:
by resignation, dissolution, withdrawal of legal recognition, or expulsion decided by the General Assembly or the competent public authorities.
Such expulsion may not take effect without prior notice to the Directorate of Physical and Leisure Activities, remaining unanswered for 30 consecutive days.
 - For honorary members:
by voluntary resignation, removal by the General Assembly, or death.
 - For benefactor members:
by resignation, death, non-payment of contributions for an extended period, or removal by the General Assembly.
 - For all members:
by **temporary suspension** decided by the Executive Board for serious violations of these Statutes or the FBJE regulations, or for conduct prejudicial to honor or ethics.
Suspended members shall be invited to provide explanations and may appeal to the General Assembly.
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TITLE III – ORGANIZATION, ADMINISTRATION AND OPERATION

Article 14 – Organs of the FBJE

The FBJE comprises **two governing bodies** and **two executive organs**:

Governing Bodies:

- a) The General Assembly
- b) The Management Council

Executive Organs:

- a) The Executive Board
- b) The Audit Committee (Commissioners for Accounts)

SECTION I – THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 15 – Role and Powers

The **General Assembly (GA)** is the supreme decision-making body of the FBJE. It defines the Federation's policy for the management, development, monitoring, and evaluation of chess nationwide.

It shall:

- Approve the financial report and annual accounts;
- Grant discharge to the Executive Board for its financial management;
- Approve the Executive Board's activity reports and programs;
- Adopt the action plan and financial plan;
- Approve affiliations, resignations, and suspensions;
- Elect the Executive Board and the Auditors.

The General Assembly meets **once every two (2) years** and is chaired by a person **not belonging to the Executive Board**, assisted by a session secretary who is also not a member of the Executive Board.

Article 16 – Composition

The General Assembly is composed of:

- Members of the Executive Board;
- Honorary and benefactor members;
- Commissioners for Accounts;
- The National Technical Director;
- One (1) representative per League and per District;

- One (1) representative per affiliated club;
- Delegates from technical or regional commissions;
- Burkinabè members of international, continental, or subregional sports organizations;
- Representatives of the Ministry of Sports and Leisure;
- Representatives of the National Olympic and Sports Committee of Burkina Faso (CNOSB).

Note: Only delegates representing clubs, leagues, and districts holding valid registration certificates have the right to vote.

Article 17 – The Management Council

The **Management Council** monitors the Federation’s activities during years when the General Assembly does not convene.

It shall:

- Validate financial and activity reports;
- Review the Executive Board’s accounts and approve programs;
- Supervise affiliations, resignations, and suspensions;
- Fill vacant positions when necessary;
- Ensure moral and administrative oversight of the FBJE’s management.

The Council meets **once per year** and is chaired by a non-member of the Executive Board, assisted by a non-member secretary.

Composition and voting rights are identical to those of the General Assembly.

SECTION II – THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Article 18 – Nature and Composition

The **Executive Board** is the governing and administrative body of the FBJE. It exercises the powers conferred by these Statutes and by the General Assembly.

It consists of **sixteen (16) members**, including:

1. One (1) President
2. Two (2) Vice Presidents
3. One (1) General Secretary
4. One (1) Deputy General Secretary
5. One (1) General Treasurer
6. One (1) Deputy General Treasurer
7. One (1) Chairman of the Competition Committee
8. Two (2) Secretaries of the Competition Committee

9. One (1) Secretary for Organization
10. Two (2) Deputy Secretaries for Organization
11. One (1) Secretary for Communication and Information
12. One (1) Deputy Secretary for Communication and Information
13. One (1) Secretary for the Promotion of Women's Chess

The General Assembly may adjust the number of members in accordance with national sports governance regulations.

Article 19 – Term of Office

Members of the Executive Board are elected for a **two-year renewable term**.
In case of dysfunction, the General Assembly or Management Council may decide on an early renewal of the Board.

Article 20 – Meetings

The Executive Board meets **at least once every two (2) months**, and extraordinary meetings may be convened.

In the event of a tie, the **President's vote prevails**.

A quorum is reached when a simple majority of members is present.

Article 21 – Powers of the President

The President represents the Federation in all civil acts and before the courts.

He signs all official and financial documents, jointly with the General Treasurer when necessary.

He may delegate his authority to other Executive Board members as appropriate.

SECTION III – THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Article 22 – Role

The Audit Committee is a control body composed of two Commissioners for Accounts elected by the General Assembly.

They are responsible for verifying the accuracy and transparency of the Federation's financial accounts and presenting a report to the General Assembly before the annual approval of accounts.

SECTION IV – ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

Article 23 – Candidacy

Candidates for Executive Board membership must:

- Submit a written candidacy at least one week before the Assembly;
- Enjoy their full civil rights;
- Be duly mandated by an affiliated club in good standing.

Elections are conducted by **secret ballot**, either **by list** (if a collective list is presented) or **individually** (if not).

SECTION V – ELECTION PROCEDURE

Article 24 – Voting

The General Assembly elects Executive Board members by **secret ballot** with:

- Absolute majority in the first round,
- Simple majority in the second round (limited to the top two candidates).

Vote counting is carried out publicly, and the results are proclaimed by the Presiding Officer.

Minutes are drafted and signed by the Presiding Bureau, with one copy filed with the Regional Sports Directorate.

TITLE IV – RESOURCES, FUNDS AND RESERVES

Article 25 – Fiscal Year

The fiscal year begins on **January 1st** and ends on **December 31st**.

Article 26 – Financial Resources

The Federation's resources consist of:

- Membership and affiliation fees;
- Income from competitions and events organized;
- Public or private subsidies;
- Sponsorships, donations, and legacies;
- Affiliation rights and FIDE/National ELO fees from players.

