

FINAL PHASE OLYMPIAD QUALIFIERS 2020

Date: 21st February – 1st March 2020

Venue: KCB Sports Club, Ruaraka.

Organizer: Chess Kenya



Tournament Rules & Regulations

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

2. Eligibility

- 2.1 Only players who finished in the top 8 both in the 2nd Phase Olympiad Qualifiers Open & Ladies Section are invited to take part in the tournament.
- 2.2 The top seeded players, the National Champions and the Best Junior players in both sections, Open & Ladies, qualified directly to the Final Phase of the Qualifiers.

3. Technical Regulations/Playing Guidelines

- 3.1 The Open and Ladies tournament will be played a **Single Round Robin Tournament**.
- 3.2 The time control is **90 minutes with 30 seconds increment** per move.
- 3.3 FIDE Anti-cheating Measures and Guidelines are in effect during the championship.
- 3.4 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.

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. Draw Condition

- 5.1. Players **cannot agree** to a draw before black's 30th move is completed.
- 5.2. This rule only applies to a draw by agreement. All other regulations apply as per the FIDE Handbook.

6. Electronic Devices

- 6.1. 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.
- 6.2. 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 FIDE Anti-Cheating regulations, this may include withdrawal from the tournament.

7. Pairings & Scoring (Tie-Breaks)

- 7.1. 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.
- 7.2. The second tie-break is direct encounter, the third greater number of victories, the fourth tie-break is Buchholz System and the fifth tie break is the Sonneborn–Berger Score.
- 7.3. Pairings, results and standings will be posted on Chess-Results.
- 7.4. A player who misses **ANY** round without officially notifying the Chief Arbiter will be **WITHDRAWN** from the tournament and final ranking. They will also be **BANNED** from playing in the Kenya National Chess Championship 2020.

8. Recording Sheets

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

9. Playing Area

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. 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.
- 9.4. Players must not leave their board before submitting their results to the arbiter.
- 9.5. An analysis area is available and boards will be provided by the Chief Arbiter on request.

10. Appeal Procedure

10.1. An Appeal Committee will be formed and announced before the start of round 1.

10.2. To appeal a decision, the player must fill write an appeal and submit a refundable appeal fee of KES. 1,500 to the Appeal Committee. The fee is refundable upon a successful appeal.

10.3. A player cannot appeal a game for which he/she has signed the score sheet.

11. Selection Criteria to Team Kenya

11.1. Only the top 5 players shall proceed to form The National Chess Team.

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

Playing Schedule		
Round One:	21 st February	0900 hrs
Round Two:	21 st February	1400 hrs
Round Three:	22 nd February	0900 hrs
Round Four:	22 nd February	1400 hrs
Round Five:	23 rd February	0900 hrs
Round Six:	23 rd February	1400 hrs
Round Seven:	28 th February	0900 hrs
Round Eight:	28 th February	1400 hrs
Round Nine:	29 th February	1000 hrs
Round Ten:	29 th February	1500 hrs
Round Eleven:	1 st March	1000 hrs

Chief Arbiter:

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