



CTCF WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 2026



DATE

24 - 27 SEPTEMBER



VENUE

J.G. MEIRING HIGH SCHOOL



SECTIONS

WOMEN, ELITE, ADVANCED,
INTERMEDIATE, JUNIORS (U8 → U16)



RATED

FIDE & CHESS SA RATED



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SECTIONS

SECTION	CRITERIA	ENTRY FEE
Women	Females only Rating 1300+	R400
Elite	Rating 1800+	
Advanced	Rating < 1800	R350
Intermediate	Rating < 1500	
Under 16	Born 2011 or later	R250
Under 14	Born 2013 or later	
Under 12	Born 2015 or later	
Under 10	Born 2017 or later	
Under 8	Born 2019 or later	
Blitz	Parents/Teachers	R200

FORMAT

SECTION	SYSTEM	TIME CONTROL	RATED
Women Elite Advanced Intermediate	6 Round Swiss	90/90 + 30sipm	Chess SA & FIDE
Age Groups	5 Round Swiss	60/60	
Blitz	7 Round Swiss	3/3 + 2sipm	



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MAIN PLAYING SCHEDULE

Women, Elite, Advanced, Intermediate

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 24 September	18h00	Round 1
Friday 25 September	09h00	Round 2
	15h00	Round 3
Saturday 26 September	09h00	Round 4
	15h00	Round 5
Sunday 27 September	09h00	Round 6
	14h00	Prize Giving

AGE GROUP PLAYING SCHEDULE

Age Groups

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 24 September	08h30	Round 1
	±18h00	Prize Giving
Rounds will be accelerated according to the rate of play.		

BLITZ PLAYING SCHEDULE

Blitz

DATE	TIME	EVENT
Thursday 24 September	09h00	Round 1
	±18h00	Prize Giving
Rounds will be accelerated according to the rate of play.		



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PRIZES

POSITION	WOMEN	ELITE	ADVANCED	INTERMEDIATE
1 st	R5 000	R4 000	R2 000	R1 200
2 nd	R3 500	R2 500	R1 000	R750
3 rd	R2 500	R1 000	R750	R500
4 th	R1 500	-	-	-
5 th	R1 000	-	-	-
Best Junior (U20)	-	R600	R500	R300
Best Senior (50+)	-	R600	R500	R300

*Age groups will not receive any monetary prizes – Medals for Top 5 finishers and Best Woman.
Trophy for winner of each section.*

LOC CONTACT DETAILS

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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The latest FIDE Laws of Chess will apply.
- 1.2 For sections with a rapid or blitz time control, Article A.5 will apply.

2. REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

- 2.1 Registration for the tournament must be made online via the official tournament registration link:

<https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/ctcf-womens-championship-2026>

- 2.2 No refund requests will be entertained.
- 2.3 The closing date for registrations and payment is **Tuesday 22 September 2026 at 23h59**. No late entries will be permitted after this deadline.
- 2.4 Players holding the titles of **GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM** or **WFM** shall be exempt from the entry fee and will receive complimentary entry to the tournament. Players must use the discount code "**CTCF100**" when registering on the ChessWorks platform.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Players and parents are highly encouraged to join the relevant WhatsApp groups to receive info regarding the event:

- 3.1.1 Women, Elite, Advanced, Intermediate:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/EzDFbb3Wr3T7l9wis8KEM4>

- 3.1.2 Junior Age Groups: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JPX4vP1Knyw3u4b7WzIxdp>

4. VENUE

- 4.1 The event will be hosted at J.G. Meiring High School
Merriman Rd, Goodwood Estate, Cape Town, 7460
Venue Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/jE8pdFSqNaATyQwn6>
- 4.2 There is a limited capacity for 250 players.
- 4.3 A tuckshop will be available at the venue for the convenience of participants and spectators.



5. SECTIONS

- 5.1 All sections will be Chess SA & FIDE Rated
- 5.2 Players that wish to “play-up” into a higher section must make submission to the LOC.
- 5.3 For all sections, the highest between a player’s Chess SA Main rating and FIDE Standard rating shall be used when determining eligibility.

6. TIE-BREAKS

- 6.1 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:
 - 6.1.1 Direct Encounter
 - 6.1.2 Buchholz Cut-1
 - 6.1.3 Buchholz
 - 6.1.4 Sonneborn-Berger
 - 6.1.5 Average Rating of Opponents

7. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

- 7.1 All electronic equipment (e.g. mobile phones, tablets, smart watches, etc. but excluding those items used exclusively for the running of the Event) must be switched off when brought into the playing hall. Any player who is found to have such a device in his/her possession which is not switched off will immediately be forfeited (loss of game).

8. DEFAULT TIME

- 8.1 Women, Elite, Advanced & Intermediate: 30 minutes
- 8.2 Age Groups: 10 minutes
- 8.3 Blitz: No default time (clock will run)
- 8.4 Any player who arrives in the playing area after the default time has elapsed will forfeit their game unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.



9. APPEALS

- 9.1 A player wishing to appeal against a ruling made by an arbiter, must do so immediately after the game has ended and before the pairings for the next round has been published. Appeals must be lodged with the tournament director, accompanied by a fee of R300 (which will be returned if the appeal is successful).

10. PRIZES

- 10.1 Each individual section winner will be presented with a trophy.
- 10.2 Prizes will not be split and will be awarded to the highest ranked player based on the tie-breaks.
- 10.3 Prizes will be paid in by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) within 72 hours after the conclusion of the event.
- 10.4 No player may win more than one individual prize. A player will receive the prize with the highest value.
- 10.5 Prizes may be amended subject to number of entries, special may be awarded based on the number of entries.
- 10.6 Players must attend the award ceremony to receive their prizes and/or award.

11. WITHDRAWALS

- 11.1 Players withdrawing from the event will forfeit their entry fees.
- 11.2 Should a player withdraw during the event [without informing the TD/CA], rating penalties will be applied as per Chess SA Rating Regulations if no valid and acceptable reason(s) are provided by the player.

12. DRESS CODE

- 12.1 Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable.

13. PHOTOGRAPHS & VIDEOS

- 13.1 Photographs and videos will be taken during the event and during the award ceremony. All players are deemed to allow publication of photographs of them taken at the event by the organisers for publicity purposes unless they inform the organisers otherwise.



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14. TRANSPORT & ACCOMMODATION

- 14.1 Participants shall be responsible for arranging and covering the costs of their own transportation and accommodation.

15. DISCLAIMER

- 15.1 CTCF reserves the right to change any aspect of the tournament including but not limited to the venue, sections, format, time control, dates, number of players, and prize funds. Any changes will be communicated to players through the tournament WhatsApp groups and to the email addresses provided by players upon registration.