



Laer Volkskool Chess Open 14 March 2026

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Entry Enquiries: Charmaine Kruger (084 626 4234)

Chess Tournament:

Information	Venue	Program
Format: 5 Rounds, Swiss 55/55min + 5 sec incr per move, Chess SA rated. Win = 3, Draw = 1, Loss = 0	Laer Volkskool 15 Voortrekker Street, Heidelberg, Gauteng	Registration: 07h00 to 07h30, Pairings: 07h30 to 07h45, Opening: 07h50, Round1: 08h00 (thereafter rate-of-play)

Chess Sections:

Sections	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	Section E	Section F	Section G
Criteria	1500+ Adults	1200 – 1499	Below 1200	1500+ Juniors (Primary School)	U14 (2013 / 2014)	U12 (2015 / 2016)	U10 & U08 (2017 & Later)
Entry Fee	R200	R150	R120	R100	R100	R80	R80
1st Prizes	R700 Gold Medal	R300 Gold Medal	R150 Gold Medal	Gold Medal	Gold Medal	Gold Medal	Gold Medal
2nd Prizes	R400 Silver Medal	R250 Silver Medal	R100 Silver Medal	Silver Medal	Silver Medal	Silver Medal	Silver Medal
3rd Prizes	R200 Bronze Medal	R150 Bronze Medal	R50 Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal

The following tie-break system will be used (in the order listed):

- 1) **Match Points**, 2) Direct Encounter, 3) Buchholz, 4) Tournament Performance, 5) Sonneborn-Berger and 6) Cumulative

Tournament Arrangements:

- 1) Right of admission reserved. Organisers reserve the right to combine sections.
- 2) No prize money will be awarded to any player, who plays in the wrong section, whatever the reason may be.
- 3) Players must attend prize-giving, to qualify for prizes. This will be held after the last round in each section.
- 4) No more than one prize will be awarded to any player, and prizes will not be shared.
- 5) **Prize money will be adjusted as per organisers discretion if less than 15 players.**
- 6) **A bonus cash prize (where there is prize money) will be awarded to any player finishing 1st, 2nd, or 3rd who wins both of their final two rounds.**
- 7) Players will be allowed to play in higher sections, but not lower.
- 8) Players not seated within 15min after the official start of the round, will forfeit the game.
- 9) **Penalty Fees (R20 extra) apply to all late entries (received after closing time) and walk-ins. Round1 will be forfeited should you not have entered and paid before the close of registration and will start from Round2.**
- 10) **Players to bring their own pen/pencil and notation paper.**
- 11) No parent or player will be allowed in the chess playing area (space where the chess equipment is placed and the PC operator table), before the tournament has started.
- 12) No item may be sold or traded by any person other than those given permission, in writing, by the tournament organiser.
- 13) By entering this tournament, the player agrees unconditionally to abide by all the rules and regulations.



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- 14) The organisers of the tournament are not responsible for the safety of players or their property.
- 15) Latest Fide, Chess SA and Sedibeng Tournament rules will apply.
- 16) Only players who have registered Chess SA and paid their yearly Chess SA registration fees for the year will be able to gain rating points.
- 17) Tuck shop available by Host. **Chess equipment will be on sale (Susan Mittermaier – 076 750 6680).**
- 18) No alcohol consumption or smoking on the premises.
- 19) Pairings will also be displayed prominently at the venue. It remains the player's responsibility to know their board number, colour and start time of the next round. There will also be a WhatsApp group for the tournament. Please make sure you join the group.**
- 20) Sofia Rules will apply - players are not allowed to agree to a draw during the first 30 moves of a game unless there are unavoidable circumstances like perpetual check, threefold repetition, or a completely symmetrical position, and these draws must be approved by the tournament arbiter.

Registration process (Online Entries Only):

- 1) Complete one entry form per player.
- 2) All payments to: Laer Volkskool Heidelberg, FNB cheque account, 62835144057**
- 3) No refunds. If you withdraw or do not show up, you forfeit your entry fee.
- 4) For EFT payments please use **CHESS, Player's Name, Surname and Section** as reference.
- 5) If you cannot EFT, do not pay cash in at the bank or ATM, because Sedibeng Chess is bearing these transaction costs. Rather come and pay cash on the day at the event.**
- 6) Proof of payment (PoP) confirms registration to tournament and only players that send PoP will be listed on Chess Results.**
- 7) Email the entry form and proof of payment to entries@sedibengchess.co.za
- 8) Closing date: (Thursday) 12 March 2026 @ 20h00**
- 9) Only players whose payments have been confirmed, will be published and put into the pairings for Round1.
- 10) Players must bring the original entry document and proof of payment to the tournament.
- 11) It will be each player's own responsibility to check the players list on www.chess-results.com on Friday and refer all queries to: **Charmaine Kruger (084 626 4234)** before Friday evening 20h00.
- 12) **POPI Act:** By registering for the tournament, players/parents grant permission that photographs or videos may be taken at the tournament and used on social media.

If entry form is not completed in full, entry will not be accepted.

Finding a chess player's Chess SA no or current rating: www.chessa.co.za