



2021 African Individual Chess Championships

17th May to 28th May 2021

Crossroads Hotel

Lilongwe

MALAWI

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Chess Association of Malawi has the honour of hosting the 2021 African Individual Chess Championships

Dear Friends,

1. INVITATION

Under the auspices of the African Chess Confederation, the Chess Association of Malawi is pleased to invite all African Chess Federations affiliated to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) to the 2021 African Individual Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at the **Crossroads Hotel** in the City of Lilongwe in Malawi from **17th May 2021 (arrival) to 28th May 2021 (departure)**.

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

2. PARTICIPATION

2.1 Players holding the titles of GM, WGM and WIM have a personal right to enter the tournament. Participation under this right is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees as well as accommodation costs.

2.2 Each National Federation is entitled to enter a maximum of five (5) players in each Section. Players qualifying under Clause 2.1 are not included in this allocation.

2.3 The host country shall have the right to enter ten (10) players in each Section. In the event of the total number of participants being an odd number, the host Federation shall have the right to add another player.

2.4 One player in the Open Section and one in the Women's Section from each federation will be recognized as Official Players, whilst all the others will be Additional Players. The Official Players will be entitled to free board and lodging for the duration of the Championships.

2.5 The Winners, in each of the categories, of the five 2021 African Online World Cup Pre-Qualifying Chess Championships are eligible to participate in the 2021 African Individual Chess Championship with free board and lodging. This right is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees.

2.6 The African Chess Confederation President also has the right to nominate additional players. Participation of the nominated players is subject to payment of the required Registration and ACC Tournament Fees as well as accommodation costs.

3. ACC TOURNAMENT FEES

All players participating in the 2021 African Individual Chess Championship will be required to pay an ACC Tournament Fee of **US\$ 50 per person**.

4. APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION

4.1 Entry Forms must be completed and returned to the Local Organising Committee (LOC) not later than **10th May 2021**.

4.2 The completed registration form must include the surnames, first names, FIDE titles, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating and total number of players and accompanying persons.

4.3 The completed form must also include the names, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses of the Head of Delegation and of the person in charge of the federation.

4.4 All players and accompanying persons must pay a Registration Fee of **US\$ 60 per person** to the LOC to complete the registration process prior to the Technical Meeting.

5. TRAVEL

5.1 All travel expenses to the host country are for the account of the participants or their National Federations.

5.2 The Organisers will provide transportation from Kamuzu International Airport to the accommodation venue upon arrival on **17th May 2021** and back to the Airport on the departure day of **28th May 2021**.

6. ACCOMMODATION AND PLAYING VENUE

6.1 The accommodation for players and officials will be at Crossroads Hotel.

The tournament shall be played in the **Bamboo Hall** of the accommodation venue at **Crossroads Hotel**.

6.2 All participants (players, officials, and accompanying persons) are required to lodge at the official venue.

6.3 Participating Federations will receive free board and lodging for the Official Players (one player in each category).

6.4 Additional players, officials and accompanying persons will be required to pay for accommodation at the following rates:

- a) In Twin rooms: **50 US\$** per person per day, 3 meals included.
- b) In single rooms: **90 US\$** per person per day, 3 meals included.

6.5 Payments must be made prior to, or upon arrival, before the allocation of rooms.

6.6 Players whose fees remain unpaid at the start of the Technical Meeting will not be allowed to participate in the tournament.

6.7 No refunds will be made for any player, official or accompanying person who fails to make it to the Tournament after paying Registration or ACC Tournament Fees.

The Registration Form for entries is attached herein.

Officials must fill in the form and return it to the designated Local Organising Committee officials on or before **10th May 2021** by e-mail to confirm entry.

All registered players, officials and accompanying persons are entitled to Free Transfer (to and from) Kamuzu International Airport on the arrival and departure dates, respectively.

Please note that participants, officials, and accompanying persons arriving before **17th May 2021** or departing after **28th May 2021** will have to either pay for the extra nights at the official accommodation venue or make separate accommodation arrangements for the indicated period outside the tournament schedule.

7. PAYMENTS

ACC Tournament Fees must be paid directly to the ACC account either online or by bank transfer and proof of payment provided when registering for the event.

