



2022 African Individual Chess Championships

17th to 28th September 2022

Orchid Hotel

Lekki, Lagos City

NIGERIA

*Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the
Nigeria Chess Federation has the honour of hosting the
2022 African Individual Chess Championships*

Dear Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Nigeria Chess Federation is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to the 2022 African Individual Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at the Orchid Hotel in the Lekki area of the City of Lagos in Nigeria from **17th September 2022 (arrival) to 28th September 2022 (departure)**.

The event will comprise an **Open** Section and a **Women's** Section

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1. Players holding the titles of GM, WGM or WIM have a personal right to enter the tournament. Participation under this right is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees as well as accommodation costs.

2.2. Each National Federation is entitled to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each Section.

2.3. The host country shall have the right to enter ten (10) players in each Section. In the event of the total number of participants being an odd number, the host Federation shall have the right to add another player.

2.4. One player in the Open Section and one in the Women's Section from each federation will be recognized as Official Players whilst all the others will be Additional Players. The Official Players will be entitled to free board and lodging for the duration of the Championships.

2.5. The Winners, in both categories, of the five 2022 African Zonal Championships are eligible to participate in the 2022 African Individual Chess Championship with free board and lodging. This right is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees.

2.6. The African Chess Confederation President also has the right to nominate additional players.

3. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

The Official Players as well as Additional players from each member Federation in each category will be required to pay an ACC Tournament Fee of **US\$ 50 each**.

4. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

4.1. Entry Forms must be completed by and returned to the Organising Committee not later than **10th September 2022**.

4.2. The completed registration form must include the surnames, first names, FIDE titles, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and total number of players and accompanying persons.

4.3. The completed form must also include the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Head of Delegation and of the person in charge of the federation.

4.4. All players and accompanying persons must pay a Registration Fee of **US\$ 60** to the Organisers to complete the registration process prior to the Technical Meeting.

5. TRAVEL

5.1. All travel expenses to the host country are for the account of the participants or their National Federations.

5.2. The organisers will provide transportation from Murtala Muhammed International Airport to the accommodation venue upon arrival on **17th September 2022** and back to the Airport on the departure day of **28th September 2022**.

6. ACCOMMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE

6.1. The accommodation for players and officials will be at Orchid Hotel.

The tournament shall be played in the Orchid Event Centre, Mercy Hall of the accommodation venue, Orchid Hotel.

6.2. All participants (players, officials and accompanying persons) are required to lodge at the official venue.

6.3. Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for the official players (one player in each category).

6.4. Additional players, officials and accompanying persons will be required to pay for accommodation at the following rates:

a) In Twin rooms: **70 US\$** per person per day, 3 meals included.

b) In single rooms: **90 US\$** per person per day, 3 meals included.

6.5 Payments should be made upon arrival prior to allocation of rooms.

6.6 Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

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

The Registration Forms for entries is attached herein.

Officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Local Organising Committee officials on or before **10th September 2022** by e-mail to confirm entry.

All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Murtala Muhammed International Airport on arrival and departure.

Please note that participants, officials and accompanying persons arriving before **17th September 2022** or departing after **28th September 2022** will have to either pay for the extra nights at the official accommodation venue or make separate accommodation arrangements for the indicated period outside the tournament schedule.

7. PAYMENTS

All payments for Registration Fees, ACC Tournament Fees and accommodation should be made upon arrival at the Registration Desk at the Tournament and Accommodation Venue.

Proof of Payment in the form of receipts should be obtained once payments are made.

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below but this 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.

Table 1: Tournament Schedule

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Saturday, 17 th September 2022	18.00 hrs. – 20.00 hrs	Arrival of Participants Opening Ceremony
Sunday, 18 th September 2022	10.00 hrs. – 11.00 hrs. 15.00 hrs.	Technical Meeting Round 1
Monday, 19 th September 2022	15.00 hrs	Round 2
Tuesday, 20 th September June 2022	15.00 hrs	Round 3
Wednesday, 21 st September 2022	15.00 hrs	Round 4
Thursday, 22 nd September 2022	ALL DAY	Free Day, Sightseeing and Excursions
Friday, 23 rd September 2022	15.00 hrs	Round 5
Saturday, 24 th September 2022	15.00 hrs	Round 6
Sunday, 25 th September 2022	15.00 hrs	Round 7
Monday, 26 th September 2022	15.00 hrs	Round 8
Tuesday, 27 th September 2022	10.00 hrs 18.00 hrs.	Round 9 Closing Ceremony
Wednesday, 28 th September 2022	ALL DAY	Departure

8. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND REGULATIONS

8.1. The Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with addition of 30 seconds per move from move one for each player.

