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# MOJA CHESS EXTRAVAGANZA 2026



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## 1. INVITATION

# Welcome to Moja Chess Extravaganza 2026!

Welcome to the Moja Chess Extravaganza 2026, one of Africa's leading international chess events. Since its inception in 2018, the Extravaganza has brought together top players, rising talents, and chess enthusiasts from across the continent and beyond.

The Moja Chess Extravaganza 2026 will be held at the **Bellville Velodrome, Cape Town, from 25–30 April 2026**. This year's edition is proudly hosted in partnership with the Western Cape Chess Association and Cape Town Chess Federation.

Guided by the theme "Breaking Limits. Building Legends.", the 2026 tournament introduces expanded sections, dedicated PWD prizes, and strengthened fair play measures, all designed to elevate both competition and player experience. Our aim is to deliver a professionally run, inclusive, and truly exceptional chess festival worthy of its growing international stature.



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## 2. TOURNAMENT DETAILS & FORMAT

### Prestige, Ladies, B & C Sections

<b>DATE</b>	Saturday 25 April – Thursday 30 April
<b>FORMAT</b>	9 Round Individual Swiss
<b>TIME CONTROL</b>	90/90 + 30sipm
<b>RULES</b>	Latest FIDE rules will apply
<b>RATED</b>	FIDE & Chess SA Rated

### Senior & Junior Sections

<b>DATE</b>	Saturday 25 April – Sunday 26 April
<b>FORMAT</b>	5 Round Individual Swiss
<b>TIME CONTROL</b>	60/60 + 2sipm
<b>RULES</b>	Latest FIDE rules will apply
<b>RATED</b>	FIDE & Chess SA Rated

### Blitz Event

<b>DATE</b>	Monday 27 April
<b>FORMAT</b>	9 Round Individual Swiss
<b>TIME CONTROL</b>	3/3 + 2sipm
<b>RULES</b>	Latest FIDE rules will apply
<b>RATED</b>	FIDE & Chess SA Rated

### 3. ELIGIBILITY & SECTIONS

SECTION	CRITERIA	ENTRY FEE	EARLY BIRD FEE
Prestige	Rating 2000 or higher	<b>R750</b>	<b>R650</b>
Ladies	Female Players Only	<b>R600</b>	<b>R500</b>
B	Rating less than 2000		
C	Rating less than 1600	<b>R500</b>	<b>R400</b>
Seniors (50+)	Born 1976 or earlier	<b>R400</b>	<b>R300</b>
Under 14	Born 2012 or later	<b>R300</b>	<b>R250</b>
Under 12	Born 2014 or later		
Under 10	Born 2016 or later		
Blitz	-	<b>R150</b>	
<i>Early Bird discounts are available for participants who register before 23h59, 15 February 2026.</i>			

3.1 Eligibility for a section will be determined using a player’s **Chess SA (Main)** rating or their **FIDE (Standard)** rating.

3.1.1 Players must use the **higher** of the two ratings to determine their eligibility for a specific section

3.2 Players holding the title of GM, IM, WGM and WIM are eligible for **FREE** entry. Use the discount code “**TITLED**” in the discount code field when registering on the ChessWorks platform.

#### 3.3 Players with Disabilities (PWD)

3.3.1 Criteria: **Legally** disabled players

3.3.2 There is no dedicated section for PWDs. They will compete in their appropriate sections according to the section criteria stated above.

3.3.3 PWDs must indicate their status on the registration form when signing up on the ChessWorks platform so that they can be correctly categorised and considered eligible for prize money.

#### 3.4 Refund Policy

3.4.1 A R200 admin fee applies before closing date. No refunds after closing date.

## 4. PRIZES

SECTION	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Total
<b>Prestige</b>	R50 000	R25 000	R15 000	R10 000	R5 000	R3 000	R108 000
<b>Ladies</b>	R25 000	R15 000	R10 000	R5 000	R3 000	R2 000	R60 000
<b>B</b>	R25 000	R15 000	R10 000	R5 000	R3 000	R2 000	R60 000
<b>C</b>	R12 000	R8 000	R5 000	R3 000	R2 000	-	R30 000
<b>Seniors</b>	R8 000	R4 000	R2 000	R1 000	-	-	R15 000
<i>Trophies &amp; Medals for Junior Sections (U10, U12 &amp; U14)</i>							

4.1 Players finishing on the same score will share the prize money.

4.2 PWDs: Best PWD per section – R3 000. Awarded only if the player scores at least 50% of the possible score and is not already in a main prize position. One prize per player.

