

## Algerian Reflections (1) by Dr Lyndon Bouah

1. Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation the Algerian Chess Federation (ACF), is hosting the 2017 African Individual Chess Championships.



2. The Championships will be held in Oran, Algeria from **July 1** until **July 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**  
The event will comprise an **Open Section** and a **Women's Section**  
Each Section of the Championship will have **THREE** Time Control formats:
  1. The Classic
  2. The Rapid
  3. The Blitz

### **3. PARTICIPATION**

Players holding the title of GM, WGM or WIM have a personal right to enter the tournament.

4. Each National Federation can enter a maximum of five (5) players in each Section.
5. The host country shall have the right to enter seven (7) player s in each Section. In the event of the total number of participants being an odd number; the host Federation shall have the right to add another player.

### **6. ACCOMMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE**

The accommodation for players and officials will be at **Liberty Hotel (4 Stars in Oran, Algeria)**. The tournament shall also be played at the same Hotel.

## **7. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Saturday	1st July, 2016		Arrival of participants
Sunday	2nd July, 2016	10 :00 hrs 15 :30 hrs 16 :00 hrs	Technical meeting Opening ceremony 1st round
Monday	3rd July, 2016	16 :00 hrs	2nd round
Tuesday	4th July, 2016	10 :00 hrs 16 :00 hrs	3rd round 4th round
Wednesday	5th July, 2016		Free Day – Social Excursion
Thursday	6th July, 2016	16 :00 hrs	5th round
Friday	7th July, 2016	16 :00 hrs	6th round
Saturday	8th July, 2016	16 :00 hrs	7th round
Sunday	9th July, 2016	16 :00 hrs	8th round
Monday	10th July, 2016	16 :00 hrs	9th round
Tuesday	11th July, 2016	10 :00 hrs 16 :00 hrs	1st – 4th rounds – Rapid 5th – 9th rounds – Rapid
Wednesday	12th July, 2016	09 :00 hrs 1700 hrs	Blitz Tournament Closing Ceremony
Thursday	13th July, 2016		Departure of Participants

## **8. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY**

The **Classic Championship** format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be **90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with addition of 30 seconds per move from move one for each player.**

The **Rapid Championship** format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations. Rate of play will be **15 minutes for the game with addition of 10 seconds per move from move one for each player.**

Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30<sup>th</sup> move for games in the Classic format.

## **9. TIE BREAK**

Should there be a tie for the medal winners and/or the qualifiers for the 2017 World Cup, these ties will be resolved in the following order;

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

*There will be no tiebreak matches.*

## **10. WORLD CUP 2017 QUALIFICATION**

The 2017 African Individual Championships are a qualification event for the 2017 FIDE World Chess Cup and the 2018 FIDE Women's World Championships

The **top 2 placed players in the Open Section** will qualify for the 2017 FIDE World Chess Cup to be held in Tbilisi, Georgia from 2<sup>th</sup> September, to 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

The **top 3 placed players in the Women's Section** will qualify for 2018 FIDE Women Chess Champs.

South Africa is represented by IM Daniel Cawdery, WIM Jesse February, FM Jack Van Zyl Rudd and Freddy Odendaal. We wish them well and let's support them in the event.

## **11. PRIZES:**

### **A) Classic Championship**

#### **Open Section (Euro)**

1st Prize 3,000  
2nd Prize 2,000  
3rd Prize 1,500  
4th Prize 1,200  
5th Prize 1,000  
6th Prize 800  
7th Prize 500  
8th Prize 400  
9th Prize 200  
10th Prize 100

#### **Women's Section (Euro)**

1,200  
1,000  
800  
400  
200  
100

### **B) Rapid Championship**

#### **Open Section (Euro)**

1st Prize 300  
2nd Prize 200  
3rd Prize 100

#### **Women's Section (Euro)**

250  
150  
50

### C) Blitz Championship

#### Open Section (Euro)

1st Prize	250
2nd Prize	150
3rd Prize	50

#### Women' s Section (Euro)

200
100
50

The winner of the Open Section will be awarded title of **International Grand Master (GM)** whilst the winner of the Women's Section will be awarded the title of **Woman International Grand Master (WGM)**.

Other titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three placed players respectively in each section.



Regards Dr Lyndon