8.2. The games will be played using DGT clocks and the pairings will be published and displayed on the tournament notice board as well as on the chess-results.com website.

8.3. Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation may not be paired together in the last two (2) Rounds.

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

8.5. Zero Tolerance time will be applied for default.

9. 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.

10. ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

10.1. The current version of the FIDE Laws of Chess will be used in these championships.

10.2. Analysing is not allowed in the playing hall

10.3. During the game the players are not allowed to go to the analysing room or to the press room

10.4. Flash photography may be used only in the first five minutes of the playing session

10.5. Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

10.6. Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they are not playing in that area themselves

10.7. If the game is in progress a player may only talk to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

10.8. All the players **MUST** read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to abide by them.

10.9. During play, all participants are forbidden to have a mobile phone in their possession.

10.10. The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version

11. ARBITERS, ARBITRATION TEAM AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chief Arbiter and the Arbitration Team for the African Individual Chess Championships 2022 will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation (ACC) President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of a Chairman and 2 members appointed by the ACC President; with 2 reserves chosen from among the participating Federations.

Appeals should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two hours (2 hours) after the end of the round in question, with a **US\$50** deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

12. PRIZE STRUCTURE

	<i>Open Section (US \$)</i>	<i>Women's Section (US \$)</i>
1 st Prize	5,000	3,000
2 nd Prize	4,000	2,000
3 rd Prize	3,000	1,000
4 th Prize	2,000	750
5 th Prize	1,000	500
6 th Prize	750	250
7 th Prize	500	
8 th Prize	250	

In the case of equal positions, the HORT system will be used to distribute the prizes.

13. TITLE AWARDS

The winners of the Open Section and the Women's Section will be awarded the FIDE titles of International Grand Master (GM) and Woman International Grand Master (WGM) respectively; subject to the players having attained the following minimum ratings at some time: GM (2300) and WGM (2100)

Other titles will also be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

The winners in each category of the Championships will be awarded the title of 2022 African Individual Chess Champion

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three placed players respectively in each section of each category of the Championships.

14. QUALIFICATION FOR 2023 FIDE WORLD CUP AND THE 2023 FIDE WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

The 2022 African Individual Championships are a qualification event for the **2023 FIDE World Cup** and the **2023 FIDE Women's World Cup**. The top 2 placed players in the Open Section will qualify for the **2023 FIDE World Cup** whilst the Winner in the Women's Section will qualify for the **2023 FIDE Women's World Cup**.

15. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Nigerian Naira. The current Exchange Rate is: US \$ 1 = 414.00 NGN and Euro 1 = 450.81 NGN

16. ACCREDITATION

Each federation shall send names together with Passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by 10th **September 2022**.

17. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

International travelling arrangements and costs to and from Murtala Muhammed International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or respective players participating in the tournament;

Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Murtala Muhammed International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organising Committee by **10th September 2022**.

18. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Nigeria, these can be obtained from Nigerian Embassies or Consulate Offices in respective countries.

The Local Organising Committee will avail official invitation letters to delegations that need these for visa processing.

The organisers will advise the nationalities that qualify to obtain their visas on arrival at Murtala Muhammed International Airport.

19. DEADLINE

Entry forms must be filled by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organising Committee not later than the registration deadline of **10th September 2022**.

20. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACTS

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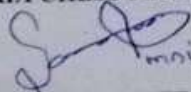
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21. COUNTRIES AFFILIATED TO THE AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

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, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, eSwatini, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. We look forward to welcoming you to our beautiful country!

Yours Sincerely,

NIGERIA CHESS FEDERATION



17-05-2022

DIG. SANI MOHAMMED (rtd), mni
PRESIDENT

2022 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

REGISTRATION FORM

Federation name	
Contact person	
Email	
Telephone	

Open Section

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE rating	Title

Women Section

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE rating	Title

Accompanying Persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be emailed to the Tournament Director and Secretary General on _____ by
September, 10 2022