



# JUMUIYA YA AFRIKA MASHARIKI GRAND PRIX

DATE: **19<sup>TH</sup> - 20<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2026**  
VENUE: **SABIS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL – RUNDA**



**OPEN SECTION**  
(RATED)

 **6 ROUNDS**

 **90 MINUTES**



**LADIES SECTION**  
(RATED)

 **6 ROUNDS**

 **90 MINUTES**



**UNDER 1600 SECTION** (RATED)

 **7 ROUNDS**

 **60 MINUTES**



**JUNIOR SECTION**  
(UNRATED)

 **7 ROUNDS**

 **25 MINUTES PER PLAYER**

## MAIN Awards

| Section             | AWARD CATEGORY     | Pos.1       | Pos.2       | Pos.3       | Pos.4       | Pos.5      |
|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| <b>OPEN SECTION</b> | Open (Open to all) | Ksh. 70,000 | Ksh. 50,000 | Ksh. 30,000 | Ksh. 15,000 | Ksh. 8,000 |
|                     | Under 1700 Elos    | Ksh. 20,000 | Ksh. 10,000 | Ksh. 7,000  |             |            |
|                     | U18 Yrs            | Ksh. 20,000 | Ksh. 10,000 |             |             |            |
| <b>LADIES</b>       | Ladies             | Ksh. 50,000 | Ksh. 30,000 | Ksh. 20,000 | Ksh. 10,000 | Ksh. 5,000 |
| <b>U1600</b>        | Open (Open to all) | Ksh. 15,000 | Ksh. 10,000 | Ksh. 8,000  | Ksh. 5,000  |            |
|                     | Best Lady          | Ksh. 10,000 |             |             |             |            |

## Special Awards

BEST Veteran Open Section - **Ksh. 8,000** | Best PWD Open - **Ksh. 8,000**

Best The Gift Of Chess Outreach Open - **Ksh. 5,000**

Best The Gift Of Chess Outreach Ladies - **Ksh. 5,000** | Best University Open - **Ksh. 8,000**

## Junior Awards

Junior U14Yrs | U18Yrs - **Trophies and medals**

**3 RATED SECTIONS FEES 2,500 KES** | **JUNIOR UNRATED FEES 1,500 KES SATURDAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

TILL NUMBER:  
**4160809**  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
**16TH SEPTEMBER 2026**



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## Invitation

The Gift of Chess is delighted to invite you to participate in the Jumuiya Ya Afrika Mashariki Open Chess Championship to be held from 19th - 20th September 2026 at the **SABIS International School - Runda**

## Tournament rules and regulations

1. FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply
2. The Accelerated Swiss System will be used for pairings in all sections of the tournament.
3. Number of Rounds: 6 Rounds (Open & Ladies Section), 7 Rounds (under 1600 section) 7 Rounds (Junior Section).
4. Time Control: Open Section (90 Minutes) : Under 1600 Section (60 Minutes) Junior Section (25 Minutes)
5. Default Time: Any player who arrives more than 30 minutes late for any round in the Classical tournament shall forfeit the game.
6. Draw Offers: No draw offers are allowed before Black's 30th move.
7. Missing Rounds: A player who misses any round without officially notifying the Chief Arbiter or the organizer will be withdrawn from the tournament and it will be considered a breach of sportsmanship and would be required to pay a penalty fee before they are allowed to register for the next event.
8. Electronic Devices: Players & Arbiters must not use electronic devices in the playing hall during games. Players found with electronic devices (whether switched on or off) will lose the game immediately. Players will not be allowed to have wrist watches (all types of watches) in the playing hall.
9. Juniors are considered anyone who is born on or after January 1 2008.
10. The Event has four Sections: Open Section, Ladies Section, Under 1600 Section & Junior Section. In case the ladies' section does not meet the minimum number of 24 players for the section to be considered for grand prix it will be combined with the open section

## Tiebreaks

The order of the players in the ranking is determined according to the number of points obtained. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for first place or other places, then a tiebreak will come into effect. In case of a tie, it will be broken as follows;

1. **Direct Encounter:** If the tied players have faced each other, the player with the most points from those encounters will be placed higher.

