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THE 2019 KENYA NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

9 classical rounds + 1 round for tie-breaks to decide the winner!
Exciting prizes to be won in the following categories.

1 People living with disabilities & rated below 1500

Open

- 1st Ksh 20,000
- 2nd Ksh 15,000
- 3rd Ksh 10,000
- 4th Ksh 5,000

Ladies

- 1st Ksh 15,000
- 2nd Ksh 10,000

2 Elo Rating Awards

- Below 1400 - Ksh10,000
- Below 1500 - Ksh 10,000
- Below 1600 - Ksh 10,000
- Below 1700 - Ksh 10,000

3 Best University Student

Continuing students with proof of registration for Sep-Dec Semester

- Male Ksh 5,000 + Laptop
- Female Ksh 5,000 + Laptop

Youth Section

Boys & Girls

- 1st Trophy + Shopping Voucher
- 2nd Medal + Shopping Voucher
- 3rd Medal + Shopping Voucher

NB: Youth Sections

Cadet section: under 8yrs -13yrs
Junior section: under 14yrs -18yrs

All juniors will play together irrespective of age and one of them will be a National Youth Champ - girl and a National Youth Champ - boy.

5 Ladies Section

- 1st Ksh 100K + Laptop
- 2nd Ksh 75,000
- 3rd Ksh 50,000
- 4th Ksh 30,000
- 5th Ksh 20,000

- 6th Ksh 15,000
- 7th Ksh 10,000
- 8th Ksh 7,500
- 9th Ksh 6,000
- 10th Ksh 6,000

6 Open Section

- 1st A Car
- 2nd Ksh 150K + Laptop
- 3rd Ksh 100,000
- 4th Ksh 80,000
- 5th Ksh 50,000

- 6th Ksh 30,000
- 7th Ksh 25,000
- 8th Ksh 20,000
- 9th Ksh 15,000
- 10th Ksh 10,000

Entry Fee: CK Members Ksh 2,000 and Non Members 3,200

Youth Section (Ksh 1,000 - 12th and 13th Dec)

(Open to Kenyan Citizens Only)

Date: December 11th - 15th | **Venue:** Riara Springs School, Mombasa Road

2019 KENYA NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Date: 11th to 15th December 2019

Youth Section: 12th&13th Dec 2019

Venue: Riara Springs School.

Organizer: Chess Kenya



Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/R8wfMrchdgP5YNDe7>

Registration Deadline: Monday, 9th December 2019 Midnight. (**STRICTLY**)

Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. This is a FIDE Rated tournament, **FIDE rules apply.**

2. Eligibility

2.1 The tournament is **open only to Kenyan Citizens.**

2.2 During the tournament, a player may be requested to provide the organizer with their Kenyan Identification document, **ALL players will be expected to provide the documents on request.**

3. 2020 Olympiad Qualifier

The 2019 Kenya National Chess Championship will act as **first phase of the Olympiad qualifiers.**

National Champion and Best Under 21 (player born on or after 1st January 1998) in the Open and Ladies sections will be **seeded directly to the final phase.** Top 24 will play in the second phase to select 9 players who will join in the final phase.

Top 5 in the final phase to form National Team for the Olympiad 2020 in Russia.

4. Default time (walk-over time)

4.1. All rounds have a **standard default time of 30 minutes.**

4.2. The default time is counted from the moment the Chief Arbiter announces games to begin, not by the time showing on individual clocks. The Chief Arbiter will announce when default-time has elapsed.

