



2019 SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL CLUB CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Under the auspices of Chess South Africa

Date: 27-29 September 2019

Venue: Groote Schuur High School

Address: 77 Palmyra Rd, Newlands, Cape Town

Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/SXADWGK4brKRvmSQA>

Online Entries: <https://tinyurl.com/SANatClub2019>

FORMAT

Format:	Six Round Open Swiss team tournament consisting of two Sections.
Teams:	Four players per team plus one reserve player.
A Section:	Up to a maximum of 50 teams with FIDE/Chess SA rating average of 1500 and above only. At least two players in team must have a FIDE rating to guarantee entry in the A Section. The LOC reserves right to waive these criteria.
B Section:	Open to all teams that do not qualify to play in the A Section.
Time Control:	90 minutes per player plus 30 seconds increment per move starting from move one.
Ratings:	A Section is FIDE rated ▪ Both A and B Sections will be Chess SA rated
Entry Fee:	▪ R800,00 per team in the A Section





BETTER TOGETHER.



	▪ R600,00 per team playing in the B Section
Banking Details:	Chess Western Province ▪ Standard Bank ▪ Account #: 070 157 359 ▪ Branch Code: 020 009 ▪ Cape Town ▪ Swift Code: SBZAZAJJ
Registration:	Online entries open on Sunday 25 August 2019 and close Friday 20 September 2019
Online entries:	Please register all teams online at https://tinyurl.com/SANatClub2019

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Friday 27 Sep 2019	14h00 – 16h00	Arrivals
	14h00 – 16h00	Registration confirmation at playing hall
	17h00 – 18h00	Team Captain's Meeting
	19h00 – 23h00	Round 1
Saturday 28 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Round 2
	14h00 – 18h00	Round 3
	19h00 – 23h00	Round 4
Sunday 29 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Round 5
	14h00 – 18h00	Round 6
	18h30 – 19h30	Prize – giving & Departures

LOC

Tournament Organiser	Llewellyn Louw
Tournament Director	Dr Omar Esau
Finance	Ilse Joubert
Technical	Leon de Jager
Communications	Bridgette Burger
Logistics	Ricardo Minnaar
Chief Arbiter	IA Gunther van den Bergh
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PRIZE FUND

TBA in next circular

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. TOURNAMENT FORMAT

- 1.1 The Championship will be run as a 6 round Swiss Event.
- 1.2 Team event with an Open A-Section and an Open B-Section.
- 1.3 A-Section will be FIDE and Chessa rated and open to teams with an average FIDE rating (top 4 boards) of 1500. A-Section will be limited to a maximum of 50 teams. If required, top 50 teams will be determined by average FIDE rating of top 4 boards.
- 1.4 B-Section will be Chessa rated.

2. WHO MAY ENTER

- 2.1 Clubs affiliated to a Regional Chess Association in South Africa.
- 2.2 The Regional Executive Committee must forward a letter supporting their application for participation to the Organisers.
- 2.3 A player may only represent a club if he/she has represented that club in a regional league (or other team competition) in 2019 and/or is a member of that club for at least 3-months prior to the start of this event.
- 2.4 Please show evidence of previous affiliation to the Club, such as a previous match played for the Club or competing in the Club Championship.

3. REGULATIONS

- 3.1 In order to fulfil the strict rating requirements imposed by the World Chess Federation, the services of the FIDE accredited tournament arbiters will be in line with the requirements of the FIDE Handbook.
- 3.2 All Chess SA clubs are eligible to enter any number of teams of four players each (plus one reserve player). No team may have more than one reserve. Entering a reserve player is optional.
- 3.3 All team members and reserves must be Chess SA registered players.
- 3.4 Since this is a National Club event, each participating team has to represent the club designated by its name.



- 3.5 Every participating club has to be in good standing with their Regional Chess Association and its Provincial Chess Association. A letter of good standing may be requested at any stage after a team has registered for the event. Failure to present such a letter of good standing may lead to immediate disqualification from the event, subject to the discretion of the Local Organising Committee and Chess SA Executive Board

4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- 4.1 Teams will consist of five players, i.e. four players plus one reserve.
- 4.2 Teams are not obliged to include a reserve player.
- 4.3 Players must play in the board order as indicated on the entry form. If it is found that a team has “shuffled” their board order, the team involved will lose that match and score zero (“0”) points. The opposing team’s scores will remain “as is” (what was scored in the match).
- 4.4 The reserve player (if used) may only play on the bottom board (4th board). All other affected players will shift up one board.
- 4.5 Reserve players may only play for one team, e.g. a player cannot be a reserve for the A-team and also play board 1 for the B-team.
- 4.6 During registration, team captains must sign off final teams, including if they are fielding reserves or not. Once signed, no reserves can be added.
- 4.7 Average team ratings will be calculated by averaging the ratings (FIDE for A-Section and Chess SA for B-Section) of a team’s first four boards (excluding the reserve player).
- 4.8 The board order must be determined according to ratings. Should the lower rated player be played higher up, then the difference between boards cannot be more than 150 rating points.
- 4.9 In order to qualify for a board prize, a player must play at least four games and reserve players three games.
- 4.10 Pairings will be calculated based on Match Points.



5. TIEBREAKS

- Match points
- Game points
- Direct encounter (the results between the tying teams)
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Games won
- Games won with black

6. BOARD PRIZES

- % score
- Average opponent rating
- Performance rating
- Greater number of victories with black

6.1. Games won on forfeit / default does NOT COUNT towards tiebreak calculation.

7. TIME CONTROL

90/90 + 30 secs per move (90 minutes per player + 30 seconds per move from move 1 to complete the game)

8. ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is available at the venue. Cost R325.00 per night bed and breakfast. Booking only through Bridgette Burger at secretary@chesswesternprovince.co.za. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CUT OFF DATE FOR ACCOMMODATION BOOKINGS IS THE 13TH OF SEPTEMBER 2019, FURTHERMORE IF WE DO NOT GET BOOKINGS FOR A MINIMUM OF 20 PEOPLE THE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE CANCELLED.**

9. EQUIPMENT

- 9.1 Each team has to provide two chess clocks for the duration of the event.
- 9.2 Clocks must be in good working order with batteries.
- 9.3 All clocks must be digital and have a setting which allows the above time control.