Article 27 – Membership Dues

Membership dues from clubs and associations are **mandatory**.
Their amounts and payment terms are set by the General Assembly.

TITLE V – AMENDMENTS TO THE STATUTES

Article 28 – Modification Procedure

Proposals to amend these Statutes may come from:

- The General Assembly or the Management Council,
- The Executive Board,
- A majority of affiliated clubs.

Amendments may only be decided by an **Ordinary General Assembly**, with at least **two-thirds (2/3)** of clubs represented and adopted by a **three-quarters (3/4)** majority of delegates present.

If this majority is not reached, the proposal may be re-examined the following year by the Management Council and validated definitively by the next General Assembly.

Done in Ouagadougou, on [date]

Session Secretary

Session President

PART II – INTERNAL REGULATIONS

INTERNAL REGULATIONS OF THE BURKINA FASO CHESS FEDERATION (FBJE)

PREAMBLE

The present Internal Regulations specify and complement the Statutes of the Burkina Faso Chess Federation (FBJE).

They determine the practical and operational rules governing the functioning of the Federation, its bodies, and its affiliated members.

These Internal Regulations are adopted by the **General Assembly** of the Federation and have the same binding value as the Statutes.

They may be modified only by the General Assembly, upon proposal by the Executive Board or by at least one-third (1/3) of the affiliated members in good standing.

TITLE I – ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE EXECUTIVE BODIES

Article 1 – Composition of the Executive Board

The Executive Board of the FBJE is composed of the following members:

1. The **President**
2. The **1st Vice President**
3. The **2nd Vice President**
4. The **General Secretary**
5. The **Deputy General Secretary**
6. The **General Treasurer**
7. The **Deputy Treasurer**
8. The **Secretary for Organization**
9. The **1st Deputy Secretary for Organization**
10. The **2nd Deputy Secretary for Organization**
11. The **Regional Development Secretary**
12. The **Secretary for the Promotion of Women's Chess**
13. The **Secretary for Communication and External Relations**
14. The **Two Auditors**

Each of these members performs specific duties and assumes moral and disciplinary responsibility before the General Assembly.

Article 2 – Duties of the President

The President is the legal representative of the Federation in all civil, administrative, and financial matters.

He/she:

- Ensures the implementation of the resolutions of the General Assembly;
- Coordinates the work of the Executive Board;
- Supervises relations with the Ministry of Sports and Leisure, the National Olympic Committee, FIDE, and other partners;
- Presides over all Executive Board and General Assembly meetings;
- Signs all official correspondence and financial documents of the Federation;
- May delegate part of his/her powers in writing to the Vice Presidents or General Secretary when necessary.

Article 3 – Duties of the Vice Presidents

The Vice Presidents assist the President in the performance of his/her duties and replace him/her in case of absence, according to rank.

The 1st Vice President coordinates the Federation's administrative and institutional activities.

The 2nd Vice President focuses on the development and expansion of chess activities nationwide.

Article 4 – Duties of the General Secretary

The General Secretary is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Federation.

He/she:

- Drafts and signs all official correspondence jointly with the President;
- Maintains the Federation's records and archives;
- Prepares the minutes of all meetings;
- Ensures the proper transmission of information to members;
- Manages all official communication and documentation.

Article 5 – Duties of the Deputy General Secretary

The Deputy General Secretary assists the General Secretary and replaces him/her in case of absence or impediment.

He/she may also be specifically assigned to the management of online tournaments, digital records, or interclub correspondence.

Article 6 – Duties of the General Treasurer

The General Treasurer is responsible for the Federation's financial management.
He/she:

- Collects membership and affiliation fees;
- Prepares the annual budget and financial statements;
- Keeps accounting records and maintains supporting documents;
- Ensures the proper use of funds according to the Federation's objectives;
- Presents financial reports to the Executive Board and the General Assembly.

All financial operations must be jointly approved by the President and the General Treasurer.

Article 7 – Duties of the Deputy Treasurer

The Deputy Treasurer assists the General Treasurer in his/her duties and may temporarily replace him/her.

He/she ensures the availability and accuracy of all accounting documents and payment receipts.

Article 8 – Duties of the Secretary for Organization

The Secretary for Organization is responsible for the logistical coordination of all tournaments and official activities.

He/she ensures that competitions comply with FBJE and FIDE regulations and supervises relations with referees, arbiters, and host venues.

Article 9 – Duties of the Deputy Secretaries for Organization

They assist the Secretary for Organization in the preparation of events, handle tournament registrations, monitor scheduling, and manage reporting to the FIDE Rating Officer.

Article 10 – Duties of the Regional Development Secretary

The Regional Development Secretary ensures the promotion of chess in all provinces of Burkina Faso.

He/she establishes and maintains relations with clubs, districts, schools, and regional sports authorities to strengthen local structures.

Article 11 – Duties of the Secretary for the Promotion of Women’s Chess

The Secretary for the Promotion of Women’s Chess coordinates activities aimed at increasing the participation of women and girls in chess.

He/she proposes women’s tournaments, training sessions, and awareness programs.

Article 12 – Duties of the Secretary for Communication and External Relations

This Secretary is responsible for:

- The Federation’s public relations and media coverage;
 - The management of social media and the website;
 - The dissemination of official information;
 - International correspondence with partner federations and organizations.
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Article 13 – Duties of the Auditors

The two Auditors are responsible for monitoring the Federation’s financial integrity.

They verify the accuracy of accounts and compliance with financial procedures.

They submit an annual audit report to the General Assembly.

