



WELCOME AFRICA

Under the leadership of President of the Republic of Ghana, **His Excellency President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo**. Ghana is privileged to host a historic sporting event in the year 2024. As one of the founding members of the African Games, Ghana deems this a great privilege, as it is the first time the nation gets to host such a major sporting event. The Games will be held in Accra, the Nation's capital.

The sport of chess was introduced in the African Games at the 2003 edition held in Nigeria. It continued to be part of games in subsequent editions, except for 2015 edition held in Congo Brazzaville.

After the withdrawal of Equatorial Guinea from organising of the 2019 edition, the Kingdom of Morocco, with its expertise and long experience in the organisation of major sporting events, proposed to organize the 13th edition in 2019 under the high patronage of His Majesty King Mohamed VI and on the occasion of the commemoration of the National Youth Day of which chess was a sports code.

After many interventions including **Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich, President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE), Major General Ahmed Nasser Mohamed, President of the African Union of Sports**, The Minister of Youth & Sports of the Republic of Ghana accepted the introduction of the Chess sport as a discipline in the 13th African Games to be held in Accra, Ghana from **8th to 23rd March, 2024**.

Following this decision, all the activists of this noble sports showed their will to contribute to the success of this event.

We take note, and salute, the decision of Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich, President of FIDE, to support this edition both financially and logistically.

It is also an opportunity to signal the will of the Republic of Ghana Chess Association and the Africa Chess Confederation to mobilize all human and material resources for the success of this edition.

Ghana ready to offer Africa an experiential **Games** that will provide memories to last a lifetime for all contingents and dignitaries. Our mandate is to host an event that will engender positive rivalry among the youth of Africa and project a united Africa to the world. The 13th African Games will seek to promote Africa's art and culture, which will in effect lead to socio-economic development across the continent.

We extend an invitation to you all to come to Ghana for the experience of a lifetime. Let us celebrate our excellence the African way and share our passion at the center of the earth because, **IT IS OUR TIME!**

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TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

INVITATION

Dear friends and chess lovers in Africa,

On behalf of the Ghana Chess Federation and the Organizing Committee of the 13th Africa Games, we have the great honour to invite the **under listed qualified African countries** affiliated to the International Federation Chess (FIDE) and members of the African Chess Confederation, to the African Team Chess Championships organized under the auspices of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) as part of the 13th African Games and in collaboration with the African Chess Confederation.

Qualified Countries for The 2024 African All Games		
Federation	Qualification Criteria	Zone
1. Ghana	Hosting Country	Zone 4.2
2. Egypt	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.1
3. Tunisia	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.1
4. South Africa	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.5
5. Zimbabwe	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.5
6. Morocco	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.1
7. Madagascar	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.4
8. Libya	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.1
9. Uganda	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.4
10. Zambia	Olympiad Top10	Zone 4.5
11. South Sudan	Zonal Best Rating Average	Zone 4.4
12. Algeria	Zonal Best Rating Average	Zone 4.1
13. Nigeria	Zonal Best Rating Average	Zone 4.2
14. Burundi	Zonal Best Rating Average	Zone 4.3
15. Sudan	Zonal Best Rating Average	Zone 4.4
16. Angola	Zonal Best Rating Average	Zone 4.5
17. Niger	New Federation	Zone 4.2
18. Mauritania	Others	Zone 4.1
19. Botswana	Online qualifying event	Zone 4.5
20. Mozambique	Online qualifying event	Zone 4.5
21. Gabon	Online qualifying event	Zone 4.3
22. Ivory Coast	Online qualifying event	Zone 4.2
23. Senegal	Online qualifying event	Zone 4.2
24. Kenya	Online qualifying event	Zone 4.4

The official Hotel and competition venue will be at **Alisa Hotel, North Ridge, Accra, Ghana** from **March 8, 2024 to March 12, 2024**.

1. Participation

1.1 Each participating country has the right to enter a team consisting of 2 Chess players with one man, one woman and one captain. The role of the captain is defined in the FIDE Captains and Head of Delegations Rules (see Annex 1).

1.2 The total number of participants in the Team Championships will be 24 teams, whose players will also participate in the Individual Championships.

2. Travel and Accommodation Conditions

2.1 Each participating country will benefit from one(1) shared room and one(1) single room accommodation and free meals from March 08, 2024 to March 12, 2024. Accommodation and catering are covered by FIDE.

2.2 Travel expenses to Accra (Ghana) and return to their countries of origin are the responsibility of each respective country.

2.3 The hosts will welcome participants and accompanying persons at Kotoka International Airport in Accra on **March 12, 2024**.

Kotoka International Airport is well serviced by all major international and regional airlines.

3. Competition Information

3.1 The Games will include the following tournaments:

3.1.1 Mixed Team Rapid Championship

3.1.2 Men's Rapid Championship

3.1.3 Women's Rapid Championship

3.1.4 Mixed Team Blitz Championship

3.1.5 Men's Blitz Championship

3.1.6 Women's Blitz Championship

3.2 The teams in the Team Championships (Articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.4) will consist of a male player who will play on board 1, and a female player who will play on board 2. The first-named team in each pairing will be white on board 1 and black on board 2.

3.3 The Rapid Championships (Articles 3.1.1 – 3.1.3) will be played as a 6-round Swiss with a time limit of 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per move. The Blitz Championships (Articles 3.1.4 – 3.1.6) will be played as a 9- round Swiss with a time limit of 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move.

3.4 The pairings for the Team Championships (Articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.4) will be made in accordance with the FIDE Olympiad Pairing Rules (see Annex 1); except that for Article 4.3, a team with a bye will be awarded 1 matchpoint and 1 gamepoint. The pairings for the Individual Championships (Articles 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6) will be made in accordance with the FIDE Swiss Pairing Rules (see Annex 1).

