CURRO HERMANUS

SPRING OPEN

31 OCTOBER 2026

6 Round Swiss | Rapid 20/20

Chess SA Rated **FIDE Rated** **R100 per player**

U7 | U9 | U11 | U13 | U15 | U18 | U20 | Adults

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CURRO HERMANUS

SPRING OPEN 2026

DATE	Saturday 31 October 2026
TIME	09h00 – 16h00
VENUE	Curro Hermanus
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	Kami Scholtz [kami.s@curro.co.za]
CHIEF ARBITER	Ethan Higham [ethan@chessworks.co.za]
REGISTRATION LINK	https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/curro-hermanus-spring-open-2026

FORMAT

SYSTEM	Individual Swiss
ROUNDS	6 Rounds
TIME CONTROL	20/20 [Rapid]
RATED	Chess SA and FIDE Rated

SECTIONS

SECTION	CRITERIA	ENTRY FEE
U7 Boys/Girls	Born 2019 or later	**R100 per player**
U9 Boys/Girls	Born 2017 or later	
U11 Boys/Girls	Born 2015 or later	
U13 Boys/Girls	Born 2013 or later	
U15	Born 2011 or later	
U18	Born 2008 or later	
U20	Born 2006 or later	
Adults	Born 2005 or earlier	

PLAYING SCHEDULE

EVENT	TIME
Round 1	09h00
Prize Giving	±15h00
All rounds will be accelerated	

PRIZES

SECTION	MEDALS
U7 – U13	Top 5 per section
U15 – U20	Top 5 and Best Female
Adults	

REGISTRATION

Players must complete their registration and payment via the ChessWorks platform using the official registration link. The deadline for registration is Friday 30 October at 12pm. No late entries will be permitted.

REGISTRATION LINK AND QR CODE
https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/curro-hermanus-spring-open-2026

PLAYING VENUE

Curro Hermanus (Hennie Mentz Hall) – 1 Curro Road, Sandbaai, Hermanus, 7200

https://maps.app.goo.gl/aiYn1s4aDCLKyaGeA

Food and Beverage vendors will be operating on the day of the event.

TECHNICAL REGULATIONS

1. CONSENT

1.1 The player/parent/guardian gives consent for the player's name, surname, gender, date of birth, Chess SA ID and or FIDE ID to be submitted to the rating agencies (Chess SA and/or FIDE) for the purposes of rating the tournament and the rating agencies displaying it on their respective websites.

1.2 The player/parent/guardian gives consent for the publication of the player's details name, surname, gender, date of birth, Chess SA ID and/ or FIDE ID on the website chess-results.com for the purpose of tournament pairings and administration.

1.3 The above processing of information is required for the running of this event. Should consent for either of the above be refused, the player will not be able to participate in this event.

1.4 The player/parent/guardian gives consent for photo's and/or videos to be taken of the players during the tournament and to be published on social media pages and/or the internet. Should consent not be given, please notify the organisers before the tournament so that the event photographers can be notified.

2. REGISTRATION

2.1 The registration deadline is **Friday 30 October** at 12pm. No late entries will be permitted.

3. SECTIONS & CRITERIA

3.1 Players may play up into a higher age group.

3.2 Players may be moved to another section at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director.

4. TIE-BREAKS

4.1 In the event there is a tie for any position, the tiebreak between the players with the same number of points will be broken in the following order:

4.1.1 Direct Encounter

4.1.2 Buchholz Cut-1

4.1.3 Buchholz

4.1.4 Sonneborn-Berger

4.1.5 Average rating of opponents

5. PRIZES

5.1 Prizes will not be split amongst participants. The final rankings according to the tiebreaks will determine prize allocations.

5.2 Players may win more than one prize.

6. DEFAULT TIME

6.1 There will be no default time for all rounds. If a player is not at their board when the round starts, their clock will run until their flag falls. Players who are defaulted will be removed from the subsequent pairings unless they communicate with the Chief Arbiter.

7. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

7.1 All electronic devices (smartphones, smart watches, smart rings etc.) must be switched off when brought into the playing area. Any player who is found to have such a device in his/her possession which is not switched off will immediately be forfeited.

7.1.1 ***Exceptions:*** In cases where a player has a specific medical condition or any other exceptional circumstances which has been declared to and accepted by the Tournament Director and Chief Arbiter.

8. APPEALS

8.1.1 The Appeals Committee (AC) shall be appointed by the LOC and shall consist of:

8.1.1.1 The Chief Arbiter (Chairman)

8.1.1.2 an LOC Member

8.1.1.3 A licensed FIDE or International Arbiter

8.1.2 Where the Chief Arbiter is involved in the dispute, the Deputy Chief Arbiter shall be appointed in their place.

8.1.3 If a player is under 18, then the appeal must be submitted by the player's parent/ guardian/teacher or coach.

8.1.4 If the appellant is unable to write their appeal for medical reasons, or because of a disability, then the appeal may be written by an assistant.

8.1.5 An appeal must be made by a party directly impacted by the situation in which the dispute occurred.

8.1.6 Appeals must be submitted to the AC Chairman in writing within the following time frames, either after the round or the particular infringement:

8.1.6.1 10 minutes in a rapid event.

8.1.7 The appeal must be written in English.

8.1.8 The appeal fee of R300 must also be paid within the time frames specified in article 8.1.6. If the appeal is upheld, then the fee will be returned. If the appeal is rejected, then AC may decide to reimburse the fee.

8.1.9 An appeal may only be made to AC once the appellant has received a decision from the Chief Arbiter. The topics of the appeal may include, but are not limited to:

8.1.9.1 The arbiter incorrectly applying the FIDE Laws of Chess

8.1.9.2 The arbiter incorrectly applying the Tournament Regulations

8.1.9.3 The behaviour of a player

8.1.10 Upon receipt of an appeal, the AC Chairman is empowered to ask for written statements within a specific time frame from other people, including but not limited to:

8.1.10.1 The opponent

8.1.10.2 The Chief Arbiter

8.1.10.3 The arbiter who made the original decision

8.1.11 The Appeals Committee endeavours to communicate its decision in writing as soon as possible after receipt of the appeal. If the appeal procedure causes a delay to the tournament schedule, the next round shall be played as originally planned if ¾ of the total number of rounds or fewer have been played. The pairings for the next round shall be done with the result of the disputed game being the result as decided by the Chief Arbiter. If more than ¾ of the total number of rounds have been played, the Chief Arbiter shall decide whether or not the next round shall be delayed until the decision of the Appeals Committee has been made

8.1.12 The written verdict will be communicated by e-mail or WhatsApp to the appellant and any parties involved in the dispute.

9. DRESS CODE

9.1 Players may wear casual clothes (school uniform not required). Players must always wear shoes or sandals whilst inside the playing area.

10. WITHDRAWALS

10.1 Refund requests will incur a R25 admin penalty.

10.2 Players who withdraw after the closing date for registration will forfeit their entry fee.

10.3 Players wishing to withdraw must inform the Chief Arbiter before the first round's pairings are published.

10.4 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.

11. COMMUNICATION

11.1 It is highly advisable that all players (and parents of junior players) join the event WhatsApp group to receive updates and communication regarding the event. Pairings will be published to Chess-Results as well as the WhatsApp group on the day of the tournament

WHATSAPP LINK AND QR CODE
https://chat.whatsapp.com/IJCX4C7Va2eCV74LfN9pcA

12. DISCLAIMER

12.1 The organisers reserve 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 group and to the email addresses provided by players upon registration.