

# SWARTLAND CHESS OPEN



20 June 2026 - LS Swartland - Malmesbury

5 Rounds Swiss

Rapid 25/25 + 5 SIPM

Chess SA Rated

U9 | U11 | U13

OPEN SECTION

PRESTIGE SECTION

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| <b>DATE</b>                | Saturday 20 June 2026                  |
| <b>TIME</b>                | 09h00 - 15h00                          |
| <b>VENUE</b>               | Laerskool Swartland                    |
| <b>TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR</b> | TBC                                    |
| <b>CHIEF ARBITER</b>       | PA Johannes Erasmus                    |
| <b>REGISTRATION LINK</b>   | <a href="#">Click HERE to register</a> |

## PLAYING FORMAT

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| <b>SYSTEM</b>       | Individual Swiss       |
| <b>ROUNDS</b>       | 5 Rounds               |
| <b>TIME CONTROL</b> | 25/25 + 5 SIPM (Rapid) |
| <b>RATED</b>        | Chess SA Rated         |

## SECTIONS

| SECTION      | CRITERIA  | ENTRY FEE   |
|--------------|---|---|
| U9           | Born 2017 or later  | R100 per player                                       |
| U11          | Born 2015 or later  | R100 per player                                       |
| U13          | Born 2013 or later  | R100 per player                                       |
| OPEN         | Rating up to 1349   | R150 per player                                       |
| PRESTIGE     | Rating 1350 and over  | R200 per player                                       |
| All sections | Paid up member of Swartland Skaak Akademie by end of tournament | R25 discount per player                               |
| All sections | Club/school with 10+ players                                    | 10% discount per player, refund in cash at the event. |

## PLAYING SCHEDULE

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| EVENT   | ITEM         | TIME      |
|---|--------------|-----------|
| ALL SECTIONS                                      | Round 1      | 09h00     |
| ALL SECTIONS                                      | Prize Giving | + - 15h00 |
| <i>All rounds will be accelerated if possible</i> |              |           |

## PRIZES

| SECTION                       | DATE   |
|-------------------------------|--|
| All sections                  | Player of the round  |
| All participants & spectators | Lucky draws via entry  |
| U9 - U13                      | Medals Top 3 & Best Girl<br>Best Swartland Boy & Girl                  |
| Open Section                  | Medals Top 3<br>1st place: R800<br>2nd place: R500<br>3rd place: R300  |
| Prestige Section              | Medals Top 3<br>1st place: R1200<br>2nd place: R800<br>3rd place: R400 |

## COMMUNICATION

## REGISTRATION

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.

Players must complete their registration and payment via the ChessWorks platform using the official registration link.

The deadline for registration is 19 June 2026 20h00. No late entries will be permitted.

[Click HERE to join Whatsapp Group](#)

[Click HERE to register](#)



## ABOUT THE VENUE

Laerskool Swartland - 5 Dr Euvrard Str, Malmesbury, 7300

[Google Maps Link](#)

Food & 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 19 June 2026 at 20h00. 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.

3.3 Players that are not yet rated by Chess SA will be deemed to have a rating of 1200 for tie-break and other calculation purposes.

3.4 Eligibility for the rated sections are based on the player's Chess SA Rapid rating.

## 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

4.1.3 Sonneborn-Berger

4.1.4 Average rating of opponents

## 5. PRIZES

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

5.2 Players may win more than one prize.

## **6. DEFAULT TIME**

6.1 Round 1 has a ZERO minute default time, players not present at round the start of round 1 will be defaulted. All other rounds will have a default time of 10 minutes. 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 The Appeals Committee (AC) shall be appointed by the LOC and shall consist of:

8.1.1 The Chief Arbiter (Chairman)

8.1.2 two members of the LOC

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

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

8.3 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.

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

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

8.4.2 10 minutes in a rapid event.

8.4.3 The appeal must be written in English.

8.4.4 The appeal fee of R300 must also be paid within the time frames specified in article

8.4.5.1 If the appeal is upheld, then the fee will be returned. If the appeal is rejected, then AC may decide to reimburse the fee.

8.5 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:

8.5.1 The arbiter incorrectly applying the FIDE Laws of Chess

8.5.2 The arbiter incorrectly applying the Tournament Regulations

8.5.3 The behaviour of a player

8.5.4 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:

8.5.4.1 The opponent

8.5.4.2 The Chief Arbiter

8.5.4.3 The arbiter who made the original decision

8.5.5 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 3/4 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 3/4 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.

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

10.2 Qualifying refund requests will incur a R25 admin penalty.

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.

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- **WhatsApp Link:** [Click HERE to join Whatsapp Group](#)

## 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/or to the email addresses provided by players upon registration.