

CHESS CLUB



HERMANUS

NOVEMBER BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

R12 000 PRIZE FUND



REGISTER NOW

10:00 - 14:30 | SATURDAY 29 NOVEMBER | CURRO HERMANUS

EVENT DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 29 November 2025
TIME	10h00 – 14h30
VENUE	Curro Hermanus (Google Maps Link)
TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	Martin Brink chairman@hermanuschessclub.co.za
CHIEF ARBITER	Ethan Higham info@hermanuschessclub.co.za
REGISTRATION LINK	https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/hermanus-chess-club-november-blitz-2025

FORMAT

FORMAT	Individual Swiss
ROUNDS	9 Rounds
TIME CONTROL	5/5 + 3sipm
PLAYING SCHEDULE	Round 1 starts at 09h00
RULES	Latest FIDE rules will apply A.5 will apply

SECTIONS

SECTION	CRITERIA	RATED	ENTRY FEE
A	Rating > 1550	Chess SA & FIDE Rated	R150
B	Rating < 1600		
Under 14	Born 2012 – 2013		
Under 12	Born 2014 – 2015		
Under 10	Born 2016 or later		

CASH PRIZE BREAKDOWN

SECTION	1 ST	2 ND	3 RD	BEST FEMALE
A	R1500	R1000	R750	R750
B	R1000	R750	R500	R500
Under 14	R500	R400	R300	R300
Under 12				
Under 10				
All prize winners will receive a medal				

PLAYING SCHEDULE

EVENT	TIME
Round 1	10h00
Short Break	After Round 5
Prize Giving	14h30
<i>All rounds will be accelerated</i>	

VENUE



Curro Hermanus → [Google Maps](#)

The school tuck shop will be available on the day

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. REGISTRATION

- 1.1 Right of admission is reserved.
- 1.2 Players must complete their registration through the official online registration link provided. Registration for the tournament will close on **Wednesday 26 November at 12pm**. Players are encouraged to register early to secure their participation.
 - 1.2.1 Late entries will incur a penalty of R50 and will be allowed until 24 hours before the scheduled start of the first round (Friday 28 November @ 09h00).
- 1.3 By completing the registration, the parent, guardian, or player acknowledges and agrees to the conditions of the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA). Furthermore, consent is given for photographs and videos to be taken during the event. These may be used for promotional purposes, including but not limited to posting on social media platforms.

2. SECTIONS & CRITERIA

- 2.1 The Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director reserves the right to move players to a different section based on their discretion.
- 2.2 Junior players are permitted to play up into a higher age group.

3. PRIZES

- 3.1 Prize money will be awarded strictly based on the final standings determined by the tie-break system. There will be no splitting of prize funds among participants.
- 3.2 Players can win more than one prize.
 - 3.2.1 If a top-performing female player in a section finishes within the overall Top 3, she will also be awarded the Best Female prize.
- 3.3 Players must attend the prize giving in order to receive their prize.

4. TIE-BREAKS

4.1 In the event of a tie for any position, the final rankings will be determined by applying the following tie-break criteria, in the order listed below:

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. DEFAULT TIME

5.1 There will be no default time for all rounds.

6. ELECTRONIC DEVICES

6.1 All electronic devices (smart phones, 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.

6.1.1 **Exceptions:** In cases where a player has a specific medical condition, which has been declared to and accepted by the Tournament Director and Chief Arbiter.

7. APPEALS

7.1 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 have been published. Appeals must be lodged with the tournament director in writing, accompanied by a R200 fee which will be refunded in the event the appeal is successful.

8. WITHDRAWALS

8.1 Players withdrawing from the event will forfeit their entry fees. Players wishing to withdraw must inform the Chief Arbiter before the first rounds pairings are published. 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.

9. COMMUNICATION

9.1 It is highly advisable that all players (and parents of junior players) join the Hermanus Chess Club Tournaments 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.

Link to WhatsApp group:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/JVwGycP2EsNBT4hUB8fa60>

The Hermanus Chess Club 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 group and to the email addresses provided by players upon registration.