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Cape Winelands and Chess Western Province Chess Unions

WESTERN CAPE CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019

20 – 24 September 2019
Stellenbosch, Western Cape.

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1 DATES & VENUE

The 2019 Western Cape Closed Chess Championships will be hosted in Stellenbosch from 20-24 September 2019. The playing venue will be:

- Venue: Paul Roos Gymnasium
- Address: 311 Suidwal Rd, Krigeville, Stellenbosch, 7600
- GPS: S 33 °56' 31.3" | E 18° 51' 42.1"

2 LOCAL ORGANISING COMMITTEE

The appointed Local Organising Committee comprise of:

- 2.1 Tournament Organiser: Paul Roos Gymnasium
- 2.2 Tournament Director: Dr Omar Esau
- 2.3 Schools Representative: Mr Arnold Mei
- 2.4 Paul Roos Representative: Me Chrystal Samuel
- 2.5 Finance: Me Ilze de Kock
- 2.6 Logistics: Mr Zaakie Jacobs
- 2.7 Chief Arbiter & FIDE: IA Gunther van den Bergh
- 2.8 Technical: Mr Leon de Jager
- 2.9 Enquiries: Me Chrystal Samuel csamuel@paulroos.co.za

3 ACCOMMODATION & TRANSPORT

Each participant is responsible for his/her own transport & accommodation arrangements and the costs thereof. No players will be allocated a transport or accommodation subsidy. This needs to be arranged by home regions.

4 EVENT SECTIONS

- 4.1 Only players registered with one of the Western Cape Regions may enter.
- 4.2 The event will consist of the following sections:
 - 4.2.1 Elite A (FIDE & Chessa rated) – Entry Fee R200
 - 4.2.2 Prestige B (Chessa rated) – Entry Fee R150
 - 4.2.3 C (Chessa rated) – Entry Fee R120
 - 4.2.4 D (Chessa rated) – Entry Fee R100
 - 4.2.5 Seniors (FIDE & Chessa rated) – Entry Fee R200
- 4.3 Online entry form: <https://tinyurl.com/WCClosed2019> available by Tuesday 3 September 2019.

5 EVENT REGULATIONS

5.1 01 January 2018 FIDE Laws of Chess will apply.

5.2 The format will be:

Section	Time Control	Rounds	Rules
Elite A	90/90 + 30sipm	6 Swiss	For players rated 1700 and higher
Prestige B	90/90 + 30sipm	6 Swiss	For players rated 1400 and higher
C	60/60 + 10sipm	6 Swiss	For players rated 1000 and higher
D	60/60 + 10sipm	6 Swiss	For players rated below 1000
Seniors	90/90 + 30sipm	6 Swiss	All players aged 50 years and older on 1 Jan 2019

5.3 Because of the increment per move, Guidelines III of the FIDE Laws of Chess will not be applicable.

5.4 Players must notate every move, regardless of the times displayed on their clocks.

5.5 All electronic equipment (e.g. mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, etc. but excluding those items used exclusively for the running of the Event) are banned from being brought into the playing hall. Any player who is found to have such a device in his/her possession will immediately be forfeited (loss of game).

5.6 The "late arrival time" for all rounds will be 30 minutes. Any player who arrives more than 30 minutes late after the actual start of a round will immediately be forfeited, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

5.7 Organisers reserve the right to combine or split sections depending on entries.

5.8 No late entries will be accepted, and players not physically registered by 19h30 on Friday will be removed from draws in round 1. Draws for round 1 will be published by 22h00 Friday 20 September 2019.

6 APPEALS

A player wishing to appeal against a ruling made by an arbiter, must do so in writing and submit the appeal, together with a R200 fee, to either the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director, no later than 30 minutes after the game has ended. The fee will be returned to the player if the appeal was successful.

7 TIEBREAKS

The following tiebreak systems, in the order given below, will be used to rank the players (who finish the tournament on the same scores) to determine the final standings.

Direct encounter, Bucholz, Bucholz Cut 1, Sonneborn-Berger,
Rating average of opponents

8 ARBITERS

The following arbiters have been appointed:

- 8.1 Chief Arbiter: IA Gunther van den Bergh
- 8.2 Deputy Chief Arbiter: FA Ricardo Minnaar
- 8.3 Other arbiters: tba

9 SCHEDULE

Elite A, Prestige B, Seniors

Date	Time	Activity
Friday 20 September 2019	17h00-19h30	Registrations
	22:00	Draws for round 1
Saturday 21 September 2019	08:30	Opening Ceremony
Saturday 21 September 2019	09:00	Round 1
Saturday 21 September 2019	16:00	Round 2
Sunday 22 September 2019	09:00	Round 3
Sunday 22 September 2019	16:00	Round 4
Monday 23 September 2019	18:00	Round 5
Tuesday 24 September 2019	09:00	Round 6
Tuesday 24 September 2019	14:00	Closing ceremony

C and D

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Sunday 22 September 2019	16:00	Round 6
Sunday 22 September 2019	19:00	Prizegiving straight after last game finishes

10 PRIZES

Each section winner will be presented with a trophy and the 2nd and 3rd place will receive medals. For all sections there will be medals for top 3 females. The Senior section will have medals for Over 50 and over 65 entries.

Prize money and categories will be published in a later circular.

11 BANK DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME: Chess Western Province

BANK NAME: STANDARD BANK

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 070 157 359

BRANCH CODE: 020 009

SWIFT CODE: SBZAJJ

12 WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EVENT

12.1 Players withdrawing from the event will forfeit their entry fees.

12.2 If a player withdraws during the event, rating penalties will be applied as per Chess SA Rating Regulations if no valid and acceptable reason(s) are provided by the player.

13 DRESSCODE

Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable. Casual wear/clothing will be allowed. Players must wear shoes or sandals.

14 OTHER ACTIVITIES

AOC Arbiters training, A Rapid or Blitz Event and other activities planned. Please look out for circular two in this regard. The organisers will ensure that all these extra activities do not interfere with the ability to also play in the tournament.