



**African Regent Hotel**

**Accra, Ghana**

*Under the auspices of the of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Ghana Chess Association (GCA) has the honour of hosting the 2021 African Youth Chess Championships*

## **1. INVITATION**

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), Ghana Chess Association (GCA) has the honour of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2021 African Youth Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at African Regent Hotel, Accra, Ghana from 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (arrival) to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (departure).

## **2. PARTICIPANTS**

### **2.1 Age group categories**

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the following age groups are invited in the Open and Girls Sections:

Under 08 - players born on or after January 1, 2013.

Under 10 - players born on or after January 1, 2011.

Under 12 - players born on or after January 1, 2009.

Under 14 - players born on or after January 1, 2007.

Under 16 - players born on or after January 1, 2005.

Under 18 - players born on or after January 1, 2003.

### **2.2 Criteria**

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the 2021 African Youth Chess Championships are open to all players from Federations within the African Continent which are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

### **2.3 Official players**

Each African Federation is entitled to register one official player in each category, totaling a maximum of 12 official players.

### **2.4 Additional players**

Each African Federation will be allowed to enter up to four additional players in each category. These additional players will be responsible for the payment of their board and lodging in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

The host federation will be allowed to enter up to six additional players in each category. These additional players will be responsible for payment of their board and lodging in addition to the prescribed Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

The Continental President may allow further additional players, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as other prescribed fees, such as Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

The organizing federation reserves the right to invite additional players to make up an even number of participants in each age group, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as the prescribed Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

### **3. REGISTRATION AND ACC TOURNAMENT FEES**

3.1 Registration must be completed by no later than **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. A copy of passport and an ID photo (in JPG/JPEG format) for all participating players and officials must also be sent to the Organisers by the indicated deadline date.

3.4 An ACC Tournament Fee of **US\$ 50.00** is required to be paid for each player.

3.5 A Registration Fee of **US\$ 60.00** each must be paid by all players (official and additional), every accompanying person, all officials, and all other members of delegations, including the head of delegation.

3.6 The Registration Fee is to be utilized to provide, amongst other things, an accreditation badge and transportation from/to the airport from/to the official accommodation venue on the official arrival date of **17<sup>th</sup> September 2021**, as well as on the official departure date of **26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

### **4. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

4.1 The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss tournament system.

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

4.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairings will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com).

4.4 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round.

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

4.6 The default time will be 30 minutes for all rounds.

### **5. TIE-BREAK**

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) \*
- b) Buchholz Cut 1\*\*;
- c) Buchholz;

- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots

\* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.

\*\* Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

## 6. AWARDS

### 6.1 Medals

The players taking the first three places in each age group category will be awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, respectively.

### 6.2 Qualification

The winners of each age group category (both Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate in the 2022 World Youth Chess Championships.

### 6.3 Titles

The winners in each age group category will also be awarded conditional FIDE titles as follows (in the event of combined age groups, the titles will still be awarded to the winners of the age groups provided that the player scores at least 50% and there are at least five players from 3 different federations per age group):

U18 Open/Girls	Gold	IM/WIM title
Silver & Bronze		FM/WFM title
<i>If Silver and/or Bronze also share first place, both will be awarded IM/WIM norms in addition to the FM/WFM title(s).</i>		
U16 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title plus IM/WIM norm
Silver & Bronze		CM/WCM title
<i>If Silver and/or Bronze also share first place, both will be awarded the FM/WFM title(s). However, the IM/WIM norm is only awarded to Gold.</i>		
U14+U12 Open /Girls	Gold	FM/WFM title
Silver & Bronze		CM/WCM title
U8+U10 Open /Girls	Gold, Silver & Bronze	CM/WCM title

**NB! In the event of Gold, Silver or Bronze already having the above titles, the titles will fall away (they do not shift down to lower places). Thus, only Gold, Silver and Bronze may and will qualify for Titles and/or Norms.**

The order of the players in the ranking is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for the first place or other places, then a tie break will come into effect.

## **7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below.

The schedule may however be changed should need arise.

Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Arrival Opening Ceremony	19.00 hrs
Saturday, 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Technical Meeting Round 1	10:00hrs 15:00hrs
Sunday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Round 2 Round 3	10:00hrs 15:00hrs
Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Round 4 Round 5	10:00hrs 15.00 hrs
Tuesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2021	Rest Day and Sightseeing	All Day
Wednesday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2021	Round 6	15:00 hrs
Thursday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2021	Round 7	15:00 hrs
Friday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Round 8	15:00hrs
Saturday, 25 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Round 9 Awards, Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony	10:00hrs 17:00hrs
Sunday, 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2021	Departure	All Day

## **8. ARBITRATION TEAM**

8.1 The Chief Arbiter, will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President.

8.2 Other members of the Arbitration Team will be appointed by African Chess Confederation President in consultation with the Local Organizing Committee.

## 9. APPEALS COMMITTEE

9.1 The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves.

9.2 The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation President whilst the other 2 members and 2 reserves will be selected from amongst the participating federation officials.

