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1. Definitions

1. **Boys Team** – Team that consists of only boys – this is only applicable in Selected Teams
2. **Chess SA** – South Africa National Chess federation
3. **Committee** – The committee responsible for all aspects regarding the management of the League in the district(s);
4. **Development Team** – A team from a township who does not qualify on merit;
5. **Direct Encounter** – The winner of the match between two teams;
6. **District Final Chess Championships** -
7. **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
8. **FIDE** – The World Chess Federation;
9. **FIDE Laws** – The latest applicable published FIDE Laws of Chess;
10. **Game Points** – Total scores of the individual game points scored by the individual players;
11. **Gauteng Schools Individual Chess Championships** -
12. **Gauteng Schools Team Chess Championships** -
13. **Gender** – References to he/his/him shall include both sexes;
14. **Girls Team** – Team that consists of only girls;
15. **Home Matches** – Matches played at own school and who are also the hosting school.
16. **Match points** – Win/loss or draw for the team as whole, i.e. a team won a match when more than 50% is scored by the individual team members, a team draws when both teams score 50% of the total points available and a team loss when the total of the team is less than 50% of the points available for the match;
17. **Mixed Team** – Team that consists of any number of boys and girls to make up the total number of players in the team. There can also be zero boys or girls in the team;
18. **Merit Team** – A team that was selected on merit at the district trials;
19. **School Based Team (Top Schools)** – Team of 6 learners +1 reserve all Bona Fide learners of the same school.
20. **Selected Team (Individuals)** - a team consisting of individual learners selected from different schools
21. **Top Schools Chess Championships** -
22. **Top Seeded Team** – The team with the highest average rating at the start of the tournament. CHESSA ratings will be used for this calculation.

2. General

Schools Chess consists of 2 legs:

- **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.
- **Teams or School based Teams:**
 - This is schools based teams consisting of 6 learners + 1 Reserve per Team. The Team will represent the school, Cluster, District, Province and Country.

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 Managing of Webpage

The website is administrated and managed by Tshwane Chess and is free of charge to Gauteng Schools Chess committees.

Both the District and Cluster committee details can be uploaded at: www.tshwanechess.co.za

Any other info that you want to add to the relevant webpages can be emailed to: webmaster@gautengchess.co.za

Pairings for all clusters will be created by the organizers in Swiss Manager and published on www.chess-results.com. The various clusters can either download the Swiss Manager file or print the parings from here.

4. 2022 Age groups

4.1 Secondary School for

1. u/18: Born 2004 and younger
2. u/15: Born 2007 and younger

4.2 Primary School

1. u/13: Born 2009 and younger
2. u/11: Born 2011 and younger

5. Dates

Date	Item	Who
10/11 June 2022	District Individual Finals	u/11, u/13, u/15 & u/18
18 June 2022	Gauteng Individual Final	u/11, y/13, u/15 & u/18

6. Age groups and Categories

6.1 Provincial Schools Individual Chess Championships

1. u/18 Boys: 5 players + 2 PDI players
2. u/18 Girls: 5 players + 2 PDI players
3. u/15 Boys: 5 players + 2 PDI players
4. u/15 Girls: 5 players + 2 PDI players
5. u/13 Boys: 5 players + 2 PDI players
6. u/13 Girls: 5 players + 2 PDI players
7. u/11 Boys: 5 players + 2 PDI players
8. u/11 Girls: 5 players + 2 PDI players

NB: Seven (7) players of each category can be entered by 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.

7. Gauteng Individual Chess Championships

7.1 Tournament

7.1.1 Registration:

Online: www.tshwanechess.co.za

7.1.2 Verification of documents;

☞ All players must enter online: www.tshwanechess.co.za

☞ All documents can be uploaded together with the entry.

7.1.3 Venue Details

Date: 2022/6/18 – Primary & Secondary Schools

Venue: Gauteng North Wrestling Hall
25 26th st
Menlopark
Pretoria

Time: 7:30

Map: Annexure A

7.1.4 Tournament details:

Format: Swiss

Time control: 60/60

Rounds: 5 Rounds

7.1.5 LOC

Tournament Director:	Judy-Marie Steenkamp schools@gautengchess.co.za 083 5563475
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Website:

<http://tshwawechess.co.za>

7.1.6 Schedule

2022/06/07		Online Registration on Website opens
2022/06/16	23:00	Registrations close
2022/06/17	23:00	Players list published: www.chess-results.com
2022/06/18	23:00	Round 1 Pairings
2022/06/18	07:30 – 07:45	Managers meeting Confirm arrival Hand in registration documents
	07:45 – 08:00	Official Opening
	08:00	Round 1
	15 min after Round 1	Round 2
	15 min after Round 2	Round 3
	15 min after Round 3	Round 4
	15 min after Round 4	Round 5
	18:30	Prize giving & Awards

7.1.7 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.

7.1.8 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: <http://tshwanechess.co.za>

Documents: www.tshwanechess.co.za

8. Registration Procedure

8.1 Entry and Registration Procedure

To enter the competition, the following procedure must be followed. No exceptions will be entertained.