TITLE II – MEMBERSHIP, FEES AND DISCIPLINE

Article 14 – Membership and Affiliation Fees

Membership and affiliation fees are determined annually by the General Assembly upon proposal of the Executive Board.

No club or player shall participate in official activities without being up to date with their financial obligations.

Article 15 – Player Registration

All chess players participating in official competitions organized or recognized by the FBJE must be registered.

Each player receives a **national identification code** and, if applicable, a **FIDE ID**. Registrations are managed by the Rating Officer and validated by the General Secretary.

Article 16 – Disciplinary Provisions

Any member, club, or official who violates the Statutes, Internal Regulations, or the ethical values of the FBJE may be subject to disciplinary measures, including:

- Warning;
- Suspension;
- Dismissal;
- Expulsion.

Disciplinary cases are reviewed by the Executive Board, which hears the accused and decides by simple majority.

Article 17 – Appeals

Any person sanctioned may appeal to the General Assembly within **15 days** following notification of the decision.

The General Assembly shall decide by secret ballot after hearing the explanations of all parties.

TITLE III – COMPETITIONS AND TOURNAMENTS

Article 18 – Organization of Competitions

All national competitions are organized by the FBJE or under its supervision. They include:

- The National Individual Championship;
- The National Team Championship;
- The Interschool and Inter-university Championships;
- Open tournaments organized by clubs with FBJE authorization.

Competitions must comply with **FIDE Laws of Chess** and **FIDE Competition Regulations**.

Article 19 – FIDE Rating and National Rating

All official competitions must be transmitted to the **FIDE Rating Officer** for international rating and to the **National Rating Officer** for local ranking. Players without a FIDE ID will automatically be registered in the national database before the event begins.

Article 20 – Tournament Reports

Organizers must submit a tournament report within **seven (7) days** after the competition.

This report must include:

- The list of participants and pairings;
- Results of each round;
- The names of arbiters and officials;
- A summary of incidents, if any.

Failure to comply may result in suspension of the organizer's future tournament approvals.

TITLE IV – EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL ACTIVITIES

Article 21 – Chess in Schools

The FBJE promotes chess as an educational tool and collaborates with the **Ministry of Education** to implement the *Chess in Schools* program.

This program aims to introduce chess to at least **500 students per year** across the main regions of the country.

Article 22 – Training of Arbiters and Coaches

The Federation organizes periodic training sessions for arbiters, coaches, and organizers.

Certificates of qualification are issued upon successful completion of training courses validated by FIDE or the African Chess Confederation.

Article 23 – International Cooperation

The FBJE maintains relations with foreign chess federations, regional confederations, and international organizations for exchanges, tournaments, and development programs.

It may sign cooperation agreements with neighboring federations, particularly those of **Mali** and **Niger**, within the framework of the **AES (Alliance of Sahel States)**.

TITLE V – FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 24 – Interpretation

Any difficulty in interpreting these Internal Regulations shall be referred to the Executive Board, whose interpretation shall be subject to ratification by the next General Assembly.

Article 25 – Entry into Force

These Internal Regulations enter into force immediately after their adoption by the Constituent General Assembly held in **Ouagadougou on 2 June 2024**.

Done at Ouagadougou, on 2 June 2024
For the Federation:

President: Nicolas CARBONELL

General Secretary: Wendpanga Jean-Eric KABORÉ

MINUTES OF THE ELECTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BURKINABE CHESS FEDERATION

In the year 2024, on Sunday, June 2nd, at 11:10 a.m., the Elective General Assembly of the *Fédération Burkinabè de Jeu d'Échecs (FBJE)* was held at the Philagora High School, in the first classroom.

The agenda of the Assembly included the following points:

- Adoption of the Statutes and Internal Regulations
- Election of the Executive Board and the Auditors

The list of participants is attached to these minutes.

The General Assembly was held under the supervision of representatives of the Ministry of Sports, Youth and Employment: **Mr. YANOGO Adama**, **Mr. DEBE Blaise**, and **Mrs. ZONGO ZONABA Alxa**, all from the Directorate of Training and Regulation. Mr. YANOGO Adama and Mr. SANOU Gilbert (present in a personal capacity) gave advice and recalled key points of the directive to ensure that the proceedings were conducted in accordance with the regulations.

The *Presiding Bureau* of the Assembly, appointed by the General Assembly, was composed as follows:

- **President:** Saïdou KOÏTA
- **General Secretary:** S. Maurice. G. HOUNSOSSOU
- **Assessors:** Abdoul Aziz KOÏTA

Before addressing the agenda items, the President of the session verified the presence of members of the electoral college. According to the directive for establishing the Federation, the electoral college consisted of **8 electors** holding **12 votes**, distributed as follows: four votes for the Central Region League, two votes for the Boulkiemdé District, and one vote each for the six clubs with more than two years of existence.

After verification, all electors were present and presented their mandates (see attached mandates).

Adoption of the Statutes and Internal Regulations

The General Assembly unanimously adopted, with **12 votes out of 12**, the Statutes and Internal Regulations of the future Federation, subject to the inclusion of the amendments proposed by the representatives of the Directorate of Training and Regulation.

Election of the Executive Board of the FBJE

The President of the session reminded that, according to the directive, elections were to be conducted by list through a secret ballot.

The Assembly approved this procedure. The Presiding Bureau verified the candidacy lists. Only one list was presented (see annex).

The presence of all candidates on the list was checked; four candidates were absent but their absences were justified before the Assembly and the Presiding Bureau.

The candidate for the position of President, **Mr. Nicolas CARBONELL**, was invited to present his program before the vote.