9.3 Any protest regarding a decision taken by the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within ONE Hour after the completion of the respective game.

9.4 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of US \$50 as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is found to be baseless by the appeals committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the GCA.

## 10. BOARDING AND LODGING

10.1 All participants are expected to lodge at the official accommodation.

10.2 Participating Federations will receive free boarding and lodging for one player in each Category (Open and Girls);

10.3 Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at **\$65** per person per day (sharing) or **\$85** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper); All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers).

10.4 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 or depart after 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.

10.5 All payments must be made to the account of the Ghana Chess Association as indicated in Clause 13. Bank Details or upon arrival subject to a specific request to the Organizers. If payments are not received before the start of the competition, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

## 11. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

11.1 In compliance with ACC Regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament Fees of **US\$ 50 per player**.

11.2 One player in each category, Open and Girls, will be recognized as official player while all others will be additional players;

**11.3** Fees must be paid into the account of the African Chess Confederation, as indicated hereunder, by **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

ACCOUNT NAME	AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	62789737396
BANK NAME	FNB ZAMBIA
BRANCH NAME	COMMERCIAL
BRANCH SORT CODE	260001
SWIFT CODE	FIRNZMLXX
BANK ADDRESS	PLOT NO. 22768, ACACIA BUSINESS PARK CNR OF GREAT EAST & THABO MBEKI ROAD, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

## **12. REGISTRATION FEES**

12.1 The Registration Fee for each participating player is **US\$ 60** and must be paid into the account of the Ghana Chess Association before **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

12.2 The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **US\$ 60**;

12.3 Only Federations can register players. Where registrations are emailed, they must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, FIDE title (if any), and passport number of each player. Kindly refer to the attached registration form.

12.4 No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying the registration fees or ACC Tournament Fees.

12.5 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the Ghana Chess Association before 4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 by e-mail to confirm entry.

12.6 All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Kotoka International Airport to their designated hotels by protocols assigned at the airport.

12.7 All are requested to register early to help ease preparations.

### 13. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

### 14. BANK DETAILS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of the Ghana Chess Association as listed below, and proof of payment can be email to: [ghanachess@gmail.com](mailto:ghanachess@gmail.com) and [philipameku@gmail.com](mailto:philipameku@gmail.com)

ACCOUNT NAME	GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	9040004100012
BANK NAME	STANBIC BANK GHANA
BRANCH NAME	Spintex-Road Branch
BRANCH SORT CODE	190103
SWIFT CODE	SBICGHAC
BANK ADDRESS	PLOT NO.43, SPINTEX ROAD, OPPOSITE PAPAYE RESTAURANT, ACCRA, GHANA

Present details of payment to the official federation address.

### 15. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Ghana Cedi (GHS) with an Exchange Rate of 5.80 GHS to 1.00 USD and GHS 6.93 to 1.00 EUR.

### 16. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at the Kotoka International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance.

### 17. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Ghana, these can be obtained from the Ghanaian Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries. Ghana Chess Association is also available to assist in arranging for visa upon arrival if request are three weeks before **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

The Ghana Chess Association will avail official invitation letters to participants that need copies for the processing of their Visas.

### 18. DRESS CODE

All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.  
The preferred dress code will be a suit or track suit showing the federation logo and the nation.



## 19. DEADLINE DATE

- 19.1 Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021**. This date is the registration deadline.
- 19.2 Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **US\$ 50**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to either accept or reject any player who wants to register later than the official deadline date.
- 19.3 All changes and late registration shall be accepted until **4<sup>th</sup> September 2021 (late registration Deadline)**. Thereafter the host federation will reserve the rights to either accept or reject any changes.

## 20. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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## 21. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros Islands, Democratic Republic of Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

We look forward to your presence in Accra!!

Yours in Chess,



Philip Elikem Ameku - Ghana Chess President

**2021 AFRICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM – OPEN SECTION**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION:**

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>FAMILY NAME/SURNAME</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>PASSPORT NUMBER</b>	<b>FIDE ID NUMBER</b>	<b>FIDE TITLE</b>

**Duly completed registration forms, together with proof of all payments must be e-mailed to:**  
**[ghanachess@gmail.com](mailto:ghanachess@gmail.com) and [philipameku@gmail.com](mailto:philipameku@gmail.com)**

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**PLAYER REGISTRATIONFORM – GIRLS SECTION**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION:**

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>FAMILY NAME/SURNAME</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>PASSPORT NUMBER</b>	<b>FIDE ID NUMBER</b>	<b>FIDE TITLE</b>

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**REGISTRATION FORM – OFFICIALS/ACCOMPANYING PERSONS**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION:**

**Contact Phone No:**

**E-MAIL:**

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>FAMILY NAME/SURNAME</b>	<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	<b>PASSPORT NUMBER</b>	<b>FIDE ID NUMBER</b>	<b>FIDE TITLE</b>

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