



Laerskool Welgemoed Rapid 2026

Valentine's Day @ Laerskool Welgemoed

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

DATE	Saturday 14 February 2026
TIME	09h00 – 15h00
FORMAT	Individual Swiss
ROUNDS	6 Rounds
TIME CONTROL	20/20 + 5sipm
RATED	Chess SA Rated
REGISTRATION LINK	https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/laerskool-welgemoed-rapid-2026

SECTIONS

SECTION	ENTRY CRITERIA	ENTRY FEE
U8	Born 2019 or later	R150
U10	Born 2017 - 2018	
U12	Born 2015 - 2016	
U14	Born 2013 - 2014	
Parent	Rated below 1400	

LOC CONTACT DETAILS

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR	CHIEF ARBITER	REGISTRATIONS / SUPPORT
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PRIZE BREAKDOWN PER SECTION

Section	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	Best Female
U8 - U14	Gold & Trophy	Silver			Bronze	
Parents	Gold & Trophy	Silver		Bronze		

❤️ **MYSTERY PRIZE FOR BEST VALENTINE'S OUTFIT PER SECTION** ❤️

All participants who compete in all 6 rounds of the tournament will receive a medal

Prizes will be awarded based on the final tournament standings according to points and tie-breaks

PLAYING SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL	ROUND 1	PRIZE GIVING
08h30	09h00	15h00

All rounds will be accelerated based on the rate of play, so there are no fixed round times. Once a round concludes and the results are captured, pairings for the next round will be published and the next round will begin shortly after.

VENUE



Laerskool Welgemoed Primary School
Rylaan, Jip De Jager Dr, Welgemoed,
Cape Town, 7530

GOOGLE MAPS LINK

**A tuck shop will be available on the day –
Mariam's Caterers**

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The FIDE Laws of Chess (1 January 2026) will apply.
- 1.2 Article A.5 of Rapid Chess rules shall apply.

2. REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

- 2.1 Registration for the tournament must be made online via the ChessWorks platform.
- 2.2 Registration Link: <https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/laerskool-welgemoed-rapid-2026>
- 2.3 The closing date for registrations and payment is Monday, 9 Feb 2026 at 21h00. Late entries will incur an additional fee of R50 and will be accepted up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the first round in the relevant section.
- 2.4 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.

3. SECTIONS AND CRITERIA

- 3.1 The Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director reserves the right to move players to a different section based on their discretion.
- 3.2 Players may "play up" into a higher section.

4. DEFAULT TIME

- 4.1 There will be no "default time" for all rounds. Allow time to run out for opponent.

5. RESULTS

- 5.1 Once a game has finished, both players should report the result to the score keepers. If neither player reports their result, the game will be annulled (0 – 0). Players must ensure that the result of their game is captured correctly.

6. COMMUNICATION

6.1 All players (or parents of junior players) MUST join tournament WhatsApp group to receive communication regarding the event.

6.2 WhatsApp Link: <https://bit.ly/WPSR2026>

6.3 Results and pairings will be published on <https://chess-results.com>

7. TIE-BREAKS

7.1 The following tie-break 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:

- 7.1.1 Direct Encounter
- 7.1.2 Buchholz Cut – 1
- 7.1.3 Buchholz
- 7.1.4 Sonneborn-Berger
- 7.1.5 Average rating of opponents

8. APPEALS

8.1 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 R300 fee (which will be returned if the appeal is successful).

9. WITHDRAWALS

9.1 Players withdrawing from the event will forfeit their entry fees. Players wishing to withdraw must inform the Chief Arbiter before the first round's 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.

10. DRESS CODE

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

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.