8.1.1 **The District official or committee must complete Entry Form attached to this document for each selected team they want to enter. This is for verification purposes. Please note the following:**

8.1.1.1 The Certified copy of the birth certificates with a photo of each pupil must be attached to the Entry Form;

8.1.1.2 The headmaster must ensure that he signs and put the school stamp across both the photograph and certificate.

8.1.1.3 The Entry Form including the birth certificates, photos, Medical Questionnaire and Parent consent form must accompany the team to the tournament and must be handed in during registration.

8.1.2 All the details filled in on the Entry Form, can also be captured on the online entry form <http://tshwanechess.co.za>. This must be done before the closing date.

8.1.3 The district must complete the District School Confirmation form (Annexure B), attached to this document, to confirm the names of the schools qualifying for the tournament. It is each and every individual school's responsibility to make sure the district send the completed form to the organisers schools@tshwanechess.co.za or fax it to 086 5672373 before the closing date

9. Arrival Registration process

1. All schools, parents and spectators arrive and enter at the Main gate in 26th st.
2. All Team Managers must report at the registrations desks set up in the foyer. There will be a desk for each district.
3. At the desk the following documentation must be handed in to enable your team to participate:
 - a. Team list with the District office stamp or signature;

- b. Certified Birth certificate and photo with school stamp and headmaster's signature across the photo and certificate for each learner;
 - c. Completed and signed medical questionnaire for each learner;
 - d. Completed and signed parent consent form for each learner;
4. The first round pairings will already be published on www.chess-results.com. The seating will also be ready and learners can take their seats as soon as possible.
 5. Learners must be seated by 8:15 for the opening ceremony.

10. Food parcels

1. Food parcels will be distributed at the registration tables.
2. Each team manager, accompanied by 1 learner, must collect the food parcels from 12:00 onwards.
3. There will be a food parcel for each team member, the reserve, coach and team manager.
4. Only team managers will be allowed to collect food parcels.
5. All food parcels must be signed for.

11. Entering the Hall & publishing of results

1. The results and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com
2. The results and pairings will also be published at designated points outside the hall.
3. Please enter the hall orderly and take your seating.
4. We will apply rate of play to try and get through the rounds as quick as possible. This implies:
5. The starting of the next round will be written on the pairing sheet.
6. The arbiter will not start the round. As soon as both teams are present, the two team managers can start the match, except for round 1 when everybody will start at the same time.
7. There will be restricted areas for spectators. Please respect these markings.

12. Certificates

1. Each school and learner will get a certificate of participation.
2. Names on certificates will be as on the pairings list.
3. Team Managers must correct names, surnames and spelling on the result card for round 1. After round 1, no changes will be accepted.

4. Names, surnames and the spelling thereof as per round 2 on the result cards will be used for the certificates. No certificates will be reprinted.
5. Certificates can be collected at the registration tables after 16:00.

13. Rules

13.1 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. Home school learner will be eligible to play provided they are also registered under a school for co and extra Curricular activities. – they should also represent the same school in the League team.

13.2 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. If any one of the matches is undecided, due to an appeal and no result for the match is available, the team manager(s) shall not sign the result form.
5. After the decision of the Appeals Committee, which decision shall be final and binding on all parties, both team managers shall sign the result form.
6. The team manager is responsible for the proper conduct of the team members during rounds as well as before and after rounds.
7. The team manager shall refrain from giving advice or assisting the team members with their match decisions during rounds.
8. The team manager shall give assistance to the team members in the following instances during a match:
 - a. Replacement and setting of a faulty chess timer;

- b. Assist the player that wishes to appeal against the arbiter's decision;
- c. Assist a player that needs the attention of the arbiter, e.g. clarification of a rule;
- d. Assist a player that has fallen ill and or is not able to continue playing a game in progress;

13.3 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.

13.4 Administration

1. The administration table will be set up in the front of the hall where:
 - a. All result sheets will be handed in
 - b. Written appeals can be submitted.
2. All teams must report their arrival at the administration table.

3. Display Boards will be put up near (outside) the hall where the latest results available will be displayed.
4. A full set of results will be published on www.chess-results.com

13.5 Chess Timers

1. Timers will be set up just before the round at all the tables. The clocks shall then, after the round be collected by the owners.
 2. When a timer is found to be faulty, the team manager shall replace the clock and set the correct time for the players under supervision of the arbiters. The arbiters in accordance with the Laws may adjust the time on clocks.
 3. The team board 1 plays with the black pieces shall supply the clocks on boards 1-3, the other team shall supply the rest for boards 4-6 unless the managers of the two teams agreed otherwise beforehand. Digital clocks will take preference above analogue clocks.

13.6 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.

