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1. Definitions

1. **Chess SA** – South Africa National Chess federation
2. **Committee** – The committee responsible for all aspects regarding the management of the League in the district(s);
3. **Direct Encounter** – The winner of the match between two teams;
4. **District Final Chess Championships** -
5. **Federation** – The custodian for Chess in the various Districts in Gauteng are governed by Chess Federations: Tshwane Chess, JHB Metro Chess, Ekurhuleni Chess and Sedibeng Chess
6. **FIDE** – The World Chess Federation;
7. **FIDE Laws** – The latest applicable published FIDE Laws of Chess;
8. **Gauteng Schools Individual Chess Championships** -
9. **Gender** – References to he/his/him shall include both sexes;
10. **Home Matches** – Matches played at own school and who are also the hosting school.
11. **Selected Team (Individuals)** - a team consisting of individual learners selected from different schools

2. General

Individual or selected Teams:

- This is where a learner represent his school and are then selected to represent the Cluster, District, Province and Country in a selected team.

Selection will be done on all levels for both Selected Teams (Individual) as well as School based Teams (Top Schools):

- Cluster
- District
- Provincial

3. Website

There is a webpage for each of the districts where the district information and online entries will be published.

3.1 Webpage:

www.saschoolschess.co.za

**Gauteng Schools Chess:
Selected Teams / Individual Competition**

1. Dates

Date	Item	Who
5 Sept 2021	Cluster Finals	u/13
18 Sept 2021	District finals – last date	u/13
15 Oct 2021	Entries Close	
16 Oct 2021	Gauteng Individual Final	Primary Schools: u/13
TBA	SA Schools Championships	Venue to be Confirmed

2. Age groups and Categories

2.1 District

1. u/13 Boys: 7 players (born 2008 & later)
2. u/13 Girls: 7 players (born 2008 & later)

NB: Seven (7) players of each category will be selected to represent the District in the Gauteng Provincial Individual Chess Championships. At least two players of the seven players in each category must be of previously disadvantaged background.

2.2 Provincial Schools Individual Chess Championships

1. u/13 Boys: 7 players (born 2008 & later)
2. u/13 Girls: 7 players (born 2008 & later)

NB: Seven (7) players of each category can be entered by the District in the Gauteng Provincial Individual Chess Championships.

2.3 National Schools Chess Championships

3. u/13 Boys: 7 players (born 2008 & later)
4. u/13 Girls: 7 players (born 2008 & later)

3. Gauteng Individual Chess Championships

3.1 Tournament

3.1.1 Registration:

Online: www.tshwanechess.co.za

3.1.2 Verification of documents;

- ☞ All players must enter online: www.tshwanechess.co.za
- ☞ All documents can be uploaded together with the entry.

3.1.3 Venue Details

Date: 16 October 2021

Venue: Clapham High Schools
1166 Soutpansberg Rd,
Queenswood,
Pretoria, 0186

Time: 7:30 for 8:00

3.1.4 Tournament details:

Format: Swiss

Time control: 60/60

Rounds: 5 Rounds

3.1.5 LOC

Tournament Director: Judy-Marie Steenkamp
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Website: www.tshwanechess.co.za

3.1.6 Schedule

2021/10/14		Online Registration on Website opens
2021/10/15	23:00	Registrations close
2021/10/15	23:00	Players list published: www.chess-results.com
2020/10/16		Round 1 Pairings
2020/10/16	07:30 – 07:45	Managers meeting Confirm arrival Hand in registration documents
	07:45 – 08:00	Official Opening
	08:00	Round 1
	10 min after Round 1	Round 2
	10 min after Round 2	Round 3
	10 min after Round 3	Round 4
	10 min after Round 4	Round 5
	18:30	Prize giving & Awards

3.1.7 Tournament Rating

Results of this competition will be submitted for rating to the Chess SA Ratings Bureau. All players will therefore be registered with Chess SA during this process. Chess SA registration for school tournaments are free of charge.

