



Rumble in The City

Rapids and Blitz

Chess Tournament

 13th December 2025

 KICC Delegates Lounge,

Nairobi CBD

1. INVITATION

Minichess Kenya Ltd, in partnership with the Kenya International Convention Centre (KICC), warmly invites you to the **2nd Edition of the “Rumble in the City” Rapids and Blitz Chess Tournament**, scheduled for **13th December 2025** at the KICC Grounds, in the **Delegates Lounge**.

2. FORMAT AND CATEGORIES

JUNIOR CATEGORY

- **Format:** 6 Rounds, Swiss System
- **Time Control:** 25 minutes per player
- **Categories:** U8, U10, U12, U14 & U18
- **Registration Fee:** Ksh.1,000

OPEN CATEGORY

- **Format:** 7 Rounds, Swiss System
- **Time Control:** 25 minutes per player
- **Registration Fee:** Ksh.1,000

FIDE Rated

BLITZ (Open to All)

- **Format:** 10 Rounds, Swiss System
- **Time Control:** 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move
- **Registration:**
 - Ksh. 1,000 (Blitz Only)
 - Ksh. 1,500 (Both Rapids and Blitz)

FIDE Rated

3. **TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. **FIDE Compliance:**

As this is a FIDE-rated event, all FIDE rules shall apply.

2. **Pairings:**

The Swiss System will be used for all pairings.

3. **Rounds:**

- **Rapid Open Section:** 7 rounds
- **Junior Category:** 6 rounds
- **Blitz:** 10 rounds

4. **Time Controls:**

- **Rapid (Open & Junior):** *25 minutes per player*
- **Blitz:** *3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move*

5. **Default Time:**

In all three events (Open, Junior, and Blitz), **there is no default time.** The clock will run down to zero.

6. **Absent Players:**

A player who misses a round without first officially notifying the Chief Arbiter will be withdrawn from the tournament.

7. **Electronic Devices:**

Players are not allowed to have any electronic devices on their person during play.

- If a player is found with a device, switched on or off, the game will be declared lost for the offending player.
- Wristwatches of any kind are also prohibited, and the same penalty will apply.

4. TIEBREAKS

The final ranking in all sections will be determined by the **total points** scored by each player. In the event that **two or more players are tied** at the end of the tournament, the following tiebreaks will be applied **in order**:

- 1) **Buchholz**: Sum of the scores of all opponents of a player.
- 2) **Buchholz Cut 1**: Buchholz score reduced by the lowest-scoring opponent.
- 3) **Direct Encounter**: If the tied players have faced each other, the player with the most points in those encounters will be ranked higher.
- 4) **Greater Number of Wins**: Including wins by forfeit.
- 5) **Sonneborn–Berger**: The sum of the scores of the opponents a player has defeated, plus half the scores of opponents with whom the player has drawn.

5. PRIZES AND AWARDS

a) Open Section Cash Awards

<i>Rk</i>	<i>Cash Prize Rapids Open Section</i>		<i>Cash Prizes Blitz: Open to All</i>	
	Open	Ladies	Open	Ladies
Winner	<i>Ksh.15,000</i>	<i>Ksh.7,500</i>	<i>Ksh.15,000</i>	<i>Ksh.5,000</i>
1st Runners Up	<i>Ksh.7,500</i>	<i>Ksh.5,000</i>	<i>Ksh.7,500</i>	<i>Ksh.3,000</i>
2nd Runners Up	<i>Ksh.5,000</i>	<i>Ksh.2,000</i>	<i>Ksh.5,000</i>	<i>Ksh.2,000</i>
4th Place	<i>Ksh.3,500</i>		<i>Ksh.2,500</i>	
5th Place	<i>Ksh.2,500</i>		<i>Ksh.1,000</i>	
Special Awards				
<i>Rapids Open Section</i>			<i>Blitz Open Section</i>	
<i>Best Unrated Male & Female</i>		<i>Ksh.2,000</i>	<i>Best Unrated</i>	<i>Ksh.1,500</i>
<i>Best U1600 Male & Female</i>		<i>Ksh.2,000</i>	<i>Best Junior Boy</i>	<i>Ksh.1,500</i>
<i>Best Junior Male & Female</i>		<i>Ksh.2,000</i>	<i>Best Junior Girl</i>	<i>Ksh.1,500</i>

b) Junior Section Awards

- **Trophies** will be awarded to the **winners** in each of the 5 categories.
- **Medals** will be awarded to the runners-up and second runners-up in each category.
- **Certificates of Participation** will be presented to all participants in this section.

6. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

a. Junior Section

Day	Activity	Time
Saturday 13 th Dec	Opening Ceremony	8:30 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 1	9:00 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 2	10:00 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 3	11:00 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 4	12:00 NOON
Saturday 13 th Dec	Lunch Break	1:00 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 5	2:00 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 6	3:00 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Closing Ceremony	4.30PM

b. Open Section

Day	Activity	Time
Saturday 13 th Dec	Opening Ceremony	8:15 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 1	8:30 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 2	9:30 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 3	10:30 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 4	11:30 AM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 5	12:30 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Lunch Break	2:00 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 6	3:00 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 7	4.00PM

c. Blitz Tournament

Day	Activity	Time
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 1	5:30 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 2	5:45 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 3	6:00 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 4	6:15PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 5	6:30 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 6	6:45PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 7	7:00 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 8	7:15 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 9	7.30 PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Round 10	7:45PM
Saturday 13 th Dec	Closing Ceremony	8:30PM

7. APPEALS COMMITTEE

Any protest regarding a decision made by the Chief Arbiter must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee **within 15 minutes** after the incident.

A written protest must be accompanied by a **deposit of Ksh 2,000/=**, paid by the complainant. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee.

- If the appeal is granted, the deposit will be returned immediately.
- If the appeal is found to be baseless, the deposit Shall not be refunded.

The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the first round.

8. **REGISTRATION**

All interested parties are invited to register through the link below:



<https://forms.gle/o4VHgUrinuoZaUGr8>

Registration should be completed **no later than 12th December at 11:00 p.m.**
Any registration received after this deadline will be paired starting from Round 2

Payments should be made via **Mpesa** using the following details:

- **PayBill No:** 400200
- **Account No:** 01141093218300

A successful transaction will be confirmed by an **SMS from Mpesa and Co-op Bank**. Paste the Mpesa Code in the Registration form.

9. **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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10. TOURNAMENT POSTER



The Kenyatta International
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Rapid & BLITZ TOURNAMENT

PRIZES

Rapids

OPEN	LADIES
1. 15,000	1. 7,500
2. 7,500	2. 5,000
3. 5,000	3. 2,500
4. 3,500	
5. 2,500	

UNRATED FEMALE 2,000
UNRATED MALE 2,000
U1600 OPEN 2,000
U1600 LADIES 2,000
BEST JUNIOR MALE 2,000
BEST JUNIOR FEMALE 2,000

Blitz

OPEN	LADIES
1. 15,000	1. 5,000
2. 7,500	2. 3,000
3. 5,000	3. 2,000
4. 2,500	
5. 1,000	

UNRATED 1,500
BEST JUNIOR OPEN 1,500
BEST JUNIOR GIRL 1,500

WINNERS GET TROPHY
POSITION 2&3 GET MEDALS
ALL GET CERTIFICATES

AVAILABLE

FOOD & SNACKS
AVAILABLE FOR SALE

ENTRY FEE

JUNIORS SECTION 1,000

RAPID SECTION 1,000

BLITZ 1,000

COMBINED RAPIDS & BLITZ
1,500

CATEGORIES

U8, U10, U12, U14 & U18

MODE

Juniors
25+0 (6 ROUNDS)

Rapids
25+0 (7 ROUNDS)

Blitz
3+2 (10 ROUNDS)

🕒 **JUNIORS:** 9.00 AM - 4.00 PM
RAPIDS: 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM
BLITZ: 5.00 PM - 7.00 PM

📍 **KICC DELEGATES LOUNGE**

🌐 **INFO@KICC.CO.KE**

📞 **0792 603 665 / 0726 142 139**



Scan to register.