13.7 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

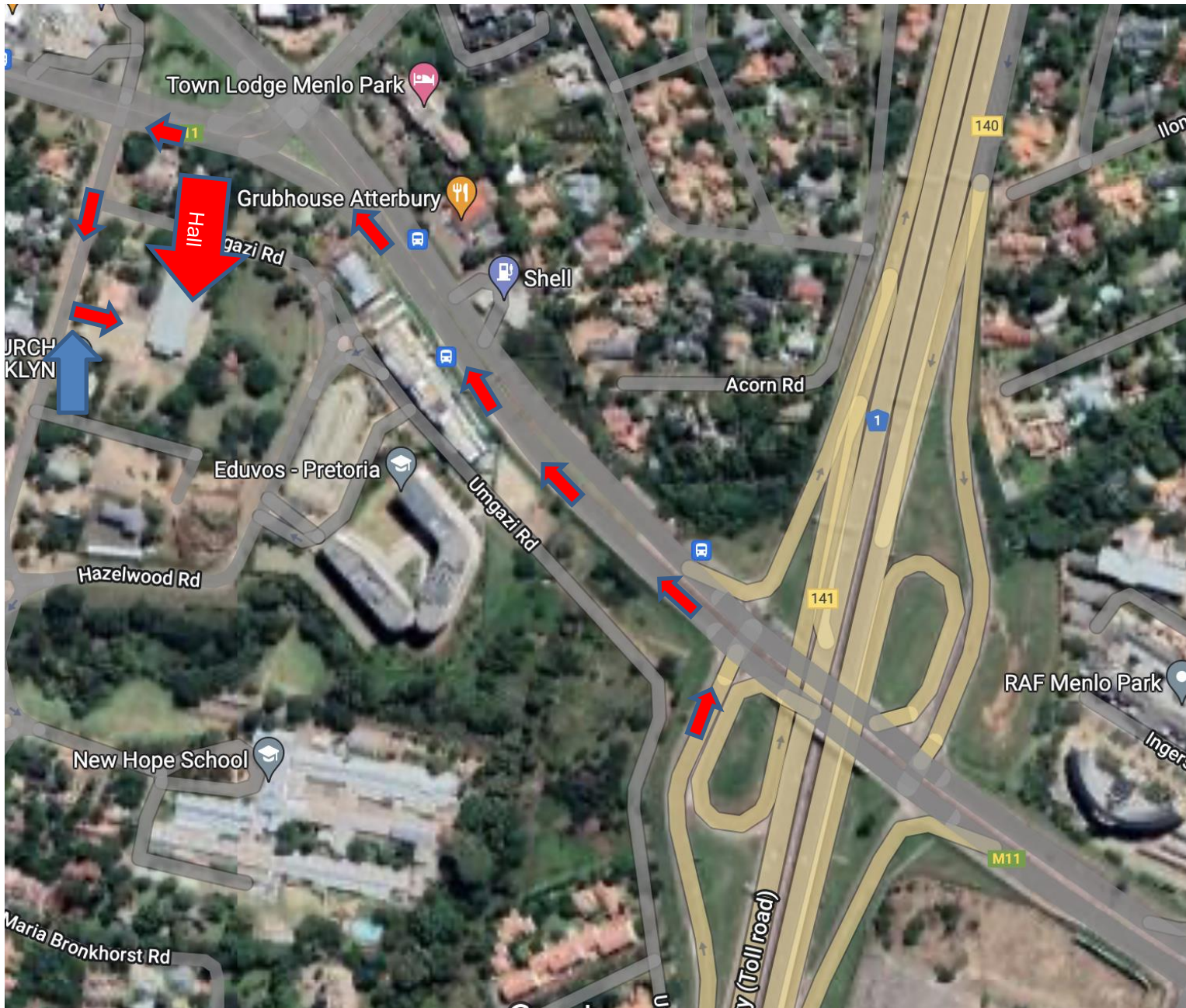
b. Chess Coach with rating higher than 1900

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.

ANNEXURE: A - MAP





Gauteng Schools Chess

2022 Gauteng Individual Chess Championships



District											
Age Group:	u/11		u/13		u/15		u/18		Gender:	Boys	Girls

	Learner			School:
1.	Name:	Initials:	School:	
	Surname:	Date of Birth:	Teacher:	
2.	Name:	Initials:	School:	
	Surname:	Date of Birth:	Teacher:	
3.	Name:	Initials:	School:	
	Surname:	Date of Birth:	Teacher:	
4.	Name:	Initials:	School:	
	Surname:	Date of Birth:	Teacher:	
5.	Name:	Initials:	School:	
	Surname:	Date of Birth:	Teacher:	
6.	Name:	Initials:	School:	
	Surname:	Date of Birth:	Teacher:	
7.	Name:	Initials:	School:	
	Surname:	Date of Birth:	Teacher:	

District Official

Date

Instructions

1. The school must complete this form for each team they want to enter and hand it in with registration.
2. The birth certificates with a photo of each pupil must be attached to the Entry Form
3. Hand this form, including the birth certificates and photos, in during registration.
4. It is compulsory to complete the online process as well. Incomplete forms will not be accepted.