



2017 Uganda Open Chess Championships



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9th - 12th November 2017

Kampala, Uganda

1. Invitation

1.1 This is the official invitation to the 2017 Uganda Open Chess Championship which will be held in Kampala, Uganda from the 9th – 12th November 2017. The Championship is being organized by the Uganda Chess Federation and is sponsored by the Kasparov Chess Foundation Africa.

2.1 The playing venue is the Forest cottages located on Naguru Hill in Bukoto, Kampala.



Dining hall



Playing hall



Cottages

2. Registration and payments

- 2.1 All players wishing to participate are required to register by no later than 8pm on the 2nd November 2017 (registration deadline).
- 2.2 Players with internet access are asked to [register online](#) as early as possible to aid with tournament preparations.
- 2.3 Manual registrations can also be sent to Ugandachess@yahoo.com. Where registrations are emailed they must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, FIDE title, and passport number of each player.
- 2.4 Entry fees can be paid to the account of the Uganda Chess Federation as listed below

Bank Name	Kenya Commercial Bank
Bank Branch	Kampala Road Branch
Account Name	Uganda Chess Federation
Account Number	2200274548
Swift code	KCBLUGKA

- 2.5 Players based within Uganda can also use the Mobile Money Application to pay their entry fees. Payments using Mobile Money should be sent to the Uganda Chess Federation Treasurer, Mr. Isaac Munanira, using the mobile number **077 660 0209**.
- 2.6 Players will not be paired until their full payment obligations have been fulfilled.

3. Entry Fees

- 3.1 All Foreign Nationals: US\$ 10 (Payable on arrival).
- 3.2 Ugandan Nationals: UGX 15,000 (provided payment is received prior to the registration deadline of 2nd November 2017). Any local entries which have not been paid in full by the 7th November 2017 will attract an extra UGX 5,000 surcharge.

4. Travel and accommodation

- 4.1 Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements but bus / taxi transfers from Entebbe airport to official hotels can be arranged on arrival / departure by contacting the Uganda Chess Federation at Ugandachess@yahoo.com. Players who wish to use this service must send their flight details before the 6th November 2017.
- 4.2 Uganda boasts of several world class hotels and several affordable motels and Inns. The average accommodation costs range from US\$ 30 per person per night to US\$ 75 per person per night. Hotel bookings can be arranged on request and will be available on first come first serve basis.

5. Playing Schedule

The tournament schedule is as follows:

Date	Activity	Time
Thursday, 9 November 2017	Opening ceremony	09:00
Thursday, 9 November 2017	Round 1	10:00
Thursday, 9 November 2017	Round 2	15:00
Friday, 10 November 2017	Round 3	09:00
Friday, 10 November 2017	Round 4	15:00
Saturday, 11 November 2017	Round 5	09:00
Saturday, 11 November 2017	Round 6	15:00
Sunday, 12 November 2017	Round 7	09:00
Sunday, 12 November 2017	Round 8	14:30
Sunday, 12 November 2017	Prize-Giving	19:00

6. Rules and Regulations

- 6.1 The tournament is open to all players with a FIDE ID and will be run according to the Swiss Pairing System over a total of 8 rounds. The tournament will be played in a single section but will offer prizes for both open and female participants.
- 6.2 A maximum of 100 players will be accommodated with preference given to players who already have a FIDE ID and URS™ Rating. Local players who are unrated and who wish to secure an official FIDE and URS™ rating are encouraged to enter as early as possible to avoid disappointment.
- 6.3 Players who do not have an official FIDE ID must request their local chess federations to create one for them before the tournament commences. Official FIDE classical chess ratings will be used for pairing purposes and URS™ Ratings will be used where players do not have a FIDE rating.
- 6.4 The time control for all games is 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 1.
- 6.5 No draw offers will be allowed before black has completed his / her 30th move.
- 6.6 The default time will be 30 minutes for all rounds.
- 6.7 FIDE regulations will apply as per the FIDE Handbook.

7. Dress Code

- 7.1 All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses, Sports Caps and revealing attire are not permitted.

8. Prizes and awards

- 8.1 The highest placed Ugandan player will be declared the 2017 Open National Champion.
- 8.2 The highest placed Ugandan lady player will be declared the 2017 Ladies National Champion.
- 8.3 All players and arbiters will receive certificates to commemorate their participation.
- 8.4 The top three places in every category will be awarded trophies and medals.
- 8.5 Prize money totaling of 5,500,000 UGX (+- USD 1500) will be paid in cash. No taxes will be deducted from any prizes awarded. The prize distribution will be as follows:

Date	Prize (UGX)
1st Open	1,500,000/-
2nd Open	1,000,000/-
3rd Open	750,000/-
1st Lady	750,000/-
2nd Lady	500,000/-
3rd Lady	250,000/-
Best senior (60+)	250,000/-
Best young boy (U/18)	250,000/-
Best young girl (U/18)	250,000/-
Total	5,500,000/-

9. Chief Arbiter

The Chief Arbiter is FA Christopher Turyahabwe. His assistants for the tournament will be appointed by the president of the UCF in due course.

10. Appeals

- 10.1 Any protest regarding a decision taken by the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game.
- 10.2 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of 10,000 UGX as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is found to be baseless by the appeals committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the UCF.
- 10.3 The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the first round.

11. Visas

- 11.1 Any participants that require a visa to visit Uganda must send the copy of their passport (pages with the photograph and main data) before the 26th October 2017.
- 11.2 A digital scan of the photo of each player and any accompanying persons that require visas must be sent by email to the organizing committee at Ugandachess@yahoo.com.
- 11.3 The Tournament Director will supply official letters of invitation for players that require this upon receipt of all details of the participants requesting such letters.

12. Weather Conditions

- 12.1 In the month of November, the weather in Kampala is usually rather fresh and the temperature is usually around 15°C with light rains common during the day.

13. Electricity

- 13.1 The standard voltage is 240 volts

14. Exchange rate

The local currency is the Ugandan Shilling (UGX)

The current exchange rate at the time of publishing is US\$1 = 3558 shillings (UGX)

15. Chief Organizer

Please direct any queries related to the tournament to

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Uganda Chess Federation

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The Uganda Chess Federation looks forward to welcoming our chess friends from across the world to Kampala, Uganda (the pearl of Africa) for our flagship tournament of 2017!