



2022 EAST AFRICA OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT (FIDE RATED)

DATE: 30TH APRIL – 3RD MAY 2022

VENUE: MOMBASA, KENYA

1. INVITATION

Lighthouse Chess Club has the honor of inviting all chess players affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the **East Africa Open Chess Tournament**.

The tournament will be held at Milele Beach Hotel, along Mombasa-Malindi Road Mombasa – Kenya, from 30th April to 3rd May, 2022.

2. CATEGORIES

The tournament is grouped into the following categories of play:

- 2.1. Prestige Category: Open to players with a rating above 1700 for men and 1500 for ladies.
- 2.2. U1800 Category: Open to players with a rating above 1500 but below 1800 for men and a rating above 1400 but below 1800 for ladies.
- 2.3. U1600 Category: Open to players with a rating below 1600 and unrated.
- 2.4. Junior Category: Open to players Under 18 years of age.

3. TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

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

2. Time Control & Default time (walk-over time)

- 2.1. The time control per player per round is 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds to complete the game.
- 2.2. All rounds have a standard default time of 30 minutes.
- 2.3. 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.

3. Draw Condition

- 3.1. Players **cannot agree** to a draw before black's 30th move is completed.
- 3.2. This rule only applies to a draw by agreement. A game may still be drawn before black's 30th move with respect to FIDE Laws of Chess Article 9.2 (three-fold repetition), and 9.6 (five-fold repetition).

4. Electronic Devices

- 4.1. 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 during games except those used for arbitration purposes.
- 4.2. Players found with electronic devices (whether switched on or off) while their game is in progress will lose the game immediately. Further action will be sought through to the Appeal

Committee with respect to FIDE Anti-Cheating regulations, this may include withdrawal from the tournament.

5. Pairings, Scoring and Tie-Breaks

5.1. A win is 1 point, a draw is $\frac{1}{2}$ a point and a loss 0 points.

5.2. Tie breaks are in the following order:

- I. Direct encounter
- II. Greater number of victories
- III. Buchholz System
- IV. Sonneborn–Berger Score.

5.3. Pairings will be done as per Swiss System using Swiss Manager.

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

5.5. A player who misses two rounds without officially notifying the Chief Arbiter will be withdrawn from the tournament.

6. Recording Sheets

6.1. The recording sheet is the property of the tournament organizer, a copy will be provided to players.

6.2. After the completion of the game, the players are to sign both recording sheets and submit them to the arbiter.

7. Playing Area

7.1. 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.

7.2. 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.

7.3. 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.

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

7.5. An analysis area is available and boards will be provided by the Tournament Organizer on request.

8. Appeals & Appeals Committee

- 8.1. The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves.
- 8.2. The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the first round.
- 8.3. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the tournament director whilst the other 2 members and 2 reserves will be selected from amongst the participating regions.
- 8.4. 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 **30 MINS** after the completion of the respective game.
- 8.5. A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of ksh 2,000/= 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 deposit will be forfeited to the Tournament kitty
- 8.6. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final and binding on players concerned.

9. Schedule

Date	Activity	Time
Saturday, 30 th April, 2022	Opening ceremony	0900HRS
Saturday, 30 th April, 2022	Round 1	1000HRS
Saturday, 30 th April, 2022	Round 2	1600HRS
Sunday, 1 st May 2022	Round 3	0900HRS
Sunday, 1 st May, 2022	Round 4	1500HRS
Monday, 2 nd May 2022	Round 5	0900HRS
Monday, 2 nd May 2022	Round 6	1500HRS
Tuesday, 3 rd May 2022	Round 7	0900HRS
Tuesday, 3 rd May 2022	Closing Ceremony	1500HRS

4. PRIZES AND AWARDS

4.1. PRESTIGE CATEGORY

Eligibility: Open to players with a rating **above 1700 for men** and **above 1500 for ladies**.

Mode of Play: One single category of pairings.

Prizes: Separate prizes for ladies and men.

