

## Mozambique Reflections 1 by Dr Lyndon Bouah

### The 2017 Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships

The event will comprise an Open Section and a Womens section.

The Championships will be held from April 7th 2018 (arrival) to April 15th 2018 (departure) at the Molutane Lodge in Maputo, Mozambique.



## Participants

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.3 Individual Chess Championships are Open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.3 region which are affiliated to FIDE.
- Federations will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each category.
- The federation from the host country will be allowed to enter up to seven (7) players in each category and also hold a player in reserve; that can be registered if there are an odd number of participants.
- In accordance with FIDE regulations the Continental President may allow additional participants for the tournament.
- One player in the Open Category and one in the in the Women's Category from each federation will be recognized as Official players whilst all the others will be Additional players.

## Tournament Regulations

- It is intended that the Championships be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a *Swiss System* tournament.
- Time control will be *90 minutes for the first 40 moves. Followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game. With an increment of 30 seconds per move* starting from move one.
- The games will be played using *Digital Clocks*; and pairings will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com)
- *Swiss Manager* will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation will not be paired together in the last round.
- Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

## **Tie-Break**

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- a) By the results between the players involved in the tie
- b) Buchholz, the highest number of wins;
- c) Number of wins by black, the highest wins

## **Title Awards**

The winner in the Open Section will be awarded International Master (IM) title whilst the winner in the Women's Section will be awarded the Woman International Master (WIM) title.

Other titles will be awarded depending on performance in accordance with FIDE title requirements.

## **Prize Fund**

### **Open Section**

Winner: US\$ 1,500  
Second Place: US\$ 1,200  
Third Place: US\$ 900  
Fourth Place: US\$ 650  
Fifth Place: US\$ 400  
Sixth Place: US\$ 200  
Seventh Place: US\$ 100

### **Women's Section**

Winner: US\$ 1,000  
Second Place: US\$ 750  
Third Place: US\$ 500  
Fourth Place: US\$ 250  
Fifth Place: US\$ 100

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## Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is as follows but subject to some changes if need be. However any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of Round 1.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activities</b>
Saturday, 7th April	19:00-20:00hrs	Arrival Opening
Sunday, 8th April	10:00 -11:00 15:00 hrs	Technical Meeting Round 1
Monday, 9th April	10:00 hrs 17:00 hrs	Round 2 Round 3
Tuesday, 10th April	10:00 hrs 17:00 hrs	Round 4 Round 5
Wednesday, 11th April	ALLDAY	Free Day
Thursday, 12th April	10.00 hrs 15.00 hrs	Round 6 Round 7
Friday, 13th April	15:00hrs	Round 8
Saturday, 14th April	10:00 hrs 18:00 hrs	Round 9 Awards and Closing
Sunday, 15th April	Departure	

### Zone 4.3 Countries



### The South African Players that will be competing are

1. Calvin Klaasen
2. Charles de Villiers
3. Mohammed Bhawoodien
4. Ronald Bezuidenhout
5. Jesse February
6. Rebecca Selkerk
7. Megan Van Niekerk
8. Robyn Niekerk

### The Zonals have been a rich harvest over the last few years for SA Players

- 2007 GM K Solomon, WIM – A de Bruyn  
2016 IM – Ryan Van Rensburg, WIM – Jesse February  
2014 IM – Donovan Van der Heever, WIM – Denise Frick

Some interesting facts about our team

1. Charles de Villiers becomes the oldest SA Player to compete in a Zonal. He is 65 years old
2. There will be two sisters competing in the Zonal for the first time. Robyn and Megan Van Niekerk both have their Senior Protea colours  
Robyn competed at the 2014 TROMSO Olympiad whilst Megan competed at the African individuals in Uganda 2016
3. WIM Jesse February won the event in Mauritius in 2016 and is trying to repeat that feat
4. Roland Bezuidenhout competed last year and played well
5. This is Calvin Klaasens' second Zonal
6. Megan, Robyn and Rebecca will be making their debut at the Zonal
7. If my memory serves then Charles de Villiers last competed in a Zonal in 1993

Regards

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