



WESTERN CAPE CLOSED 2025

CHESS TOURNAMENT

PINEHURST MERIDIAN

07 - 09 MARCH 2025

"Western Cape, Stronger Together"!



Western Cape
Government
FOR YOU



INVITATION

Cape Town Chess Federation, in association with Western Cape Chess, invites you to the Western Cape Closed 2025. This premier tournament will be hosted at **Pinehurst Meridian** in Durbanville over three days of intense chess action. Join us for a celebration of strategy, skill, and sportsmanship, as top players from the Western Cape regions compete for glory. Don't miss this opportunity to be part of an unforgettable chess experience!

TOURNAMENT DETAILS

- **Swiss system:** Fide and Chess SA rated (*The higher rating will be used*)
- **Tournament Dates:** 8th - 9th March 2025
- **Venue:** [Pinehurst Meridian 6 Campus Way, Pinehurst Dr, Durbanville, Cape Town, 7569](#)

TOURNAMENT SECTIONS

A SECTION

- **Format:** Swiss, 6 rounds over 2 days
- **Time control:** 60:60 + 30 seconds increment from move 1
- **Criteria:** Players with a **FIDE/Chess SA ratings of 1800 and above**
- **Entry fee:** **R350**

B SECTION

- **Format:** Swiss, 6 rounds over 2 days
- **Time control:** 60:60 + 30 seconds increment from move 1
- **Criteria:** Players with a **FIDE/Chess SA ratings of 1400 to 1799**
- **Entry fee:** **R250**

C SECTION

- **Format:** Swiss, 6 rounds over 2 days
- **Time control:** 60:60 + 30 seconds increment from move 1
- **Criteria:** Players with a **Chess SA rating of 1399 and below**
- **Entry fee:** **R200**

U14 Section

- Format: Swiss, 6 rounds over 1 day
- Time control: 20:20 + 5 seconds increment from move 1
- Criteria: Players born during **2012** and **2013**
- Entry fee: **R150**

U12 Section

- Format: Swiss, 6 rounds over 1 day
- Time control: 20:20 + 5 seconds increment from move 1
- Criteria: Players born during **2014** and **2015**
- Entry fee: **R150**

U10 Section

- Format: Swiss, 6 rounds over 1 day
- Time control: 20:20 + 5 seconds increment from move 1
- Criteria: Players born during **2016** and **2017**
- Entry fee: **R150**

U08 Section

- Format: Swiss, 6 rounds over 1 day
- Time control: 20:20 + 5 seconds increment from move 1
- Criteria: Players born after April **2018** or later
- Entry fee: **R150**

REGISTRATION & PAYMENTS

1. Registration for tournament must be made online via CHESSHUB: SEE LAST PAGE FOR INSTRUCTIONS
2. Tournament registration link:
3. The closing date for registrations and payment is Tuesday, 4 March 2025 at 21h00
Late entries will incur an additional fee of R50 and will be accepted up to 24 hours prior to the scheduled start of the first round in the relevant section.

COMMUNICATION

All players (or parents of junior players) MUST join tournament WhatsApp group to receive communication regarding the event.

WhatsApp Group

A, B, C Sections:



Junior sections:



LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC)

Tournament Director	Mr. Llewelyn Louw	Cell/Whatsapp: 081 724 9644 Email: vicepresident@chesswp.co.za
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PRIZE FUND & AWARDS

POSITION	SECTION			Juniors No monetary prizes
	PRESTIGE	ADVANCE	INTERMEDIATE	
1 st	R 6000.00	R 3000.00	R 1500.00	
2 nd	R 4500.00	R 2000.00	R 1000.00	
3 rd	R 3000.00	R 1500.00	R 750.00	
4 th	R 1000.00			
5 th	R 750.00			
Best Women	R 1500.00	R 600.00	R 400.00	
Best Junior	R 800.00			
Best Senior	R 600.00	R 600.00	R 600.00	
Best Braille Player	Trophy	Trophy	Trophy	

- Total prize fund: **R 30 100.00**
- A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each section.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	PRESTIGE	ADVANCE & INTERMEDIATE	U8,10, U12 & U14
Saturday, 8 March 2025	08h45: Announcements 09h00: Round 1 12h00: Round 2 15h30: Round 3	08h45: Announcements 09h00: Round 1 12h00: Round 2 15h30: Round 3	Saturday 8th March, 1 Day Event 08h45: Announcements 09h00 to 15h00 Rounds 1 – 6 Awards Ceremony after the last round.
Sunday, 9 March 2025	09h00: Round 4 14h00: Round 5 15h30: Round 6 18h00: Awards Ceremony	09h00: Round 4 12h00: Round 5 15h30: Round 6 18h00: Awards Ceremony	

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. FIDE LAWS OF CHESS

1.1 The latest FIDE Laws of Chess (01 January 2025) will apply to this tournament.

2. RATING OF SECTIONS

2.1 The A, B and C sections will be FIDE/CHESSA-rated.

2.2 All other sections will be CHESSA-rated only

3. DEFAULT TIME

3.1 There is no default time for round 1 for all sections. If a player is not present at the start of round 1, the player will be removed from the pairings and his/her opponent may be manually paired with another available player.

