



Liberia Chess Federation



CHESS, THE EYE OF THE MIND

AFRICAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021



28th December 2021 – 5th January 2022



Monrovia City Hall
1st Street, Sinkor
and
Corina Hotel
24th Street, Sinkor
Monrovia, Liberia

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Liberia Chess Federation (LCF) has the honor of inviting all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the Prestigious 2021 African Junior Chess Championships (AJCC)

Dear Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Liberia Chess Federation (LCF) and the Government of Liberia invite all African Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the Prestigious 2021 African Junior Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at the Monrovia City Hall and Participants will be lodged at the Corina Hotel, 24th Street, Sinkor, Monrovia, Liberia from 28th of December 2021 (Arrival) to 5th of January 2022 (Departure).

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 Age Group

In compliance with FIDE regulations, the 2021 African Junior Chess Championships are open to all players representing FIDE accredited federation under the umbrella of the African Chess Confederation (ACC) who were born **on or after 1st January 2001**.

2.2 Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the African Junior Individual 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 TWO (2) Official Players.

2.4 Additional Players

Each Federation will be allowed to enter a maximum of three (3) players in each Category (Open and Girls). The host Federation will be allowed to enter 5 players and in case of an odd number one additional player could be added.

Each African FIDE Endorsed Academy will be allowed to enter one player in each section, subject to payment of their board and lodging as well as other prescribed fees, such as Registration Fees and ACC Tournament Fees.

Subject to agreement with the organisers, 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.

3. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- 3.1 The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss system tournament.
- 3.2 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).
- 3.3 The games will be played using Digital clocks, and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com
- 3.4 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round.
- 3.5 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.
- 3.6 The default time will be 30 minutes for all rounds.

4. 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.

5. AWARDS

5.1 Medals

The players taking the first three places in each category will be awarded *gold, silver and bronze medals* respectively. There will also be gold, silver, and bronze trophies in addition to medals.

5.2 Qualification

The winners in each category (Open and Girls) will be awarded personal rights to participate at the 2022 World Junior Chess Championships.

5.3 Titles

- a) Gold Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will be awarded IM and WIM Titles respectively.
- b) The award of the above IM and WIM Titles is provisional and subject to the players achieving minimum ratings of 2200 (IM) and 2000 (WIM) at some time.
- c) Gold Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will also be awarded GM and WGM Norms respectively.
- d) Equal first place in the Open and Girls Sections will qualify for the award of IM and WIM Titles but will not be awarded the GM or WGM Norms respectively.
- e) Silver and Bronze Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will qualify for the award of FM and WFM Titles.
- f) Silver and Bronze Medalists in the Open and Girls Sections will also be awarded of IM and WIM Norms.

6. 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.

Date	Activity	Time
Tuesday, December 28, 2021	Arrival Opening Ceremony	18:00hr – 19:30hr
Wednesday, December 29, 2021	Technical Meeting Round 1	10:00hr 15:00hr
Thursday, December 30, 2021	Round 2 Round 3	10:00hr 15:00hr
Friday, December 31, 2021	Round 4 Round 5	10:00hr 15:00hr
Saturday, January 1, 2022	Rest Day and Sight Seeing	All Day
Sunday, January 2, 2022	Round 6	15:00hr
Monday, January 3, 2022	Round 7 Round 8	10:00hr 15:00hr
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Round 9 Closing Ceremony	10:00hr 18:00hr
Wednesday, January 5, 2022	Departure	09:00hr

7. ARBITRATION TEAM

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

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

8. APPEALS COMMITTEE

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

8.2 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.

8.3 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.

8.4 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of **US\$50.00** 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 LCF.

9. BOARDING AND LODGING

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

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

9.3 Additional players, officials and accompanying persons from participating Federations will lodge at **US\$ 65.00** per person per day (sharing) or **US\$ 85.00** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch, and supper); All payments related to board and lodging must be in effect by 14th of December 2021, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers).

9.4 Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 28th of December 2021 or depart after 5th January 2022 (12 noon) will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue.

9.5 All payments must be made to the account of the Liberia Chess Federation 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.

10. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

10.1 In compliance with ACC Regulations both official players and additional players shall be required to pay ACC Tournament Fees of **US\$ 50.00 per player**.

10.2 Please note that when paying by bank transfer, the amount received into the account of the African Chess Confederation must be the full ACC Tournament Fee.

Any bank charges/fees or currency charges/fees must be paid in addition by the player/sponsor at the time of transfer.

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

10.4 Fees must be paid into the account of the African Chess Confederation, as indicated hereunder, by **14th of December 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

11. REGISTRATION FEES

11.1 The Registration Fee for each participating player is **US\$ 60.00** and must be paid into the account of the Liberia Chess Federation before **14th December 2021**.

11.2 The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **US\$ 60.00**.

11.3 Please note that when paying by bank transfer, the amount received into the account of the Liberia Chess Federation must be the full Registration Fee.

Any bank charges/fees or currency charges/fees must be paid in addition by the player/sponsor at the time of transfer.

11.4 Registration 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.

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

11.6 Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; Federation officials must fill them in and return them to the Liberia Chess Federation before **14th of December 2021**, by e-mail to confirm entry.

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

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

12. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **14th of December 2021**.

13. BANK DETAILS

Registration Fees and Accommodation payments shall be paid to the account of the Liberia Chess Federation as listed below, and Proof of Payment can be email to: federationchessliberia@gmail.com

ACCOUNT NAME	LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION
ACCOUNT NUMBER	0011034724512901
BANK NAME	ECO BANK LIBERIA
BRANCH NAME	HEAD OFFICE
BRANCH SORT CODE	
SWIFT CODE	ECOCLRLMXXX

BANK ADDRESS	10TH STREET SINKOR, MONROVIA, LIBERIA
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Copies of Proof of Payment must also be carried for verification, if required.

14. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Liberian Dollars but US dollar is also an official currency of Liberia.

15. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

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

16. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Liberia, these can be obtained from the Liberian Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries. Liberia Chess Federation is also available to assist in arranging for visa upon arrival if request are three weeks before **14th of December 2021**.

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

17. DRESS CODE

17.1 All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.

17.2 The preferred dress code will be a suit or track suit showing the federation logo and the nation.

18. DEADLINE DATE

18.1 Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the host federation not later than **14th of December 2021**. This date is the registration deadline.

18.2 Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **US\$ 50.00**. 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.

18.5 All changes shall be accepted until the registration deadline of **14th of December 2021**. Thereafter the host federation will reserve the rights to either accept or reject any changes.

19. ORGANIZERS CONTACTS:

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20. 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 welcome you to the hospitality of our historically great and wonderful country.

Yours in Chess
LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION



William T. Thompson, II
PRESIDENT



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PLAYER REGISTRATION FORM – OPEN SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:

E-MAIL:

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME/SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDEID NUMBER	FIDE TITLE
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Duly completed registration forms, together with proof of all payments must be e-mailed federationchessliberia@gmail.com

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PLAYER REGISTRATIONFORM – GIRLS SECTION

NATIONAL FEDERATION:

Contact Phone No:	E-MAIL:
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

FIRST NAME	FAMILY NAME/SURNAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PASSPORT NUMBER	FIDEID NUMBER	FIDE TITLE

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<p>NATIONAL FEDERATION:</p>	
<p>Contact Phone No:</p>	<p>E-MAIL:</p>

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