	PRESTIGE CATEGORY	ONE SINGLE CATEGORY	
		OPEN PRIZES	LADIES PRIZES
1	Winner	50,000.00	50,000.00
2	1st Runner Up	30,000.00	20,000.00
3	2nd Runner Up	20,000.00	10,000.00
4	3rd Runner Up	15,000.00	7,500.00
5	4th Runner Up	7,500.00	-
6	Best Under 2000	2,500.00	
7	Best Under 1900	2,000.00	

4.2. UNDER 1800 CATEGORY

Eligibility: Open to players with a rating **above 1500 but below 1800 for men** and a rating **above 1400 but below 1800 for ladies**.

Mode of Play: One single category of pairings.

Prizes: Single prize group open to all participants of this category.

	UNDER 1800 CATEGORY	SINGLE CATEGORY PRIZES
1	Winner	20,000.00
2	1st Runner Up	12,500.00
3	2nd Runner Up	7,000.00
4	3rd Runner Up	4,000.00
5	4th Runner Up	2,500.00
6	5th Runner Up	2,000.00
7	6th Runner Up	1,500.00
8	7th Runner Up	1,500.00
9	Best Under 1700	2,000.00
10	Best Under 1600	1,500.00

4.3. UNDER 1600 CATEGORY

Eligibility: Open to players with a rating **less than 1600**.

Mode of Play: One single category of pairings.

Prizes: Separate prizes for ladies and men.

		SINGLE CATEGORY	
	UNDER 1600 CATEGORY	OPEN PRIZES	LADIES PRIZES
1	Winner	10,000.00	10,000.00
2	1st Runner Up	5,000.00	5,000.00
3	2nd Runner Up	3,000.00	3,000.00
4	3rd Runner Up	2,500.00	2,500.00
5	4th Runner Up	2,000.00	2,000.00
6	5th Runner Up	1,500.00	1,500.00
7	Best Under 1500	1,500.00	
8	Best Unrated	1,500.00	

4.4. JUNIOR SECTION 1st MAY 2022

Eligibility: Players below the age of 18 Years.

- Under 8
- Under 10
- Under 12
- Under 14
- Under 16
- Under 18

Prizes: Medals for top three boys and girls in each category.

5. REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT

5.1. All players are required to confirm their participation by registering into the event with:

Prestige Section: Ksh 2,000/=

Under 1800 Section: Ksh 1500/=

Under 1600 Section: Ksh 1500/=

Juniors Ksh 700/=

No later than **Thursday, 27th April, 2022**.

5.2. Registrations by all participants should be done through the following link:
<https://lighthousechessclub.com/reg?n=EAST+AFRICAN+OPEN&game=1>

5.3. Payment of the Registration fee.

Payment of the registration fee should be done through the following bank account:

Name of Account: Lighthouse Chess Club

Account Number: 01134577719200

Name of Bank: Cooperative Bank of Kenya

Name of Branch: Nyali Branch

SWIFT: KCOOKENA

5.4. The amount can also be sent via MPESA. **MPESA, Buy Goods and Services, Till number 970198. (Lighthouse Chess Club)**

5.5. Players **will not be paired** until they meet their full payment obligations.

6. ORGANIZERS & ARBITRATION TEAM

6.1. The Tournament Organizer of the event will be School Instructor: **SI Judy Kiragu (FIDE ID: 10812431)**.

6.2. The Tournament Director of the event will be SI Judy Kiragu

6.3. The Chief Arbiter of the event will be International Arbiter and International Organiser: **IA/IO Mutua Sembei (10802150)**

6.4. The Deputy Chief Arbiter of the event will be International Arbiter and Fide Instructor: **IA/FI James Mwangi (10806245)**

6.5. Other members of the Arbitration Team will be appointed by Lighthouse Chess Club.

7. TRAVEL & ACCOMODATION

Participating institutions/ participants and all other parties will be responsible for their own travel, meals and accommodation arrangements.

The Milele Beach Hotel is offering the following package.

Room only @ Kes 2,000/- only per day.

Full board @ Kes 3,500/- only per day.

Milele beach is located at the T-junction of the Mombasa –Malindi road and the Bamburi road. The hotel is in close proximity to Bamburi where there are several affordable eateries and is located right at the beach. Citimall and Naivas mall are also within walking distance to the hotel.



8. ORGANIZER CONTACTS

Please direct any queries related to the tournament to:

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