



Hoër Meisieskool Paarl
Paarl Girls' High School



THE NAUTILUS CHESS TOURNAMENT



19 SEPTEMBER 2026



09h00 – 16h00



CHESS SA & FIDE RATED



SECTIONS



U7



U9



U11



U13



U15



U17



U19

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TOURNAMENT DETAILS

Date	Saturday 19 September 2026
Time	09h00 - 16h00
Venue	Paarl Girls' High School
Tournament Director	Willem van Tonder
Chief Arbiter	Anton Marais
Registration Link	https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/the-nautilus-chess-tournament-2026

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

Format	Individual Swiss
Rounds	6 Rounds
Time Control	20/20 + 5sipm
Rated	Chess SA & FIDE Rated

TOURNAMENT SECTIONS

Section	Criteria	Entry Fee
U7 Girls / U7 Boys	Born 2019 or later	R150
U9 Girls / U9 Boys	Born 2017 or later	
U11 Girls / U11 Boys	Born 2015 or later	
U13 Girls / U13 Boys	Born 2013 or later	
U15 Girls / U15 Boys	Born 2011 or later	
U17 Girls / U17 Boys	Born 2009 or later	
U19 Girls / U19 Boys	Born 2007 or later	

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Round	Time
Round 1	09h00
Prize Giving	±16h00
<i>Rounds will be accelerated.</i>	

PRIZES

Section	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
All Sections	Gold Medal + Trophy	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal

PLAYING VENUE



Paarl Girls' High School - 1 High, Paarl, Cape Town, 7646

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/V9X9FZxrGqu82CUZ7>

Food and Beverage vendors will be operating on the day of the event.

TOURNAMENT 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 Right of admission is reserved
- 2.2 Players must complete their registration and payment via the ChessWorks platform using the official registration links:

Tournament Registration Link



<https://chessworks.co.za/tournament/the-nautilus-chess-tournament-2026>

- 2.2.1 The deadline for all registrations is **Wednesday 16 September** at **23h59**.
 - 2.2.1.1 Late entries will incur an additional penalty of **R50** for all sections
 - 2.2.1.2 Late entries will be allowed until **Friday 18 September** at **12h00**. No further entries will be permitted beyond this deadline.

3. SECTIONS & CRITERIA

3.1 The Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director reserves the right to move players to a different section based on their discretion.

4. PRIZES

4.1 Players can win more than one prize.

4.1.1 For example: If a top-performing female player in a section finishes 1st overall, she will also be awarded the Best Female prize.

5. TIE-BREAKS (RAPID & BLITZ)

5.1 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:

5.1.1 Direct Encounter

5.1.2 Buchholz Cut-1

5.1.3 Buchholz

5.1.4 Sonneborn-Berger

5.1.5 Average rating of opponents

6. DEFAULT TIME

6.1 There will be no default time for all rounds. If a player is not at their board when the round starts, their clock will run until their flag falls. 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 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 R300 fee which will be refunded in the event the appeal is successful.

9. WITHDRAWALS & REFUNDS

9.1 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.

9.2 Players withdrawing from the event after the registration deadline will forfeit their entry fee.

10. DRESS CODE

10.1 Players are required to wear their school uniform.

11. COMMUNICATION

11.1 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

Link to WhatsApp Group



<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GVXgmLebQGTC2iluUuqsZj?s=sh&p=a&mlu=4>

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 to the email addresses provided by players upon registration.

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