



**ZONE 4.4 YOUTH UNDER-16 TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS,
GHANA 2015.**

17th JULY- 25TH JULY 2015

DPS GHANA, TEMA

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2. VENUE AND DATES

The 2015 Zone 4.4 Youth Under-16 Team Chess Championships will be held from **17th July, 2015 (arrival) to – 25th July, 2015 (departure)** at the DPS Ghana Campus in Tema, the industrial suburb of the capital, Accra. DPS is 30minutes drive from the Kotoka International Airport, Accra.

DPS Ghana is an educational center that seeks to provide holistic, modern and comprehensive education in Ghana and its neighboring countries.

The **Playing Hall** shall be the **DPS Ghana Auditorium**, a state of the art, fully air-conditioned hall which shall provide enough space for players, officials and observers.

All participants shall lodge at the **DPS Ghana Hostels** located at a walking distance from the playing venue. The hostel facility is fully air-conditioned with toilet facilities in each room.

We are assured of the highest level of hospitality and delicious meals throughout the duration of the tournament.



3. PARTICIPATION CRITERIA AND ACCOMMODATION COSTS

Each Zone 4.4 FIDE member federation has the right to send **one team** having **free board and lodging** from **17th July, 2015 to 25th July, 2015**.

Each team shall comprise 4 players and 1 reserve (**two of whom must be girls**) and 1 captain (or Manager, Trainer).

In accordance with FIDE regulations, entitled participating teams should comprise of players born **on or after 1st January 1999**.

Additional teams may be accepted on application subject to a maximum of three teams per federation. Additional teams will be held responsible for payment of **€30.00 (30.00 Euros) per person per day for meals and accommodation in shared rooms**.

Officials and accompanying persons from participating federations as well as friends and relations wishing to lodge at the official chess venue, the DPS Ghana Campus, are welcome upon payment of **€40.00 (40.00 Euros) per person per day for meals and accommodation in single rooms accommodation and €30.00 (30.00Euros) per person per day for meals and accommodation in shared rooms accommodation**, subject to availability and confirmation of accommodation on a first come first serve basis.

Please be advised that players and officials are required to stay at the playing venue.

4. FIDE/ACC FEES AND REGISTRATION FEES

Each participant (players and officials) will be required to pay a Registration Fee of **€100.00 (100.00 Euros)** per person to the Organizers in advance and **€100.00 (100.00 Euros) per team** FIDE entry fee.

Federations are responsible for paying the entry fees for each of their teams.

All fees should be paid into the GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION account by **10th July, 2015**, the account details of which are indicated at item 10.

5. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

The cost of traveling to Accra, Ghana and returning home again shall be the responsibility of each federation. The host shall meet the participants and accompanying persons at the Kotoka International Airport in Accra, provided that full flight details are provided no later than **10th July, 2015**.

Accra, the Capital of Ghana is well serviced by all major international and regional airlines.

The regional road network connecting Accra to other West/Central African countries is in good order and participants intending to travel by road will be met at Tetteh-Quarshie Round About, Kwame Nkrumah Circle or Accra Central bus stations.

Transport from the terminals to Tema and back is included in the registration fee.

6. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS AND TIE BREAK

The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations on a 9 Round Swiss System basis. However, in the event that the number of participating teams is less than twelve, the tournament will be adjusted to a Round Robin (all-play-all) event.

The games will be played using DGT Digital chess clocks.

The rate of play will be in accordance with the FIDE rules: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. The final positions of the teams shall be established by the number of game points scored by each team.

When the Swiss System is used, the position of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures, in sequence:

- a. By the game points;
- b. By the game scores of all the team`s opponents;
- c. By the result of the matches between teams in contention.

When the round robin system is used, the following tie-breaking apply, in sequence:

- a. The game points;
- b. The match result between teams in question;
- c. The Sonnenborn-Berger points;

7. PRIZES

- i. The Organizing Committee shall also award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the 6 members of the teams taking the first three places.
- ii. Individual Board Prizes - Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists shall be in competition with each other for an individual board prize. For the purpose of this award, the player's performance rating from their games shall be compared. Only the following shall be eligible for board prizes: Board Numbers 1 to 4 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds; Board Number 5 who take part in at least 50%.

8. TRAVEL GRANT TO 2015 WORLD YOUTH U-16 CHESS OLYMPIAD

The 6 members of the winning team will receive travel grants to the 2015 World Youth Under-16 Chess Olympiad.

9. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Dates	Time	Activities
17th July	Arrival	
18th July	10:30 – 11:30 12:30 – 14:30 16:00 hrs	Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony 1 st Round
19th July	9:00 hrs. 16.00 hrs.	2 nd Round 3 rd Round
20 th July	9:00 hrs. 16.00 hrs	4 th Round 5 th Round
21 th July		Free Day
22 th July	16.00 hrs.	6 th Round
23 th July	9:00hrs 16:00hrs	7 th Round 8 th Round
24 th July	9:00 hrs 16:00 hrs.	9 th Round Award and Closing Ceremony
25 st July	Departure	

10. BANKING DETAILS

Account Name:	Ghana Chess Association
Bank:	Stanbic Bank
Branch Name:	Spintex-Road Branch
Account Number:	0140070283001
Swift Code:	SBICGHAXXX
Code:	7117802

No participant shall be allowed to take part in the event without full payment of all fees.

11. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency of Ghana is the Ghana Cedi (GHS), which currently stands at an exchange rate of GHS 4.50 = €1 or GHS 3.95 = US\$1.

12. VISAS

Participants from other countries, who require entry visas into Ghana, may obtain them from Ghana Embassies or Consulates. The host Federation will arrange for official invitations to facilitate applications for those countries that need special invitations. Should there be any problems in obtaining entry visas; the intending travelers should immediately contact the Ghana Chess Association (**+233208115438 or sliss143@yahoo.com**)

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.

13. CHIEF ARBITER

The Chief Arbiter and Arbiters for the 2015 Zone 4.4 Youth Under 16 Team Chess Championships will be appointed by the ACC President.

14. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee for the 2015 Zone 4.4 Youth Under-16 Team Chess Championships will be as follows:

Chairman: Philip Ameku
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16. APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Appeals Committee will consist of 5 members and 2 reserves chosen from among the participating delegations.

17. REGISTRATION FORM

The closing date for entries is **10th July, 2015**. This date is the registration deadline.

Kindly e-mail the attached completed registration forms, flight details and proof of payment to the E-mail: **sliss143@yahoo.com**

Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **50 Euros**. The host federation reserves the right to accept or reject any late registration.

18. ZONE 4.4 COUNTRIES

Countries affiliated to FIDE Zone 4.4 are:

1. BURKINA FASO
2. CAMEROON
3. CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
4. COTE D'IVOIRE
5. GABON
6. GAMBIA
7. GHANA
8. NIGERIA
9. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
10. SIERRA LEONE
11. TOGO

We look forward to hosting you in our beautiful country. We wish all of the participants a pleasant stay and a successful tournament.

Yours in Chess,
GHANA CHESS ASSOCIATION



GEORGE KWEKU ARKO-DADZIE
Group Captain
President

