



2016 ZONE 4.4 INDIVIDUAL CHESS
CHAMPIONSHIPS

28th March – 06th April 2016

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INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Ghana Chess Association has the honor of inviting Zone 4.4 Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2016 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships.

1. **2016 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships**

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation (ACC), the Ghana Chess Association (GCA) has the honor of inviting all chess federations in Zone 4.4 that are affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the 2016 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships.

The event will comprise an Open Section and a Women's Section.

The Championships will be held from 28th March, 2016 (arrival) to 06th April, 2016 (departure) at Sheridan Hotel in Accra, the capital of Ghana.

2. **Participants**

- In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships are open to all players from federations within the Zone 4.4 region which are affiliated to FIDE.
- Federations will be allowed to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each category.
- The host federation reserves the right to field up to seven (7) players in each category and also hold a player in reserve; that can be registered in the event that there are an odd number of participants.
- Subject to agreement with the organizers, the Continental President may allow additional participants for the tournament.

3. **Tournament Regulations**

- It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a *9 Round Swiss System* tournament.
- Time control will be *90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move* starting from move one (1).
- The games will be played using *digital clocks*; and pairings will be published on www.chess-results.com
- *Swiss Manager* will be used for the Championship, and players from the same federation will not be paired together in the last round.
- Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

4. **Tie-Break**

- In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:
 - a) By the results between the players involved in the tie
 - b) Buchholz, the highest number wins;
 - c) Number of wins by black, the highest wins
 - d) The highest rating

5. **Title Awards**

The winner in the Open Section will be awarded International Master (IM) title whilst the winner in the Women's Section will be awarded the Woman International Master (WIM) title. Other titles will be awarded in accordance with FIDE title requirements.

6. Prizes

Open Section

Winner: US\$ 1,000
Second Place: US\$ 750
Third Place: US\$ 500
Fourth Place: US\$ 300
Fifth Place: US\$ 200

Women's Section

Winner: US\$ 600
Second Place: US\$ 400
Third Place: US\$ 200

7. Qualification for 2017-2018 ACC Grand Prix

The 2016 Zone 4.4 Championship is a qualification event for the 2017-2018 ACC Grand Prix.

The winners in each section will qualify for the 2017-2018 ACC Grand Prix.

8. Tournament Schedule

The tournament schedule is as follows but subject to some changes if need be. However any change to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of 1st round.

Table 1: Schedule of Tournament

Dates	Time	Activities
28th March, Monday	18:00 19:00	Arrival Technical Meeting Opening Ceremony
29th March, Tuesday	10:00	1 st Round
30th March, Wednesday	10:00 16:00	2 nd Round 3 rd Round
31st March, Thursday	16:00	4 th Round
01st April, Friday	16:00	5 th Round
02nd April, Saturday	16:00	6 th Round
03rd April, Sunday	16:00	7 th Round
04th April, Monday	16:00	8 th Round
05th April, Tuesday	10:00 16:00	9 th Round Closing Ceremony
06th April, Wednesday		Departure

9. Chief Arbiter & Appeals Committee

The Chief Arbiter for the 2014 Zone 4.4 Chess Championships will be appointed by the ACC President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves chosen from among the participating federations.

Protests should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within two hours (2 hours) after the end of the round in question, with a US \$100 deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

10. Board and Lodging

- All players, officials and accompanying persons from participating federations will lodge at **Euros 60** per person per day (sharing) or **Euros 75** per person per day (single room). This cost includes 3 meals (breakfast, lunch and supper).
- All payments related to board and lodging must be effected before the **16th March 2016**, which will be the deadline, or upon arrival (after confirming with the organizers).
- Players, officials and accompanying persons who arrive before the 28th March 2015 or depart after 06th April 2016 will be expected to arrange their own accommodation for the extra days or pay for the additional days at the tournament lodging venue, Sheridan Hotel.
- Participating federations will receive free board and lodging for one player in each category.
- Important note: all payments must be made to the account of the Ghana Chess Association as indicated in item 12. Bank Details or upon arrival subject to a specific request to the Organizers. If payments are not received before the start of the competition, players will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

11. FIDE Fees

- In accordance with FIDE regulations an entry fee of **70 Euros** is required for each player.
- Participants/Federations are expected to pay entry fees for all their players and the fees must be paid directly to the organizers. Players whose fees will not have been paid will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

12. Registration Fees:

- The Registration Fee for each participating player is **100 Euros** and must be paid into Ghana Chess Association account before **16th March 2016**.
- Payments may also be made upon arrival; provided a request is made to the Organizers. Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.
- Only federations can register players.
- The Registration Fee for each official and each accompanying person will be **100 Euros**.
- No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying registration or FIDE fees.
- Registration Forms for entries are attached herein; federation officials must fill them in and return them to the designated Ghana Chess Association officials on or before **16th March 2016** by e-mail to confirm entry.
- All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to:-
 - Free Transfer (to and from) Kotoka International Airport in Accra on arrival and departure.
 - Shuttle to various places in the city depending on the *Shuttle schedule*.

13. Bank Details

Account Name:	Ghana Chess Association
Bank:	Stanbic Bank
Branch Name:	Spintex Road Branch
Account Number:	9040003489927
Swift Code:	SBICGHAC

(For all payments do send proof of payment, with reference of 2016 Zone 4.4, your Federation name and names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered)

14. Travel Arrangements

- All traveling arrangements and costs to and from Kotoka International Airport are to be taken care of by respective federations or respective players participating in the tournament.
- Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Kotoka International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the organizer in advance, *(not later than 16th March 2016)*.

15. Visas

- Participants from 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 (info@ghanachess.com 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.

16. Local Currency

The local currency of Ghana is the Ghana Cedi (GHS.), which currently stands at an exchange rate of GHS4.30 = €1 or GHS3.90= US\$1.

17. Deadline

- Entry forms must be filled by the respective federations and returned to the host federation not later than **16th March 2016**. This date is the registration deadline.
- Late registration attracts a penalty charge of **50 Euros**. The host Federation will thereafter reserve the right to accept or reject any player.
- **Players who arrive unannounced will cover all their costs.**

18. Organizers Contacts

The Tournament Committee for the 2016 Zone 4.4 Individual Chess Championships will be as follows:

Chairman: **Philip Ameku**

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Tournament Secretary: **Christine Ashley**

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19. 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. LIBERIA
9. NIGERIA
10. SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE
11. SIERRA LEONE
12. 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

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Registration Form

Federation name	
Contact Person	
Email	
Telephone	

Open section :

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE

Women section

Surname	Name	FIDE ID	FIDE RATING	TITLE

Accompanying persons

Surname	Name	Designation

To be emailed to the Ghana Chess Association: philipameku@gmail.com & sliss143@yahoo.com before March 16, 2016