3.1.8 Official Publishing

The following web sites are the publishing sites. Only documentation and information gathered from these sites will be accepted as official. Please be on the lookout for version changes and new documentation.

Teams, Pairings and Results: www.chess-results.com

Online Entry: www.tshwanechess.co.za

Documents: www.tshwanechess.co.za

4. Rules

4.1 General

1. The Principal of the school shall verify that all the players participating in the Individual Chess Championships are bona fide learners of the school and verify their dates of birth and all relevant information as required.
2. The players will participate in districts, which may be divided into area cluster sections.
3. Schools can nominate any number of players per age group category to participate in the Cluster / District.

4.2 Managers (Teacher/sports officer in charge)

1. An adult person from each school / cluster / district must accompany the players and he/she shall be responsible for the administration of the individuals.
2. The manager will make sure that the players know which board to sit and play. The manager will also make sure that players are in time for all the games.
3. A manager shall not interfere or give advice to any of the players while the actual games are in progress and will be seen as a spectator. All supervisors shall prevent spectators, coaches and other players from doing so.

4.3 Match Rules

1. The time control shall be 60:60 for all sections.
2. During rounds, silence shall be strictly observed.
3. The players shall not eat food or snacks at the playing tables. One cool drink per player in a container with a sports cap will be allowed at the tables.
4. Players that have finished their games shall leave the playing hall.
5. No unofficial games shall be played at the tables in the playing hall.
6. Game analysis can be done in the area(s) designated for this purpose.
7. All participants shall notate the moves in accordance with the Laws of Chess. The School / Cluster / District shall provide each player representing them with notation paper and pen for this purpose.
8. Messages to players shall be given in the presence an arbiter.
9. No equipment or furniture may be removed from the playing area.
10. A coach or trainer shall be under the supervision of the school that employs him. The coach/trainer shall not speak to any player, nor discuss a match in progress inside the hall once the round started.
11. Spectators may view games from the designated areas if available. Photographs of the teams playing may be taken in the first five minutes of the start of the round only.
12. Under no circumstances will any game in progress or game just completed be discussed in the playing area.
13. Players shall complete the required results sheets.

14. Incorrect scores (as processed by the LOC) must be reported immediately if noticed and will be dealt with on an individual basis.

4.4 Appointment of Arbiters

1. Only qualified arbiters recognized by Chess SA and appointed by the LOC in conjunction with GDE will be allowed to work on the floor.
 2. No person will be allowed to work as an arbiter if they are manager / coach of a participating team.

4.5 Appeals

1. Members of this committee shall be 3 or 5 members in the following order:
 - a. Two arbiters – that were not involved in the decision against which is being appealed.
 - b. One member of the LOC
 - c. One other person, e.g. chess coach (rating above 1900), chess arbiter (PA, NA, FA or IA) not on duty (optional) and
 - d. An additional co-opted person qualified and knowledgeable (optional).
2. The CA shall appoint the chairperson and optional members of the appeals committee.
3. The chairman is allowed to co-opt more members to the appeals committee should he deemed it necessary. Co-opted members shall be of the following qualifications:
 - a. PA, NA, FA or IA
 - b. Chess Coach with rating higher than 1900
4. The number of members on the appeals committee shall always be uneven.
5. Appeals shall be in writing only and must be handed in at the administration table within 30 minutes of the incident/official finish time of the round.
6. A deposit of R100 shall be paid together with the appeal which will be refunded should the appeal be successful.
7. When players wish to appeal formally (do not confuse this with making a claim*) they shall indicate such verbally to their team manager, who shall communicate it to the arbiter. The game must continue and be completed in the normal way if it is at all possible.

* Claim = to claim a draw or a point, to complain about an opponent.

8. The written appeal shall include the name of the complainant, his/her opponent, and their team names and round in which the incident happened. Keep the description short and to the point and refer to the FIDE Laws that were applicable /infringed.

9. The player must submit the appeal and can be assisted by the team manager.

The LOC will not deal with parents and coaches. The LOC and officials will only deal with team managers. Team Managers will deal with parents and coaches.