Before his election, Mr. CARBONELL outlined his objectives to revive chess in Burkina Faso, which had been dormant for several years:

- Introduce chess in schools as an effective means of learning reflection and calculation.
- Establish a national ELO rating system and train coaches and arbiters to avoid reliance on foreign officials.
- Launch the *AES-Chess Project* with our brothers from Mali and Niger.
- Organize regular national competitions.

The Executive Board was elected unanimously by all the chess clubs and governing structures of Burkina Faso.

The electoral college proceeded to the vote of the single list.

At the end of the vote, the Executive Board was elected by secret ballot with **12 votes out of 12**.

Executive Board of the Fédération Burkinabè de Jeu d'Échecs

No	Name	Position	Votes	Contact
1	Nicolas CARBONELL	President	12/12	61373761
2	Elisée Sonognien BAYALA	1st Vice President		79640832
3	Ousseni BOUGMA	2nd Vice President		78181824
4	Wendpanga Jean-Eric KABORE	General Secretary		61005512
5	Moussa OUEDRAOGO	Deputy General Secretary		78586475
6	Robert BOUDA	Secretary for Organization		76608996
7	Abdoulaye Adama KOÏTA	1st Deputy Secretary for Organization		64071182

No	Name	Position	Votes	Contact
8	Mady SAKANDÉ	2nd Deputy Secretary for Organization		71884255
9	Janvier Wennetinre SOUROUEMA	Regional Development Secretary		78638040
10	Kpimewoulou DA	Secretary for the Promotion of Women's Chess		77639144
11	Wendyam Honoré Théodore NANA	Secretary for Communication and External Relations		70671603
12	Abib RADJI	General Treasurer		60436060
13	Kimdaogo Martin KALAGA	Deputy Treasurer		73856350

Auditors

No	Name	Position	Votes	Contact
1	Abdoul Aziz KOÏTA	Auditor	12/12	64071182
2	Wendinda Alain KABORÉ	Auditor	11/12	70530820

After the election of the Executive Board, the President of the session organized the election of the Auditors.

Both candidates for Auditor positions were proposed and approved by the Assembly.

- **Mr. Abdoul Aziz KOÏTA** received 12 votes out of 12 and was elected unanimously.
- **Mr. Wendinda Alain KABORÉ** received 11 votes out of 12 (one null ballot, marked “yes” on one side and “no” on the other).

The President of the session invited the newly elected President and his Executive Board to address the Assembly.

The General Assembly concluded at **1:20 p.m.**, with applause from all attendees. Representatives of the Ministry of Sports expressed their satisfaction with the smooth conduct of the elections, congratulated the President and his team, and wished them success in their activities.

Session President
Saïdou KOÏTA

Session Secretary
S. Maurice. G. HOUNSOSSOU

FBJE ACTIVITY REPORT – SEASON 2024-2025

1. Introduction

The Burkinabe Chess Federation (FBJE), officially recognized by decree No. 096/MSJE/CAB of October 8, 2024, continued its mission of promoting and structuring chess in Burkina Faso during the 2024-2025 season. This year was marked by an intensification of school activities, the consolidation of national competitions, the development of clubs, and increased recognition at the international level. The main objectives set for this season were to strengthen communication (website and social networks), establish a national ELO system, structure clubs, develop practice in schools, organize national and international competitions, as well as consolidate partnerships with FIDE, AIDEF, and national stakeholders.

2. Competitions

The 2024-2025 season was particularly rich in competitions, both nationally and internationally. The Federation coordinated and supported numerous events that helped boost the sport and expand the player base.

2.1. In Ouagadougou

Numerous monthly and interclub tournaments were organized in emblematic places of the capital, notably at Lycée Vénégré, Lycée Bambata, Kamboinsin, Club Rosembourg, Club ADC, Chez Simon (central district and ZACA), Bangréogo Park, Maison Russe as well as Club Cavalier d'Or. The National Individual Championship, held in March 2025, brought together 41 participants from 9 clubs (Gambit de Saaba, Cheval Fou, Trois pions, Reine Déchue, SE de COKAD, SE de Kosyam Plus, SE de Komsilga, Elysée de Koudougou, Dafra de Bobo) from Kadiogo, Boulkiemdé and Houet. Nicolas Carbonell from COKAD emerged as champion, closely followed by Florian Bambara from Saaba's Gambit.

In the same month, the National Team Championship, organized at the CFPEM, brought together three teams – Gambit Chess Club of Saaba, Dafra Chess Club in Bobo-Dioulasso and Elysée Chess Club of Koudougou – and was won by the Gambit team of Saaba. Finally, in May 2025, the first inter-school competition brought together 40 students from eight schools in Bobo Ouaga and Koudougou, won by the Bobo team.

The national championships were:

- National individual championship (March 2025, CFPEM Ouagadougou) – 41 participants.
Winners: 1st Nicolas Carbonell, COKAD 2nd: Florian Bambara club.
- National team championship (March 2025, CFPEM Ouagadougou) – 3 teams (Saaba, Bobo, Koudougou). Winner: Saaba Gambit.
- First Inter-School Championship (May 11, 2025) – 40 students (accompanied by their parents/teachers = 80 meals served) from 8 establishments, won by Bobo.

After hard-fought games, three teams stood out:

1. ABC High School of Bobo-Dioulasso (4 points)
2. Saint-Exupéry High School in Ouagadougou (3.5 points)
3. Bouli Primary School in Kamboinsin (3 points)

This competition revealed the talent and potential of the next generation of Burkinabe chess players, while highlighting the role of educators and clubs in promoting the game.