5. Technical Regulations/ Playing Guidelines

5.1. The Open and Ladies tournament will be played according to the **Swiss System in 9 rounds.**

5.2. The **time control is 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment** per move.

5.3. The Persons living with disabilities will play in the Open or Ladies sections based on which category they fit in.

5.4. The Cadet and Junior Sections will be played according to the **Swiss System in 8 rounds.**

5.5. The Cadet Section are players in **Under 8 to Under 12**

5.6. The Junior Section are players in **Under 14 to Under 18**

5.7. The **time control is 30 minutes** per player.

5.8. The **Best performers in the Cadet section** will be selected in a **Special Program under Chess Kenya Academy.**

5.9. FIDE Anti-cheating Measures and guidelines are in effect during the championship.

5.10. In accordance with the FIDE Anti-cheating measure and guidelines, **players may be subjected to inspection** before the beginning of the games if need be, and a player can be inspected/frisked during a game on request. Any situation that may be deemed to raise suspicion, the arbiter or a person authorized by the arbiter shall inspect the player and shall be of the same gender as the player. If a player refuses to cooperate with these obligations, the arbiter shall take measures in accordance with Article 12.9.

5.11. **All players will have to sign the 2019 Kenyan National Chess Championship Consent form.** The Consent form will be a **Must for ALL players** and will be **done before Round 1. No player will be allowed to play** if they have not signed the Consent form.

6. Draw Condition

6.1. Players **cannot agree** to a draw before black's 30th move is completed.

6.2. This rule only applies to a draw by agreement. All other regulations apply as per the FIDE Handbook.

7. Electronic Devices

7.1. Players must not use electronic devices in the playing hall, or during games, all electronic devices are to be left with the Chief Arbiter. Arbiters must not use electronic devices in the playing hall during games except those used for arbitration purposes.

7.2. Players found with electronic devices (whether switched on or off) will lose the game immediately, if their game is already completed, the player will not be paired in the next round. Further action will be sought through to the Appeal Committee with respect to Anti-Cheating regulations; this may include withdrawal from the tournament.

7.3. Players will not be allowed to have wrist watches (**all types of watches**) in the playing hall.

8. Pairings & Scoring (Tie-Breaks)

8.1. On the Game points the Bilbao system will be used. A win is 3 points, a draw is 1 point and a loss 0 points.

8.2. The second tie-break is direct encounter, the third tie-break is Greater number of victories, the fourth tie-break is Buchholz System and the fifth tie-break is the Sonneborn–Berger Score.

8.3. **Tie-break for Overall Winner Position {Open and Ladies Categories}** will be two (2) tie-break games between the tied players, if they are more than two; a single round robin system will be used between the tied players with 15 mins + 10 sec increment. If there is still a tie, a match of 2 games shall be played between the tied players, a single round robin may be used if tied players are more than two with a time control of 5 mins + 3 sec increment. If there is still a tie, sudden death game will be played with the player with the white pieces receiving 5 minutes, the player with the black pieces shall receive 4 minutes. The winner in the sudden death game is declared the National Champion 2019. In case of a draw the player with black pieces is declared the winner.

8.4. Pairings, results and standings will be **posted on Chess-Results**.

8.5. A player who misses any round without officially notifying the Chief Arbiter will be withdrawn from the tournament. There will be Round Skipping Form that is a **Must** to be signed, if the document is not signed the player will be removed from tournament and his standings will remain

8.6. Pairing of the rounds will be done by the Chief Arbiter. Each round, three players (preferably the Top two players and one other player) will be allowed to be in presence during the pairing. The players present will sign confirming authenticity of the pairing that they were done without any manipulation.

9. Recording Sheets

- 9.1. The recording sheet is the property of the tournament organizer, a copy will be provided to players.
- 9.2. After the completion of the game, the players are to sign both recording sheets and submit them to the arbiter

10. Playing Area

- 10.1. Players & spectators can only enter the playing area with the permission of an arbiter. Players can only leave the playing area with the permission of an arbiter, otherwise, risk being penalized with respect to Article 11 and 12 of the FIDE Laws of Chess.
- 10.2. A player **must not hold discussions** with other players & spectators, inside or outside the playing hall, if their game is still going on. Players found holding such discussions will be penalized with respect to FIDE Anti-Cheating regulations and Article 12 of the FIDE Laws of Chess.
- 10.3. Once a player's game is finished and results recorded by the arbiter, the player **may be** permitted by the arbiter a grace period to watch other games. Once the arbiter requests the player to leave the playing hall, the player **must** leave the hall **immediately**.
- 10.4. Players **must not** leave their board before submitting their results to the arbiter.
- 10.5. An analysis area will be available and boards will be provided by the Chief Arbiter on request.

