



KENYA NATIONAL
— CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP —

2021



Event Details:

Venue: The Luke Hotel, Garden Estate Road
Date: 26th to 31st December 2021

Entry Fee:

Open and Ladies - Ksh 1,500
Corporate Teams - Ksh 3,000
Non CK Members - Ksh 3,000
Late Registration - Double the rate

Format:

90 Min + 30 Sec Per Player, 9 Rounds
Swiss system of pairing

Categories:

Open Section (Kenyans Only)
Ladies Section (Kenyans Only)

Registration:

All players MUST register online
The Deadline for Registration is
Wed, 22nd December 2021, 6pm.

FOR MORE INFO.

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REGISTER NOW

Registration Link:

[HTTPS://B.LINK/NATIONALS](https://b.link/nationals)

Grand prize

Overall winner walks away with a
brand new Mazda Demio.



NO.	OPEN	LADIES	PWD OPEN	PWD LADIES
1st	Car	Ksh 100,000	Ksh 10,000	Ksh 10,000
2nd	Ksh 100,000	Ksh 60,000	Ksh 6,000	Ksh 6,000
3rd	Ksh 75,000	Ksh 30,000		
4th	Ksh 50,000	Ksh 15,000	Ksh 5,000	
5th	Ksh 30,000	Ksh 10,000		
6th	Ksh 10,000	Ksh 5,000		
7th	Ksh 7,500			
8th	Ksh 7,500			
9th	Ksh 7,500			
10th	Ksh 7,500			

Best Youth Boy - Ksh 5,000
Best Youth Girls - Ksh 5,000
Best University Male - Ksh 7,500
Best University Female - Ksh 7,500



1. INVITATION

Chess Kenya Federation (CKF) has the honor of inviting all Kenyan chess players to the annual Kenya National Chess Championship to be held from **Sunday 26th December to Thursday 30th December 2021 at The Luke Hotel, Garden Estate Road.**

The 2021 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 2000) in the Open and Ladies sections will be **seeded directly to the final phase.**
- **Top 24** will play in the second phase to select **7 players** who will join in the final phase.
- The **top two most highly rated players** both open and ladies' section will be **seeded directly to the final phase.**
- **Top 5 in the final phase** to form National Team for the **45th World Chess Olympiad** to be held in Moscow, Khanty-Mansiysk from **26th July to 8th August 2022**

2. ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION

- 2.1** Entitled to participate are **Kenyan citizens** who are duly paid-up Chess Kenya members.
- 2.2** This is an Open tournament therefore players will be grouped into the **Open Section & Ladies Section**. Juniors and Persons living with disabilities will play in the Open or Ladies sections based on which category they fit in.
- 2.3** 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. TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

- 3.1** This is a FIDE Rated Tournament, **FIDE Rules Apply**
- 3.2 Format of Play** - Both sections of the Championship (Open & Ladies) will be played according to the **Swiss System of pairing** played over **9 rounds**.
- 3.3 Time Control** - **The time control for the Championship shall be 90 minutes with 30 seconds increment per move per player to finish.**
- 3.4 Default Time (Walkover Time)** - **All rounds have a standard default time of 30 minutes.**

3.41 The default time is counted from the moment the Chief Arbiter announces games to begin, not by the time showing on individual clocks.

3.42 The Chief Arbiter will announce when default-time has elapsed.

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

3.6 Pairings & Results - The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairings, results and standings will be published on [www.chess-](http://www.chess-results.com/ken)
results.com/ken.

3.7 Missing Rounds - A player who misses any round without officially notifying the Chief Arbiter will be withdrawn from the tournament.

3.8 Recording Sheets - Recording of moves is compulsory. The recording sheet is the property of the tournament organizer; a copy will be provided to players. After the completion of the game, the players are to sign both recording sheets and submit them to the arbiter.

3.9 Playing Area - Players & spectators can only enter the playing area with the permission of an arbiter.

3.91 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.

3.92 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.

3.93 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.

3.94 Players must not leave their board before submitting their results to the arbiter.

3.10 FIDE Anti-cheating Measures and Guidelines are in effect during the championship

3.10.1 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.

3.10.2 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.

3.10.3 If a player refuses to cooperate with these obligations, the arbiter shall take measures in accordance with Article 12.9.

3.11 Electronic Devices - 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.

3.11.1 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.

3.11.2 Further action will be sought through to the Appeal Committee with respect to Anti-Cheating regulations; this may include withdrawal from the tournament.

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

4. TIE BREAKS

4.1 **Bilbao System** - The first order of the players in the rankings will be determined according to the Bilbao System where **a win is 3 points, a draw is 1 point and a loss 0 points** number of points. 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. In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- 4.11 Direct Encounter
- 4.12 Greater Number of Victories
- 4.13 Buchholz System
- 4.14 Sonneborn-Berger

4.2 **Tie-break for Overall Winner Position {Open and Ladies Sections}** 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 a time control of **15 mins + 10 sec increment**.

4.21 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**.

4.22 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 will be declared the National Champion 2021.

4.23 In case of a draw the player with black pieces is declared the winner.

5. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

5.1 For players who have tied points the awarding of cash prize will be

done using the **Hort system**.

5.2 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.

Their 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:

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

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

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

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

- 5.3** For University Students 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 or student ID cards.

6. APPEALS PROCEDURE

- 6.1** An Appeal Committee shall be formed and announced before the start of round 1.
- 6.2** To appeal a decision, the player must put in writing the appeal and submit a non-refundable appeal fee of KES. 1,500 to the Appeals Committee.
- 6.3** Submission of the appeal should be done within an hour after the end of that particular game
- 6.4** A player cannot appeal a game for which he/she has signed the score sheet.

7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DAY & DATE	EVENT	TIME
Sunday 26 TH Dec	Opening Ceremony	9:30 AM
Sunday 26 TH Dec	Round 1	10:00 AM
Sunday 26 TH Dec	Round 2	4:00 PM
Monday 27 th Dec	Round 3	9:00 AM
Monday 27 th Dec	Round 4	3:00 PM
Tuesday 28 th Dec	Round 5	9:00 AM
Tuesday 28 th Dec	Round 6	3:00 PM
Wednesday 29 th Dec	Round 7	9:00 AM
Wednesday 29 th Dec	Round 8	3:00 PM
Thursday 30 th Dec	Round 9	9:00 AM
Thursday 30 th Dec	Closing Ceremony	4:00 PM