4.3 Prize money will be transferred within 14 days of the conclusion of the tournament.

## 5. REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

Please scan the QR code below or use the link to register and pay.  
Video Tutorial - <https://youtu.be/KRGrSOpD8lo>

### MAIN EVENT



<https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/moja-chess-extravaganza-2026>

### BLITZ EVENT



<https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/moja-chess-extravaganza-2026-blitz>

5.1 The deadline for all registrations is **Saturday, 18 April 2026** at 23h59.

5.1.1 Late entries will incur an additional penalty of **R200** for all sections.

5.1.2 Late entries will be allowed until **Wednesday, 22 April** at 23h59. No further entries will be allowed beyond this deadline.

## 6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	EVENT	
<b>FRIDAY 24 APRIL</b>	16h00 – 20h00	Registration Confirmation	
<b>SATURDAY 25 APRIL</b>	08h00	Opening Ceremony	
		<b>Prestige, Ladies, B &amp; C</b>	<b>Juniors &amp; Seniors</b>
	09h00	Round 1	Round 1
	13h00	-	Round 2
	16h00	Round 2	Round 3
<b>SUNDAY 26 APRIL</b>	09h00	Round 3	Round 4
	12h00	-	Round 5
	15h00	-	Prize Giving
	16h00	Round 4	-
<b>MONDAY 27 APRIL</b>	09h00	Blitz Round 1	
<b>TUESDAY 28 APRIL</b>	09h00	Round 5	-
	16h00	Round 6	-
<b>WEDNESDAY 29 APRIL</b>	09h00	Round 7	-
	16h00	Round 8	-
<b>THURSDAY 30 APRIL</b>	09h00	Round 9	-
	14h30	Prize Giving	-

## 7. VENUE

7.1 The Bellville Velodrome, Carl Cronje Dr, Bellville Park, Cape Town, 7530

7.2 Google Maps - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/KtVuAX3XycD794r7A>

## 8. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

### 8.1 Time Controls

8.1.1 Prestige, Ladies, B Section and C Section: 90 minutes each for the entire game with an increment of 30 seconds per move.

8.1.2 Juniors and Seniors: 60 minutes each for the entire game with an increment of 2 seconds per move.

8.1.3 Blitz Tournament: 3 minutes each for the entire game with an increment of 2 seconds per move (9 rounds).

### 8.2 Scoring System

8.2.1 Win: 3 points

8.2.2 Draw: 1 point

8.2.3 Loss: 0 points

### 8.3 Tie-Breaks

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

8.3.1.1 Direct Encounter

8.3.1.2 Buchholz Cut-1

8.3.1.3 Buchholz

8.3.1.4 Sonneborn-Berger

8.3.1.5 Number of wins with Black

### 8.4 Draw Agreements

8.4.1 No draw agreements are permitted before move 30.

8.4.2 If violated, the result of the game will be 0–0.

## 8.5 Fair Play

- 8.5.1 The tournament is conducted in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.
- 8.5.2 Fair Play regulations will be strictly enforced throughout the event.
- 8.5.3 All players must arrive at least 1 hour before the scheduled start of their round to allow for Fair Play checks.
- 8.5.4 Electronic devices of any kind, including mobile phones, smart devices, and watches (digital or analogue), are strictly prohibited in the playing hall.
- 8.5.5 Players may be subjected to random Fair Play checks at any time during the event.
- 8.5.6 Dress code: Smart casual. Hoodies are not permitted.
- 8.5.7 Rowdy/intoxicated players may be expelled.
- 8.5.8 Alcohol/drugs are strictly prohibited.
- 8.5.9 Smoking is only allowed in designated areas.

## 8.6 Default Time

- 8.6.1 The default time for all rounds is 30 minutes.
- 8.6.2 There will be no default time for the blitz event.

## 8.7 Appeals

- 8.7.1 Appeals must be submitted in writing within 30 minutes of the end of the game concerned.
- 8.7.2 An appeals fee of R500 is applicable to all appeals. The fee will be refunded for successful appeals.
- 8.7.3 The Appeals Committee's decision is final and binding.

## 9. COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 Updates relating to the event will be posted on the tournament WhatsApp Community Groups. All participants are required to join this Community in order to receive updates: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/lrUqapsVFsY5jGJ4a14Lr4>



## 13. CONCLUSION

13.1 The Moja Chess Extravaganza 2026 promises six days of high-level chess, inclusivity, and sporting excellence. Players are encouraged to register early, prepare thoroughly, and be part of an international event that continues to break limits and build legends.

## 14. DISCLAIMER

14.1 This event is organized by Moja Chess Solutions. The organizers reserve the right to modify any aspect of the tournament, including but not limited to the venue, sections, format, time control, dates, number of participants, and prize funds. Any changes will be communicated to participants through the tournament WhatsApp groups and the email addresses provided during registration.