11. Prizes Distribution

- 11.1. For the players who have tied on Points the awarding of cash prize will be done using the Hort system.
- 11.2. In Hort system 50% of the prize money is given according the tie-break ranking. The second half of the prize money of all the players having finally the same number of points is added and shared equally. Money prizes will be shared by Hort system to the players ranked on place 1 to 10.

Example:

The prizes in the tournament are:

1. place 10,000
2. place 5,000
3. place 3,000
4. place 2,000

Players A, B, C and D finish a tournament with 8 points each.

The Buchholz points are:

A has 58 Buchholz points

B has 57 Buchholz points

C has 56 Buchholz points

D has 54 Buchholz points.

The money prizes for A, B, C and D - according to the Hort system will be:

$$A - 5,000 + 2,500 = 7,500$$

$$B - 2,500 + 2,500 = 5,000$$

$$C - 1,500 + 2,500 = 4,000$$

$$D - 1,000 + 2,500 = 3,500$$

- 11.3. For University students to **be considered for the Best University Student Prize**. They should bring their Student documents with proof of them being continuing students in the September – December Semester. Student documents are fee receipts and/or examination cards for the semester.

12. Appeal Procedure

- 12.1. An Appeal Committee will be formed and announced before the start of round 1.
- 12.2. To appeal a decision, the player must fill an appeal form provided by the Chief Arbiter and submit a non-refundable appeal fee of KES. 1,500 to the Appeal Committee.
- 12.3. Submission of the appeal should be done an hour after the end of that particular game
- 12.4. A player cannot appeal a game for which he/she has signed the score sheet.

Note: The tournament organizer may make adjustments to the tournament rules and regulations. The organizer will communicate any amendments made.

Playing Schedule

For Open & Ladies Sections:

Day & Date	Round	Time
Wednesday, 11 th Dec. 2019	Round 1	10:00 Hrs
Wednesday, 11 th Dec. 2019	Round 2	15:15 Hrs
Thursday, 12 th Dec. 2019	Round 3	09:00 Hrs
Thursday, 12 th Dec. 2019	Round 4	14:15 Hrs
Friday, 13 th Dec. 2019	Round 5	09:00 Hrs
Friday, 13 th Dec. 2019	Round 6	14:15 Hrs
Saturday, 14 th Dec. 2019	Round 7	09:00 Hrs
Saturday, 14 th Dec. 2019	Round 8	14:15 Hrs
Sunday, 15 th Dec. 2019	Round 9	09:00 Hrs
Sunday, 15 th Dec. 2019	Closing Ceremony	15:00 Hrs

Playing Schedule:

For Cadet & Junior Sections:

Day & Date	Round	Time
Thursday, 12 th Dec. 2019	Round 1	09:00 Hrs
Thursday, 12 th Dec. 2019	Round 2	10:30 Hrs
Thursday, 12 th Dec. 2019	Round 3	12:00 Hrs
Thursday, 12 th Dec. 2019	Round 4	14:15 Hrs
Thursday, 12 th Dec. 2019	Round 5	15:45 Hrs
Friday, 13 th Dec. 2019	Round 6	09:00 Hrs
Friday, 13 th Dec. 2019	Round 7	10:30 Hrs
Friday, 13 th Dec. 2019	Round 8	12:00 Hrs
Friday, 13 th Dec. 2019	Round 9	14:15 Hrs
Friday, 13 th Dec. 2019	Closing Ceremony	15:45 Hrs

- ❖ The Arbitration team will be headed by:
- ❖ Chief Arbiter: IA James Mwangi [FIN: 10806245]