



# **2020 NATIONAL YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

### **1. INVITATION**

Ghana Chess Association under the auspices of the National Sports Authority has the honor of inviting clubs in schools and communities to participate in this year's National Youth Chess Championships. This year's edition is scheduled to take place at the Ghana International School's Multi-Purpose Hall located in Cantonments, Accra

### **2. RIGHT OF PARTICIPATION**

This tournament is open to both boys and girls 18 years or below; there is also no restriction on number of players per school. Participants shall play according to age divisions.

Under 8 – players born on or after January 1, 2012  
Under 10 – players born on or after January 1, 2010  
Under 12 – players born on or after January 1, 2008  
Under 14 – players born on or after January 1, 2006  
Under 16 – players born on or after January 1, 2004  
Under 18 – players born on or after January 1, 2002

### **3. TOURNAMENT RULES**

#### **3.1 Format And Time Control**

- The Championships will be played following FIDE regulations as a 5 Round Swiss System tournament.
- The time control will be 20 minutes for the game for each player.
- A player may forfeit his/her game in the case of two illegal moves
- All forms of communication is not allowed during competitive play

#### **3.2. Tie Break**

In case of a tie for the overall winner or other places, the tie will be broken as follows:

- (a) Direct encounter
- (b) Greater number of wins
- (c) Greater number of wins with black pieces

### **4. FOOD AND DRINKS**

The organizers of the championships shall provide lunch and two water bottles each for all registered participants in the course of the competition. Food will also be on sale at the GIS Canteen.

### **5. CERTIFICATES**

Certificates of participation shall be awarded to all participants of the competition after the close of the tournaments.

### **6. MEDALS AND TROPHIES**

The overall winners in each category shall be awarded with trophies from the organizers.

Also players taking the first five places in each age group category will be awarded gold, silver and bronze medals (3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> positions) respectively.

### **7. QUALIFICATIONS AND NATIONAL TITLES**

GCA shall award National Boys' and Girls' titles for winners in each playing category which shall last for one year! Top 5 boys and girls in each category will be contacted.

All medalists shall be invited to play in a FIDE rated National Junior Championships to determine the National Junior Champion which shall be held in Boys' and Girls' categories as separated events.



## 8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

| DATE                         | TIME          | ACTIVITY         |
|------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 14 <sup>th</sup> March, 2020 | 08:40         | Arrival          |
|                              | 9:00 - 9:20   | Balloting        |
|                              | 9:20 – 9:50   | Opening Ceremony |
|                              | 10:00 – 10:40 | Round One        |
|                              | 10:50 –11:30  | Round Two        |
|                              | 11:30 - 11:55 | Break            |
|                              | 12:00 - 12:40 | Round Three      |
|                              | 12:50 – 1:20  | Round Four       |
|                              | 1:30 -2:10    | Round Five       |
|                              | 2:20-2:50     | Closing Ceremony |

## 9. REGISTRATION FOR THIS COMPETITION

Kindly find attached the registration form of participation. Please e-mail completed registration forms to the following address: [ghanachess@gmail.com](mailto:ghanachess@gmail.com); [philipameku@gmail.com](mailto:philipameku@gmail.com)

The Registration Fee is Ghc 50 per player and may be paid to Ghana Chess Mobile Money account number 0243421387. Registration can also be made through school Chess instructors.

Registration deadline is 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 and organizers reserve rights on decision about late entries.

## 10. INFORMATION ABOUT GCA JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

### 10.1 Criteria

Open To Players below Age 18

Must Be a Ghanaian or a Foreign National with Residents Permit

### 10.2 Cost

GHC 80/Year. Payment must be done before September each year

### 10.3 Benefits

- Chess Player ID, a unique chess identity assigned to each player which is needed for his games to be considered for rating.
- Free entry in all GCA Online Chess Tournaments
- Free Access to GCA Monthly Newsletters with chess lessons, Chess news and Puzzles from your favorite coaches.
- Player will be listed in monthly GCA Ratings list
- Eligible to play in National Chess League, National Youth Championships, National Junior Championships and other Open tournaments
- Opportunity to represent Ghana in International Competitions
- GCA Chess App membership

10.4 **Junior Membership form:** <https://forms.gle/s6QTfv7V78qVPgGr6>

