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2023 UGANDA OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

(2nd GRANDPRIX CIRCUIT EVENT)

6th October 2023

TO

9th October 2023

VENUES: NOB VIEW HOTEL, KAMPALA, UGANDA



LIVE BROADCAST PARTNER



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1. Invitation

- 1.1 This is the official invitation to the 2023 Uganda Open Chess Championship. The event is scheduled to commence on Friday 6th October 2023 and end on Monday 9th October 2023. The event doubles as our Second Grand Prix Circuit/ 2024 Olympiad Qualifier event and a 2024 ALL Africa Games qualifier event.
- 1.2 The event is exclusively organized by Uganda Chess Federation (UCF) and Sponsored by FIDE.
- 1.3 The official live broadcast partners of UCF are Next media services.
- 1.4 The organizer will communicate the details of the IM norm category as soon as all technicalities are met.

2. Playing Venue

- 2.1 The playing venue is Nob View Hotel located on Plot 6 Commercial Road in Ntinda.



Hotel Main Entrance



Comfortable Beds



Swimming Pool



Conference Hall

4.2 Participants will be responsible for their own meals. Meals will be provided by the host at reasonable rates.

4.3 All participants wishing to have meals at the venue are encouraged to register with the Deputy General secretary IA Innocent Kimera on 0774452826 or 0701452826.

3. Registration and payments

- 3.1 All players wishing to participate are required to register early and benefit from UCF discounts as below;

Item no.	Early Bird Registration (discounted) payment by 1/10/2023)	Standard registration (payment deadline 04/10/2023)	Late registration (Players who pay after 04/10/2023 will start in round 2)
Ugandans Nationals	35,000 (shillings)	50,000 (shillings)	60,000(shillings)
Non- Ugandans	25 USD	35 USD	40USD

- 3.2 Manual registrations can also be sent to Phone contacts of organizer. Where registrations are emailed they must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number or Date of Birth, sex, FIDE rating, and FIDE title (kindly omit if non-existent) of each player.
- 3.3 All Entry fees shall be paid to the account of the Uganda Chess Federation as listed below Present details of payment to the official federation address.

Bank name	Kenya Commercial Bank
Bank Branch	Kampala Road Branch
Account Name	Uganda Chess Federation
Account Number	2200274548
Swift code	KCBLUGKA

- 3.4 No mobile money payments shall be accepted, in case of an error, contact UCF and the payment shall be reversed.
- 3.5 For Airtel Money Payment to the Bank, dial *185*7*1# and follow the prompts – search for KCB.
- 3.6 For MTN Mobile Money, dial *185*6*1# or *165*6*1# and follow the prompts – search for KCB.
- 3.7 Payments can also be made directly to any KCB branch or KCB Agency Banking near you.
- 3.8 After making payment, send proof of payment to UCF Treasurer Mr. Masiko Ezekiel on 0788147853 or 0756319531 and copy to Deputy General Secretary IA Innocent Kimera on 0774452826 (Whatsapp). Or by email to ugandachess@yahoo.com.
- 3.9 All players wishing to participate are required to register by no later than 11:00 PM on the Wednesday, 4th October 2023 (registration deadline).
- 3.10 After payment, the following details should be sent to Deputy General Secretary IA Innocent Kimera on 0774452826 (Whatsapp) or by mail to ugandachess@yahoo.com Surname, First Name, Date of birth, Gender, FIDE ID (if available), FIDE Rating (if available), FIDE Title (if available), Telephone Contact.
- 3.11 Registered Participants shall be paired for Round 1. Any late entrants after deadline day, if accepted by the organizers, shall be required to Pay a late registration penalty fee and be paired starting from Round 2.
- 3.12 Pairings for round one will be released on the 05th October 2023.
- 3.13 For any clarifications, please call any of the event organizers listed in the organizers section of this document.

4. Travel and accommodation

- 4.1 All players are responsible for their own transportation
- 4.2 Foreign based participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements but bus / taxi transfers from Entebbe airport to official hotels can be arranged on arrival / departure by contacting the Uganda Chess Federation at ugandachess@yahoo.com. 0
- 4.3 All persons who wish to use the hotel accommodation can contact the organizer

for more affordable rates.