3.2 The A, B, and C Sections - The default time will be 30 minutes

3.3 Junior Sections - The default time will be 10 minutes.

4. PARTICIPATION

4.1 All players must be registered members of one of the following chess federations: Cape Winelands, Central Karoo, Eden, Overberg, Cape Town Chess Federation, or West Coast.

4.2 The highest rating between the CHESSA rating (OTB Main or Hybrid Main) and FIDE rating will be used to determine the section in which the player will compete.

4.3 Players with a rating within 75 points of a higher section may "play-up" into that section.

4.4 Junior players are allowed to "play-up" into a higher section.

5. TIEBREAKS

The following tiebreak systems, in the order given below, will be used to rank the players (who finish the tournament on the same scores) to determine the final standings.

All SECTION

- Direct encounter
- AOR (Average opponent Rating)
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Greater number of victories

6. APPEALS

A player wishing to appeal against a ruling made by an arbiter must do so immediately after the game has ended and before the pairings for the next round have been published. All appeals must be in writing and submitted to the tournament director accompanied by a R300 fee which will be refunded on a successful appeal.

7. PRIZES

- 7.1 Monetary prizes will be awarded in accordance with the player ranking as determined by the tie-breaks. No sharing (splitting) of monetary prizes will be done for players on equal scores.
- 7.2 Prizes will be paid by Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) within 48 hours after the conclusion of the event.
- 7.3 Players must attend the award ceremony to receive their prizes and/or awards.
- 7.4 No player may win more than one individual prize. A player will receive the prize with the highest value.
- 7.5 Prizes may be amended subject to the number of entries.

8. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE EVENT

- 8.1 Players withdrawing during the event will forfeit their entry fees.
- 8.2 Player withdrawing from the event after registration closing date will forfeit their entry fees.
- 8.3 If a player withdraws during the event, rating penalties will be applied as per Chess SA Rating Regulations if no valid and acceptable reason(s) are provided by the player.

9. COMMUNICATION

All players (or parents of junior players) must join the tournament WhatsApp group to receive communication regarding the event.

10. DRESS CODE

Players must always be dressed neatly and look presentable. The dress code is smart casual.

11. PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEO RECORDINGS

Photographs and video recordings will be taken during the event and the award ceremony. All players are deemed to allow publication of photographs of them taken at the event by the organisers for publicity purposes unless they inform the organisers otherwise.

12. TRANSPORT AND ACCOMMODATION

Each participant is responsible for his/her own transport & accommodation arrangements and the costs thereof.

13. TUCKSHOP

A tuckshop will be in operation for the duration of the event.

Cape Town Chess Federation reserves the right to modify any tournament details, including venue, sections, format, time control, dates, player numbers, or prize funds. Changes will be communicated via the tournament **WhatsApp groups** and/or the **email addresses** provided during registration.

Procedure to register on South African Chess Hub:

1. Go to <https://chesshub.org.za/>
2. Log into your SA Chess Hub account or register a new profile for FREE.
3. Go to the event on the event calendar: <https://chesshub.org.za/events-calendar/> or click on the event link supplied in the brochure.
4. Read the event description and scroll down to Bookings detail:

Bookings

Tickets		
Prestige Open to All Players	R700.00	0 ▾
Ladies Open To Females Only	R600.00	0 ▾
B Section Players With Elo Rating of 1800 and Below	R450.00	0 ▾

5. Select the number of "Tickets" (i.e. number of attendees). Complete the attendee(s) information and Registration information. You **MUST** be logged into your SA Chess Hub profile to register for the tournament.
6. Select your preferred payment method (i.e. Payfast or EFT/cash deposit) then click on "REGISTER FOR EVENT":

Booking Summary

1 x Elite	R350.00
Total Price	R350.00

Please select your payment preference, Payfast or EFT/cash deposit

I will make EFT Payment or cash deposit ▾

Coupon Code

REGISTER FOR EVENT

If you do not have a coupon from the organiser, leave that field blank.

7. Payment Methods:
 - a. If you select the Payfast payment method you will be taken to the Payfast secure payment page. Complete the payment and you will receive a booking confirmation email a short while after completing payment.
 - b. If you opted to pay by EFT or cash deposit, you will receive an email upon registering with all payment information. If emails is not received within 15 minutes, kindly check your spam/junk mail folders. Complete EFT payment or cash deposit and email proof of payment to events@chesshub.org.za. Once booking has been approved, within 24 to 48 hours, you will receive a booking confirmation email.