Other tournaments throughout the year (not all are listed here, see photos section for more)

Year 2024

1. Kamboinsin Tournament — November 26, 2024 — with prizes in kind
 2. Youth Tournament — December 11, 2024 — at Lycée Vénégré
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Year 2025

3. Giraffe Tournament — January 2025 - Chez Simon - 10 players
4. EPO Chess Tournament 2025 — March 2025 — Polytechnic School of Ouagadougou
5. Chess and Skewers at Bangréogo Park — May 3, 2025 — 12 amateur players
6. Rosembourg Tournament — June 21, 2025 — Club Rosembourg 10 players
7. Russian House Tournament — June 28, 2025 — Russian House Club 18 players
8. Golden Cavalier Club (inauguration) — July 5, 2025 Golden Cavalier Club - 24 players
9. 3K Tournament (Russian House) — July 19, 2025 — Russian House Club 31 players
10. Women's Training at Simon's — July 20, 2025 — 6 women
11. 72 hours of CPGE (2iE) — July 25, 2025 — 15 players
12. Kamboinsin Tournament — September 6, 2025 - 12 players
13. Samandin Tournament — September 27, 2025 — 33 players Espace Dodogo

2.2. In Bobo-Dioulasso

The city of Bobo-Dioulasso has hosted regular monthly tournaments at CEPRO. The Bobo Open, held in May 2025 in Ouezzin-ville, was the region's major event of the season. Details of the number of participants and full results remain to be announced.

- Children's Tournament (June 8, 2024, Dafra) – 17 participants.
- Bobo Open (May 2025, Ouezzin-ville) – more than 40 players, main event of the season.
- 72h of CPGE (July 25, 2025) – 70 students trained, blitz competitions.
- Regular monthly tournaments at CEPRO

2.3. In Koudougou

In Koudougou, the provincial tournament on November 30, 2024, marked a founding milestone. On August 9, 2025, the creation of the "Fou d'Or" club was formalized, followed by the organization of its first internal tournament on August 13. The club also took part in the Fair Play Night on September 13, 2025, demonstrating its dynamism.

- Provincial tournament (November 30, 2024) – first structuring stage.
- Creation of the Fou d'Or club (August 9, 2025).
- 1st Koudougou Open tournament (August 13, 2025).
- Participation tournament in the Nuit du Fair-play (September 13, 2025).

2.4. Internationally

Internationally, the FBJE has represented Burkina Faso at several events. In June 2025, two national teams participated in the Francophonie Blitz, with respectable scores, the details of which remain to be determined. Aurélien Tégawendé distinguished himself at the Rabat university tournament, placing 11th out of 82 players. However, participation in the West Africa Zonal (Nigeria) could not be held, despite the selection of a Burkinabe player. Finally, the International Francophone Chess Meetings (RIDEF), planned for Morocco, were suspended by the organizers.

- Francophonie Blitz (June 2025) – participation of 2 Burkinabe teams.
- Rabat University Tournament (June 2025) – Aurélien Tégawendé 11th out of 82.
- ANL-3 (August 2025) – Burkina 11th out of 25 African nations.
- AIDEF online tournament (June 2025) – Edmond Sanou: 7 wins out of 9, best performance Burkinabe.
- International Francophone Meetings (RIDEF, Morocco) – canceled by the organizers.
- Visit of GM Nigel Short (February 2025) – simultaneous against 22 players, strategic training, meetings with schools (Bouli, PMK and ISO) and with the Minister of Sports accompanied by the DGSL.

3. National and international projection

The FBJE has increased its visibility through the launch of the website www.fbje.org, supplemented by Facebook and Instagram pages. A national ELO system has been established, although limited for the time being to national championships. The structuring of clubs has continued with regular meetings and expansion projects, including the creation of a club in Kamboinsin and the merger of the Tampouy club with Kossyam+. A highlight was the visit of Grand Master Nigel Short in February 2025, which resulted in simultaneous meetings, training sessions, and official meetings, including an a Sports. The AES-Chess project, although slowed by insecurity in Niger, has maintained some online activities. The FBJE also participated in the Ministry of Sports' work to develop the national roadmap for sports and recreation, and obtained two official letters recognizing chess as an extracurricular activity for Basic Education and Secondary and Vocational Education, thus paving the way for the wider introduction of chess in public schools and high schools.

- Launch of the website www.fbje.org, Facebook and Instagram pages.
- Implementation of a national ELO (applied to championships).
- Structuring of clubs:
 - o Signing of an agreement with the Maison Russe to host a club and tournaments there.
 - o Prediction of non-renewal of Saaba's Gambit Club (its members will migrate to the Cheval Fou Chess Club).
 - o Tampouy/Kossyam+ merger forecast.
 - o Project to formalize the La Reine Déchue Chess Club in Kamboinsin
 - o Signing of a agreement with the Tangier Chess Club (Morocco)
- Humanichess Program (February-May 2025): training of IDP children from Kamboinsin, academic improvement observed over one term, especially in maths, recognized by FIDE.
- Participation in activities concerning all Federations (Ministry of Sports).
- Strategic partnership FBJE – Tangier Chess Club (Sept. 2025): “HISTORIC ALLIANCE, COMMON FUTURE – Play big, think further.
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4. Training

Training remained a priority for the FBJE in 2024-2025. In Ouagadougou, seven School Instructors were trained by FIDE in April, followed by 25 school coaches trained in July by three Burkinabe Lead School Instructors. These sessions, organized online and in person, helped strengthen the network of trainers. Ten schools in the capital benefited from interventions, with teams being created in eight of them. The first inter-school competition brought together 40 students from these schools. The Humanichess program, aimed at internally displaced children, has shown a positive impact on their academic performance, particularly in

mathematics, and has been recognized by FIDE. In Koudougou, introductions to chess were carried out in several high schools (provincial, Sougrinooma, Saint-Marc, Shorge and modern technical). In Bobo-Dioulasso, training took place in three high schools and in Bérégadougou, with a view to creating a local club there.