5. Event Schedule

5.1 The tournament schedule shall be as follows subject to change by the organizer:

Date	Activity	Time
Friday 6 th October 2023	Opening ceremony	9:00hrs
Friday 6 th October 2023	Round 1	9:30 hrs
Friday 6 th October 2023	Round 2	14:00hrs
Saturday 7 th October 2023	Round 3	9:00 hrs
Saturday 7 th October 2023	Round 4	14:00 hrs
Sunday, 8 th October 2023	Round 5	9:00 hrs
Sunday, 8 th October 2023	Round 6	14:00hrs
Monday 9 th October 2023	Round 7	9:00hrs
Monday 9 th October 2023	Round 8	13:30 hrs
Monday , 9 th October 2023	Closing ceremony	17:30hrs

6. Rules and Regulations

- 6.1 The tournament is open to all players with a FIDE ID and will be run according to the Swiss Pairing System over a total of 8 rounds.
- 6.2 The organizer shall consider creation of various categories based on the number of players registered by the 15th September 2023.
- 6.3 Players who do not have an official FIDE ID must request their local chess federations to create one for them before the tournament commences.
- 6.4 Official classical FIDE chess ratings will be used for pairing purposes and rating purposes.
- 6.5 The time control for all games is 90 minutes+30sec classical.
- 6.6 The default losing time is 60minutes.
- 6.7 No draw offers will be allowed before black has completed his 30th move.
- 6.8 FIDE regulations will apply as per the FIDE Handbook.
- 6.9 Malpractice cases will lead to automatic loss of the game and in extreme cases will be forwarded to the disciplinary committee.
- 6.10 Tie breaks ranking
 - i) Game points
 - ii) Direct encounter
 - iii) Buchholz

7. Dress Code

- 7.1 All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.

8. Prizes and awards

- 8.1 The overall winners shall be crowned as the 2023 Uganda Open Chess champions. The top 20 Ugandans will be awarded Grand Prix points
- 8.2 The top 3 players will be awarded medals in both Ladies and Open category.
- 8.3 The top 3 juniors shall be awarded medals in both the ladies and open categories.
- 8.4 In case of a tie in points, the Hort system shall be use to split the cash prizes.

- 8.5 All players and arbiters will receive certificates to commemorate their participation.
- 8.6 All well-wishers who wish to support the 2023 Uganda Chess League can contact UCF through the email: ugandachess@yahoo.com.
- 8.7 There is a prize pool valued at more than 8 million Uganda shillings, which includes medals, trophies, certificates, and cash rewards as indicated below.

9. Prizes

ITEM NO.	Award	Open	Women
1.	Winner	1,500,000	1,000,000
2	1 st runner up	1,000,000	700,000
3	2 nd runner up	650,000	400,000
4	1 st U1900	350,000	
5	2 nd U 1900	250,000	
6	1 st U1600	200,000	
7	2 nd U1600	100,000	
		Special prizes	
1		Most brilliant game	50,000
2		Best Junior Girl	100,000
3		Best Junior Open player	100,000
4		Best Differently Abled player	100,000
5		Best Senior Player	150,000
6		1 st runner Up senior	100,000
7		Best media group	Special prize

10.0 Chief Arbiter

The Chief Arbiter and his assistants for the tournament will be appointed by the UCF President.

11.0 Appeals

- 11.1** Any protest regarding a decision taken by the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game.
- 11.2** A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of 50,000UGX as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is found to be baseless by the appeals committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the UCF.
- 11.3** The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the first round.

12.0 Visas

- 12.1 Any participants that require a visa to visit Uganda should use the evisa online process.
- 12.2 A digital scan of the photo and passport of each player and any accompanying persons that require visas must be sent by email to the organizing committee as well on email: ugandachess@yahoo.com.
- 12.3 The Tournament Director will supply official letters of invitation for players that require this upon receipt of all details of the participants requesting such letters.

13.0 Weather and Conditions

- 13.1 In the months of September the weather in Kampala will be rather fresh but dry and wet with the temperature around 23°C to 32°C .

14.0 Electricity

- 14.1 The standard voltage is 240 volts

15.0 Exchange rate

The local currency is the Ugandan Shilling (UGX)

The current exchange rate at the time of publishing is US\$1 = 3690 shillings (UGX)

16.0 Organizer

Uganda chess federation is the chief organizer.
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Should you have any inquiries pertaining to the tournament organizer, kindly direct them to UCF. UCF retains the authority over admissions and will promptly inform about any updates. We extend our warm welcome to all chess enthusiasts. We look forward to celebrate with you the 61st anniversary of Uganda's Independence on the 9th October 2023.