3.5 The dress code for the competition is the uniform of their national sports federation.

3.6 Appeals will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Appeals Committee Rules (see Annex 1). The appeal deposit fee will be 100 USD. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee may permit the appellant to pay an equivalent amount of money in another currency.

Day	Date	Time		Event
		From	To	
1	08/03/24	20.00 21.00 22.00	20.30 21.30 22.30	Arrival of Participants Organising Committee Meeting Arbiters Technical Meeting Team Captain Technical Meeting
2	09/03/24	09.45 10.00 11.20 12.40 15.30 16.50 18.10	10.00 11.00 12.20 13.40 16.30 17.50 19.10	Opening Ceremony Mixed Team Championships Round 1 Mixed Team Championships Round 2 Mixed Team Championships Round 3 Mixed Team Championships Round 4 Mixed Team Championships Round 5 Mixed Team Championships Round 6
3	10/03/24	10.00 11.20 12.40 15.30 16.50 18.10	11.00 12.20 13.40 16.30 17.50 19.10	Men's & Women's Rapid Championships Round 1 Men's & Women's Rapid Championships Round 2 Men's & Women's Rapid Championships Round 3 Men's & Women's Rapid Championships Round 4 Men's & Women's Rapid Championships Round 5 Men's & Women's Rapid Championships Round 6
4	11/03/24	10.00 15.30 20.00	14.00 19.30 21.00	Individual Blitz Championships Rounds 1-9 Team Blitz Championships Rounds 1-9 Closing Ceremony
5	12/03/24			Departure of Participants

4. Tournament Rankings

4.1 **The tournament rankings for the Team Championships** (Articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.4) **will be determined by:**

- 4.1.1 Match points (2 for a match win, 1 for a match draw, 0 for a match loss)
- 4.1.2 Olympiad Tie-Break (Chennai)
- 4.1.3 Gamepoints
- 4.1.4 Sum of Adjusted Matchpoints (Chennai)

4.2 **The tournament rankings for the Individual Championships**(Articles 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6) **will be determined by:**

- 4.2.1 Gamepoints
- 4.2.2 Direct Encounter

- 4.2.3 Buchholz Cut 1
- 4.2.4 Buchholz
- 4.2.5 Sonneborn-Berger

5. Prizes

5.1 Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three teams in each Team Championship (Articles 3.1.1 and 3.1.4), and the top three players in each Individual Championship (Articles 3.1.2, 3.1.3, 3.1.5 and 3.1.6).

5.2

	Championships	Medal Table			Medals Awarded		
		G	S	B	G	S	B
1	Mixed Team Rapid Championship	1	1	1	2	2	2
2	Men's Rapid Championship	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	Women's Rapid Championship	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	Mixed Team Blitz Championship	1	1	1	2	2	2
5	Men's Blitz Championship	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	Women's Blitz Championship	1	1	1	1	1	1
	Total	6	6	6	8	8	8

6. Additional Tournament Regulations

6.1 The current version of the FIDE Laws of Chess will be used in these championships.

6.2 Analysing is not allowed in the playing hall.

6.3 During the games, players are not allowed to go to the analyzing room or press room.

6.4 Flash photography may be used only in the first five minutes of the playing session.

6.5 Only the players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

6.6 Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they are not playing in that area themselves.

6.7 If the game is in progress, a player may only talk to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

6.8 All players must read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to abide by them.

6.9 During play, all participants are forbidden to have a mobile phone in their possession.

6.10 The English text of the Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

7. Technical Officials

7.1 FIDE President - Mr. Arkady Dvorkovich

7.2 President of the African Chess Confederation – Ms. Tshepiso Iopang

7.3 FIDE Executive Director – Mr. Victor Bologan

7.4 FIDE Technical Delegate – GMI. Mohammed Al Mudahka

7.5 Tournament Director – Ms. Christiana Ashley

7.6 Chairman of the Appeal Committee – Mr. Philip Ameku

8. Officiating Officials

The Chief Arbiter for the games will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation (ACC) President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of a Chairman + 3 members + 2 reserves, chosen from among the participating federations at the technical meeting.

The Appeals should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two (2) hours after the end of the round in question, with a US\$ 100 refundable deposit, if appeals are successful.

9. Local Information

9.1 The local currency, the Ghana Cedis, is currently at the exchange rate of 1 USD = 12.50 cedis

9.2 Participants who require entry visas into Ghana, may obtain them from Ghana Embassies or Consulates.

9.3 The host Federation will arrange for official invitations to facilitate applications for those countries that need special invitations.

9.4 It is advisable that this invitation letter be carried by players and officials when crossing through the Ghana borders in case of the need for any required clarification.

9.5 Daytime temperatures usually reach 32°C with very high heat and humidity, falling to 24°C at night.

9.6 **For any information, and to submit the entry form (see Annex 2) by 20 January 2024, please contact the Tournament Director of 13th African Games Chess competitions and who is the Vice President of the Ghana Chess Association, Ms. Christiana Ashley:**

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Annex 1 – FIDE Regulations

FIDE Pairing Rules: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/C0403>

Olympiad Pairing Rules: <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/OlympiadPairingRules2022>

Captains and Heads of Delegation:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/CaptainsHeadsDelegation>

Appeals Committee Procedural Rules:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/AppealsCommitteeProceduralRules>

Annex 2 – Entry Form

General Information

Federation Name	
Captain Name	
Captain Email	
Captain Telephone	

Player Information

Role	Surname	Name	Passport No.	FIDE ID
Male Player				
Female Player				

Travel Arrangements

Role	Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Flight Number
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Captain			
Male Player			
Female Player			

Role	Departure Date	Departure Time	Flight Number
Captain			
Male Player			
Female Player			