- July 2024: 2 referees + 3 certified trainers.
- April 2025: 7 School Instructors trained by FIDE.
- July 2025: 25 school coaches trained by 3 Burkinabe Lead Instructors.
- July 2025: 4 FIDE certified Lead Instructors.
- August 2025: 27 national coaches trained.
- September 14, 2025: national training of school instructors, in connection with the school project.
- Allocation of schools for training in the 2025-26 school year (Sept. 2025): AMPO, Saint Exupéry, Bouli Succès, Yilegba, La Gospa, Elisa, ISO, Verdure.
- Local school activities:
 - o 10 establishments in Ouagadougou (8 teams created).
 - o Koudougou High Schools (Provincial, Sougrinooma, Saint-Marc, Shorge, Modern technical).
 - o 3 high schools in Bobo-Dioulasso.
 - o Awareness raising in Bérégadougou.

5. Financing, expenditure and resources

Funding was based on a grant of 500,000 FCFA from the National Fund, as well as one-off contributions from sponsors and donors such as CIM Métal (200,000 FCFA), Wend Konta (300,000 FCFA), COB Partners (100,000 FCFA), Chez Simon (50,000 FCFA), Presta-Son (66,000 FCFA), SKF (50,000 FCFA), Benoît d'Avout (125,000 FCFA), Sylvain Morand (40,000 FCFA), and Abib Radji (35,000 FCFA). These resources helped finance tournaments, communications, travel, accommodation for players from the provinces, and journalists' fees. Media activities were particularly costly, although the Federation received one-off discounts on certain channels. The equipment was reinforced thanks to the donation of chess sets by the Gift of Chess organization, 300 of which were reserved for the creation of clubs and school teams. As part of the Humanichess program, two collaborators were recruited: Saidou Koita, a salaried teacher for training in 3 public schools including the PMK, and Harouna Bandaogo, responsible for school canvassing, paid per establishment contacted and membership

effective.

- National Fund Grant: 500,000 FCFA.
- A grant promised by FIDE for the Humanichess program has not been received.
- Sponsors: CIM Métal (200,000), Wend Konta (300,000), COB Partners (100,000),
At Simon (50,000), Presta-Son (66,000), SKF (50,000).
- Private contributors: Benoît d'Avout (125,000), Sylvain Morand (40,000), Abib
Radji (35,000). Nicolas Carbonell financed the deficit of all activities.
- Fixed contributions (Sept. 2025):
 - o 6,000 FCFA (seniors). o 4,500 FCFA (students).
 - o 3,000 FCFA (women/children, insurance included).
- Material donations: 300 chess sets by Gift of Chess.
- Expenses: More than 2.5 million: competitions (prizes, logistics), communication (media, social
networks), travel and accommodation of provincial players, remuneration of journalists, website,
designers, women who prepared the food during the competitions and during the
instructor or children training...

6. Conclusions

The 2024-2025 season was marked by exceptional dynamism. The Federation was able to develop chess in schools, structure clubs, implement a national ELO system, and organize significant events such as the visit of GM Nigel Short. The Humanichess program confirmed the positive educational impact of chess, particularly among internally displaced children. However, the Federation faces structural challenges: a recurring lack of funding, the absence of a permanent headquarters and administrative staff, and security difficulties hampering territorial development and international participation. For 2025-2026, the FBJE intends to strengthen the structure of clubs, expand school participation, train more coaches and referees, and diversify its sources of funding. It will also continue to promote Burkina Faso's place on the chess scene.

international.

PHOTOS OF THE 2024-2025 SEASON

Kamboinsin Tournament (November 26, 2024) with prizes in kind.



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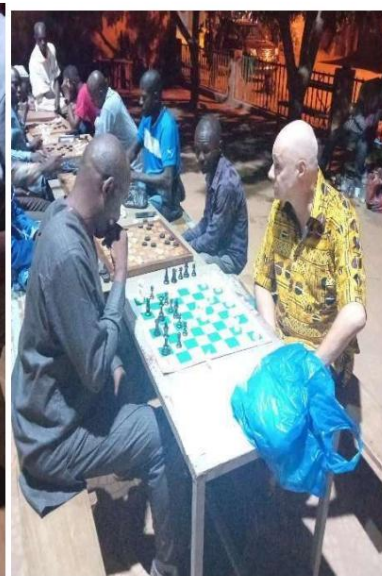
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Chess game at the ADC Club in Gounghin



Pissy Youth Tournament on December 7, 2024 and the lucky winners



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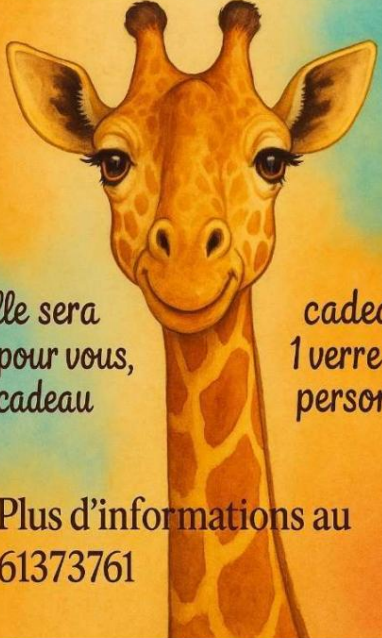
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Giraffe Tournament in January 2025



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EPO Chess Tournament at the Ecole Polytechnique, February 2025 – Intellectual excellence in action





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En ligne sur le site LICHESS.ORG

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Ecole Polytechnique de Ouagadougou















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INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (March 2025, CFPEM Ouagadougou)

– 41 participants. Winner: Nicolas Carbonell, 2nd: Florian Bambara.



NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (March 2025, CFPEM)

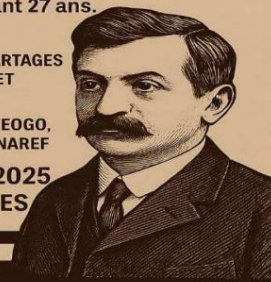
Ouagadougou) – (Saaba, Bobo, Koudougou). Winner: Saaba Gambit.



Chess and skewers at Bangréogo Park (May 3, 2025) 12 amateur players.

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FIRST NATIONAL INTER-SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP (May 2025)



Youth Tournament at Lycée Bambata, May 31, 2025 with the support of DRSL



An agreement was signed with the Maison Russe for a chess club. Three tournaments were held there, in May, June, and July 2025. Below is the first:



Monthly tournament at the Rosembourg club 2025 (June 21, 10 players).



2th tournament of the Russian House club (June 28, 33 players).



Golden Cavalier Club (inauguration tournament, July 5, 2025) 28 players



3K Tournament – Russian House, July 12, 2025





Maison Russe



Thème : La Légende des 3K
Kasparov, Karpov et Karjakin



Samedi
12/07/2025
10H GMT

Women's Training July 20 at Simon's



72 hours of CPGE (2iE, July 25, 15 players)



Bi-monthly tournament in Kamboinsin (September 6, 2025).



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Dodogo Tournament, in Samandin (September 27, 2025). With 23 participants. 1st Saidou Koita, 2nd Benoit d'Avout, 3rd Jean Eric Kaboré.



Merger of the informal club of Tampouy with the chess section of the Club Omnisports de Kossyam+.



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6.1. In Bobo-Dioulasso

Leisure days/introduction and promotion of chess



Grand Dafra Chess Tournament 2025

#DafraEchecs



GRAND TOURNOI
JEUX ÉCHECS
Pour enfant

Sam 17 MAI 2025

 Espace Rencontre Jeunesse de Dafra (ERJD)
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 Heure : 09h00

 Participant : 2.000 f cfa

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Friendly match between champions: Dafra Chess vs ABC Chess School



Regular monthly tournaments at CEPRO here photo from January 2025



Bérégadougou Tournament



Bobo Open (May 2025, Ouezzin-ville)



ABC Fall 2024 Tournament in Bobo



6.2. In Koudougou

Provincial tournament (November 30, 2024) – first structuring stage.



Koudougou Open Tournament (August 13, 2025).



6.3. Internationally

**GM Nigel Short's visit (February 2025) – simultaneous against 22 players, where he won 22 times.
At Princess Yennenga, in Ouagadougou.**



• Rabat University Tournament (April 2025) – Aurélien Tégawendé 16th out of 82.



Africa Nations League-3rd edition (online August 2025) – Burkina 11th out of 24 African nations.

