



KNIGHT'S WATCH WINTER CLASSIC

04-05th JULY 2026








Crawford International Sandton,

11 Benmore Rd, Benmore Gardens, Sandton, 2196

Entries: <https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/knights-watch-winter-classic-2026-dee3>

Eligibility for a section will be determined using a player's CHESSA (Main) rating or their FIDE (Standard) rating. All titled players get free entry (IM, WIM, GM, WGM).

SECTION	CRITERIA
 SECTION A	RATING ABOVE 1900
 SECTION B	RATING 1650 AND BELOW 1900
 SECTION C	RATING BELOW 1650
 SECTION D	PLAYERS BORN 2012 TO 2016
 SECTION E	PLAYERS BORN 2017 AND YOUNGER

REG CLOSES 02 JULY (12:00)

WhatsApp group chat tournament updates:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/HdpF1l8rOOyJyxp7VCufD7?mode=hqctcli>

Draws will only be published on chess results.

Tie Breaks

- Direct Encounter
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Share prize if completely equal

Contact details

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Time Format

Section A-C: 90/90

Section D & E: 60/60

	SECTION A	SECTION B	SECTION C	SECTION D	SECTION E
	Above 1900	BELOW 1900 AND ABOVE 1650	BELOW 1650	BORN 2012- 2016	Born in 2017-YOUNGER
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All sections are Chess SA RATED• Sections are Fide-rated if at least 5 Fide-rated players are present				
FEE	R350	R300	R250	R200	R200
PRIZES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Section A – E Total prize fund R35 000• Best female is awarded if at least 2 females participated and a score of 2.5 was achieved.• If a female player is in the top 3, the best female is not awarded.• A minimum of 15 entries per section (A – C) must be recorded for the prize fund to be paid.• Sections can be merged.				
TIME CTRL	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Format: Swiss				
PLAYING SCHEDULE	SECTION A, B, C			SECTION D, E	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round 1: 4 July @ 0800• Round 2: 4 July @ + 10• Round 3: 4 July @ + 10• Round 4: 5 July @ + 10• Round 5: 5 July @ + 10			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Round 1: 4 July @ 0800• Round 2: 4 July @ + 10• Round 3: 4 July @ + 10• Round 4: 4 July @ + 10• Round 5: 4 July @ + 10	

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PLAYERS ALLOWED TO MOVE INTO HIGHER SECTIONS IF THEY WISH

Section	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Best Lady	Total
A	R7,000	R4,000	R2,500	R2,000	R2,000	R17,500
B	R3,500	R2,000	R1,300	R1,000	R1,000	R8,800
C	R2,000	R1,300	R1,000	R700	R700	R5,700
D	R500	R400	R300		R300	R1,500
E	R500	R400	R300		R300	R1,500
						R35,000

TOURNAMENT RULES

- ❖ Latest FIDE rules will apply.
- ❖ In case of no show or withdrawal, registration fee remains non-refundable.
- ❖ Standard ratings files will be used.'
- ❖ The responsibility of the player is to ensure that he/she is entered into the correct section.
- ❖ Only players with confirmed payments will be added to the draw as published
- ❖ No cell phones, watches of any kind (e.g., smart watches, fitness trackers, step counters, etc.), or any communication devices will be allowed in the playing area except for the TD, Chief Arbiter, and Arbiters.
- ❖ The Organizer of the tournament and other tournament officials are not responsible for the safety or property of players or spectators.
- ❖ The player/parent/guardian gives consent for the player's name, surname, gender, race, date of birth, CHESSA ID, and or FIDE ID to be submitted to the
- ❖ rating agencies (CHESSA and/or FIDE) for the purposes of rating the tournament and displaying it on their respective websites.
- ❖ The player/parent/guardian gives consent for the publication of the player's
- ❖ details, name, surname, gender, race, date of birth, CHESSA ID, and/ or FIDE ID on the website www.chess-results.com for tournament pairings and
- ❖ administration.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ The player/parent/guardian gives consent for photos to be taken of the players during the tournament and to be published on our Social Media pages. Should consent not be given, please notify us before
- ❖ The tournament organizers reserve the right to cancel the tournament. Players will have their entry fee refunded
- ❖ Default time 20 mins for round 1 - thereafter 15 mins for rounds 2 - 5
- ❖ All players in A, B, and C Sections must submit legible, complete notation sheets for all games at the end of each round. Failure to submit notation sheets will result in forfeiture of any payable prize money.
- ❖ No refunds for withdrawals or no-shows (refund only if we cancel the tournament)
- ❖ Appeals must be submitted within 10 minutes of the game being completed and before the next round starts