All ACC Tournament Fees, net of bank charges, must be paid by **10th May 2021** to the ACC account indicated here below:

Account Name: AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION

Account Number: 62789737396

Bank Name: FNB ZAMBIA

Branch Name: Commercial

Branch Sort Code: 260001

SWIFT Code: FIRNZMLXX

Bank Address: PLOT NO. 22768, ACACIA BUSINESS PARK CNR OF GREAT EAST & THABO MBEKI ROAD, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA

Payments for Registration Fees and Accommodation should be paid (net of bank charges) into the account of Chess Association of Malawi as indicated here below:

Account Name: CHESS ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI

Account Number: 9100002352548

Bank Name: STANDARD BANK LIMITED MALAWI

Branch Name: LILONGWE BRANCH

SWIFT Code: SBICMWMX

Bank Address: STANDARD BANK CENTRE, AFRICA UNITY AVENUE, LILONGWE, MALAWI

Delegations opting to make their hotel and other payments upon arrival in Malawi should obtain prior approval from the Local Organising Committee and will be responsible for ensuring that all payments are made in accordance with applicable rates on the date of payment.

The Local Organising Committee will advise the applicable rates on the applicable date of payment.

It is the responsibility of the participants to ensure that the Proof of Payment is made available to the Local Organising Committee.

For ease of identification, Bank Transfers or Deposit Slips should have the reference of **2021 African Individual Chess Championships** with the Federation name and names of players, officials and accompanying persons being registered with the referenced payment.

8. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below but this may however be changed should need arise.

Any changes to the schedule will be communicated during the Technical Meeting before the start of the first round.

Table 1: Tournament Schedule

DATE	TIME	ACTIVITY
Monday, 17 th May 2021	ALL DAY 18.00 hrs. – 20.00 hrs	Arrival of Participants Opening Ceremony
Tuesday, 18 th May 2021	10.00 hrs. – 11.00 hrs. 15.00 hrs.	Technical Meeting Round 1
Wednesday, 19 th May 2021	15.00 hrs	Round 2
Thursday, 20 th May 2021	15.00 hrs	Round 3
Friday, 21 st May 2021	15.00 hrs	Round 4
Saturday, 22 nd May 2021	ALL DAY	Free Day, Sightseeing and Excursions
Sunday, 23 rd May 2021	15.00 hrs	Round 5
Monday, 24 th May 2021	15.00 hrs	Round 6
Tuesday, 25 th May 2021	15.00 hrs	Round 7
Wednesday, 26 th May 2021	15.00 hrs	Round 8
Thursday, 27 th May 2021	10.00 hrs 18.00 hrs.	Round 9 Closing Ceremony
Friday, 28 th May 2021	ALL DAY	Departure

9. TOURNAMENT SYSTEM AND REGULATIONS

9.1 The Championship format will be a SWISS System tournament played over 9 (NINE ROUNDS) in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

The Time Control will be 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 from move one for each player.

9.2 The games will be played using DGT clocks and the pairings will be published and displayed on the tournament notice board as well as on the chess-results.com website.

9.3 Swiss Manager will be used for the Championship, and players from the same Federation may not be paired together in the last two (2) Rounds.

9.4 Draw offers are not allowed before Black's 30th move.

9.5 Zero Tolerance time observance will be applied for default.

10. TIE BREAK

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

- a) Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1 (AROC 1) *
- b) Buchholz Cut 1**;
- c) Buchholz;
- d) Direct encounter between the players in tie;
- e) Drawing of lots

* Average Rating of Opponents, excluding the lowest-rated opponent.

** Buchholz score reduced by the lowest score of the opponents.

11. ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

11.1 The current version of the FIDE Laws of Chess will be used in these championships.

11.2 Analysing is not allowed in the playing hall.

11.3 During the game, the players are not allowed to go to the analysing room or to the press room.

11.4 Flash photography may be used only in the first five minutes of the playing session.

11.5 Only the participating players and arbiters shall be allowed in the actual playing area, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

11.6 Players are not allowed to enter the closed area of the top boards if they are not playing in that area themselves.

11.7 If the game is in progress, a player may only talk to an arbiter or to his opponent as permitted by the FIDE Laws of Chess.