Match en équipe AFRICAN NATIONS LEAGUE-3

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2	Commission de Gestion des Tournois en Ligne de la FESEC	34 : 22 : 22 : 21 : 20 : 19 : 19 : 19 : 19 : 18 : 18 : 17 : 16 : 16 : 15 : 14 : 14 : 12 : 12 : 12	359
3	Team Cameroon	58 : 54 : 29 : 25 : 22 : 22 : 18 : 13 : 12 : 12 : 8 : 7 : 4 : 4 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0	288
4	Campeonatos de Guinea Ecuatorial	38 : 29 : 23 : 22 : 22 : 17 : 16 : 16 : 16 : 15 : 9 : 7 : 6 : 4 : 2 : 0 : 0	242
5	CIV Chess Players 🇨🇮	29 : 26 : 24 : 20 : 16 : 16 : 16 : 13 : 13 : 13 : 12 : 11 : 10 : 3 : 2 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0	224
6	Ultimate Chess Club Of DRC	24 : 22 : 22 : 20 : 20 : 14 : 14 : 12 : 12 : 11 : 10 : 10 : 5 : 4 : 4 : 3 : 2 : 2 : 2	217
7	NIGERIA ELITE 🇳🇮	53 : 24 : 17 : 16 : 16 : 14 : 11 : 11 : 9 : 7 : 6 : 5 : 4 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 2 : 2	215
8	BJ CHES TEAM	41 : 32 : 31 : 16 : 15 : 12 : 12 : 11 : 10 : 10 : 8	198
9	Chadian Chess Club 🇸🇩	22 : 21 : 17 : 14 : 14 : 13 : 13 : 10 : 9 : 7 : 6 : 4 : 0 : 0 : 0	150
10	ANGOLA LICHESS EVENTS - ASSOCIATION	61 : 17 : 11 : 11 : 9 : 8 : 7 : 6 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 2 : 1 : 0 : 0 : 0	142
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12	South African Chess Hub	31 : 23 : 22 : 14 : 12 : 8 : 2 : 2 : 2 : 0 : 0 : 0	116
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14	Gabon Echecs	13 : 13 : 12 : 8 : 8 : 8 : 8 : 6 : 5 : 5 : 2 : 0 : 0 : 0	88
15	Bharat Royals 🇮🇳	14 : 13 : 11 : 10 : 9 : 6 : 3 : 3 : 3 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0	72
16	Ethiopian Players	28 : 20 : 13 : 4 : 4 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0	69
17	Team Lesotho	21 : 16 : 6 : 4 : 3 : 2 : 2 : 0 : 0 : 0	54
18	Zambia Team	14 : 14 : 8 : 6 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0	42
19	Kenya Online Chess champions	23 : 6 : 3 : 3 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0	35
20	PROUDLY ZIMBABWEANS 🇿🇼	9 : 7 : 6 : 2 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0 : 0	24
21	BCA Prodigies 🇳🇮	8 : 5 : 0 : 0	13
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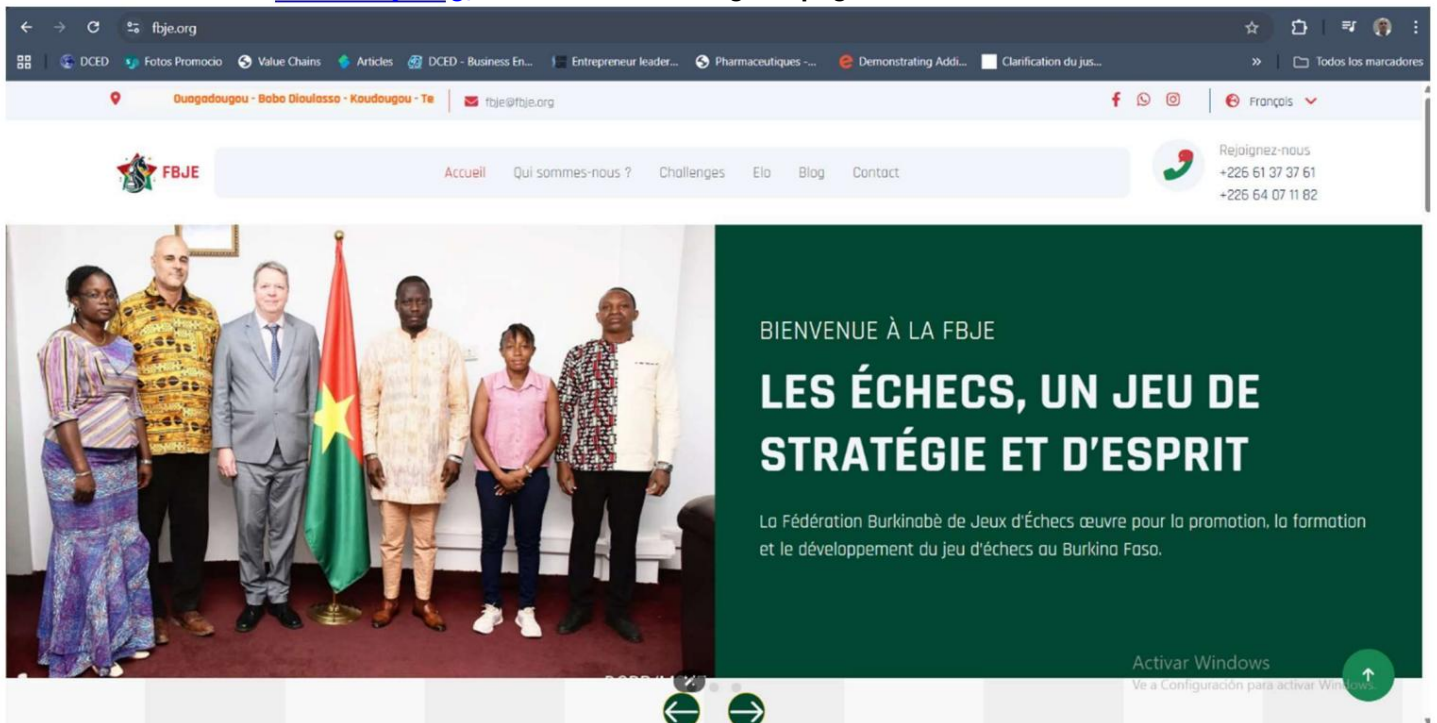
7. National and international projection

AES Chess Project, online, awaiting funding.

1er TOURNOI AES 2025 Arena

		
Feyman07	Dangouna 🇳🇬	Nicolas-Burkina-Faso
Performance 1887	Performance 1989	Performance 2009
Parties jouées 8	Parties jouées 10	Parties jouées 8
Taux de victoires 75%	Taux de victoires 80%	Taux de victoires 75%
Taux de berserk 88%	Taux de berserk 0%	Taux de berserk 50%

Launch of the website www.fbje.org, Facebook and Instagram pages.



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Ve a Configuración para activar Windows.

Implementation of a national ELO (applied to championships).

Nom & Prénom	Catégorie	Club	Région	Classement Elo
Aurélien Lefebvre	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	2227
AbdulRahim Diallo	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	2142
Nicolas Carbonell	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	2103
Raoul Kiema	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	2079
Jean Eric Kaboré	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	2042
Serge Sanou	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	2040
Aser Lompo	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	2022
Geoffroy D'Avout	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	1981
Benoit d'Avout	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	1951
William Hauser	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	1943
Florian Bambara	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	1930
Emile Poda	1e Catégorie	Dafra	Bobo	1920
Edmond Sanou	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	1919
Georges Sidibé	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	1886
Lionel Somé	1e Catégorie	-	Ouagadougou	1877

Signing of a strategic partnership FBJE – Tanger Chess Club (Sept. 2025): “HISTORIC ALLIANCE, SHARED FUTURE. Play big, think more far”.

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8. Training

The Humanichess program, aimed at internally displaced children near Kamboinsin, has shown a positive impact on their academic performance, particularly in mathematics.



August 31-September 14, 2025: national training of 25 school instructors, in connection with the school project in schools in Burkina Faso.



9. Organization

Annual/monthly meeting of the FBJE executive board (Chez Simon) here in September



AG Assemblée générale
Fédération Burkinabé
de Jeu d'Echecs

Mardi 3 décembre

Chez Simon



17 H 00