11.8 All participating players **MUST** read the Tournament Regulations and are obliged to abide by them.

11.9 During play, all participants are forbidden to have a mobile phone in their possession.

11.10 The English text of these Tournament Regulations is the authentic version.

12. COVID-19 GUIDELINES

All participants will be required to adhere to the specific local Covid-19 guidelines as communicated by the host Federation.

The specific ruling guidelines at the time of the event will be communicated by the Local Organising Committee (LOC) prior to commencement of the tournament.

Observance of transit Covid-19 guidelines will be the responsibility of participants as communicated by the specific airlines and coach services; where appropriate.

13. ARBITERS, ARBITRATION TEAM AND APPEALS COMMITTEE

The Chief Arbiter and the Arbitration Team for the 2021 African Individual Chess Championships will be appointed by the African Chess Confederation (ACC) President.

The Appeals Committee will consist of a Chairman and 2 members appointed by the ACC President, with 2 reserves chosen from amongst the participating Federations.

Appeals 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.

14. PRIZE STRUCTURE

	<i>Open Section (US \$)</i>	<i>Women's Section (US \$)</i>
<i>1st Prize</i>	<i>5,000</i>	<i>3,000</i>
<i>2nd Prize</i>	<i>4,000</i>	<i>2,000</i>
<i>3rd Prize</i>	<i>3,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>
<i>4th Prize</i>	<i>2,000</i>	<i>500</i>
<i>5th Prize</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>400</i>
<i>6th Prize</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>300</i>
<i>7th Prize</i>	<i>400</i>	<i>200</i>
<i>8th Prize</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>100</i>
<i>9th Prize</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>-</i>
<i>10th Prize</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>-</i>

In the case of equal final positions, the HORT system will be used to distribute the prizes.

15. TITLE AWARDS

The winners of the Open Section and the Women's Section will be awarded the FIDE titles of International Grand Master (GM) and Woman International Grand Master (WGM) respectively; subject to the players having attained the following minimum ratings at some time: GM (2300) and WGM (2100)

Other titles will also be awarded in accordance with FIDE Regulations.

The winners in each category of the Championships will be awarded the title of 2021 African Individual Chess Champion.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the top three placed players respectively in each section of each category of the Championships.

16. QUALIFICATION FOR FIDE WORLD CUP 2021

The 2021 African Individual Championships are a qualification event for the **FIDE World Cup 2021**.

The top 4 placed players in the Open Section will qualify for the **FIDE World Cup 2021** which will take place in Sochi, Russia from 10th July 2021 to 3rd August 2021.

17. LOCAL CURRENCY

The local currency is the Malawian Kwacha (MWK). The current Exchange Rate is: US \$ 1 = 774.37 MWK and Euro 1 = 925.29 MWK.

18. ACCREDITATION

Each federation must send names for registration together with passport size photos for all their Players, Officials and Accompanying persons by **10th May 2021**.

19. TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

International travelling arrangements and costs to and from Kamuzu International Airport are to be taken care of by respective Federations or the players participating in the tournament.

Organizers will meet participants and accompanying persons at Kamuzu International Airport provided that full itinerary for each participant and their accompanying persons are communicated to the Local Organising Committee by **10th May 2020**.

20. VISAS

For delegations coming from countries requiring entry visas into Malawi, these can be obtained from Malawian Embassies or Consulate Offices in their respective countries.

The Local Organising Committee will avail official invitation letters to delegations that need these for the processing visas.

The organisers will advise the nationalities that qualify to obtain their visas on arrival at Kamuzu International Airport.

21. DEADLINE

Entry forms must be filled in by the respective Federation and returned to the Local Organising Committee not later than the registration deadline of **10th May 2021**.

22. LOCAL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE (LOC) CONTACTS

i. LOC CHAIRPERSON: Susan Namangale

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We look forward to welcoming you to the Warm Heart of Africa!

Yours Sincerely,

CHESS ASSOCIATION OF MALAWI



Susan Namangale

PRESIDENT



2021 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

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 Tournament Director on MalawiAICC@gmail.com or chessam2018@gmail.com by May 10, 2021