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2. **Buchholz:** The sum of the scores of each opponent a player has faced.
  3. **Buchholz Cut 1:** The sum of the scores of each opponent a player has faced, excluding the lowest score.
  4. **Sonneborn-Berger:** The sum of the opponent's scores that the player has defeated, plus half the score of opponents with whom the player has drawn.
  5. **Greater Number of Wins:** Including wins by default.

## Registration

All interested participants are invited to register using the link given below:

<https://forms.gle/TCaK4aQtjJZ4vm457>

- **Deadline:** All registrations must be completed by **16th September 2026**.
- **Late Registrations:** Registrations submitted after the deadline will incur an **extra charge of KES 500**. Furthermore, the organizing team reserves the right to accept or decline any late registrations based on logistical capacity.
- **Refund Policy:** Please note that **all registration fees are strictly non-refundable** once payment is made.

## Awards & prizes

In cases where players are tied, the prize money will be shared according to the Hort System. Winners in each section of the championships will also be awarded trophies.

**NB:** All the Winners will get a a copy of opening chess masters database licence for a year.



| Awards        |                    |                       |            |            |            |           |
|---------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Section       | Award Category     | Pos. 1                | Pos. 2     | Pos.3      | Pos.4      | Pos.5     |
| <b>Open</b>   | Open (Open to All) | Ksh.70,000 + (Trophy) | Ksh.50,000 | Ksh.30,000 | Ksh.15,000 | Ksh.8,000 |
|               | Under 1700         | Ksh.20,000 + (Trophy) | Ksh.10,000 | Ksh.7,000  |            |           |
|               | U18 Yrs.           | Ksh.20,000 + (Trophy) | Ksh.10,000 |            |            |           |
| <b>Ladies</b> | Ladies             | Ksh.50,000 + (Trophy) | Ksh.30,000 | Ksh.20,000 | Ksh.10,000 | Ksh.5,000 |
| <b>U1600</b>  | Open (Open to all) | Ksh.15,000 + (Trophy) | Ksh.10,000 | Ksh.8,000  | Ksh.5,000  |           |
|               | Best Lady          | Ksh.10,000 + (Trophy) |            |            |            |           |

### Special awards (open section)

1. Best Veteran - Ksh. 8,000
2. Best PWD Open - Ksh. 8,000
3. Best GOC Open & Lady - Ksh. 5,000
4. Best University Player Open - Ksh. 8,000
5. Best Club - Trophy
6. Best Sponsor Club - Trophy

### Junior awards

#### Under 14 Open;

- Position 1 (Boy and Girl) - Trophy

#### Under 18 Open;

- Position 1 (Boy and Girl) - Trophy

#### U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 Open Winners (Boy & Girl)

- Position 1 - Gold Medal
- Position 2 - Silver Medal
- Position 3 - Bronze Medal

## Tournament Schedule

|            |                  | Open & Ladies<br>90 Minutes | U1600<br>60 Minutes | Juniors<br>25 Minutes                                                                                                             |
|------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Date       | Activity         | Time (EAT)                  | Time (EAT)          | Time (EAT)                                                                                                                        |
| 19/09/2026 | Opening Ceremony | 8:30:00                     | 8:30:00             | Rnd 1: 09:00:00<br>Rnd 2: 10:00:00<br>Rnd 3: 11:00:00<br>Rnd 4: 12:00:00<br>Rnd 5: 02:00:00<br>Rnd 6: 03:00:00<br>Rnd 7: 04:00:00 |
| 19/09/2026 | Round 1          | 9:00:00                     | 9:00:00             |                                                                                                                                   |
| 19/09/2026 | Round 2          | 12:30:00                    | 11:30:00            |                                                                                                                                   |
| 19/09/2026 | Round 3          | 16:00:00                    | 14:30:00            |                                                                                                                                   |
| 20/09/2026 | Round 4          | 8:00:00                     | 8:00:00             |                                                                                                                                   |
| 20/09/2026 | Round 5          | 11:30:00                    | 10:15:00            |                                                                                                                                   |
| 20/09/2026 | Round 6          | 15:00:00                    | 13:00:00            |                                                                                                                                   |
| 20/09/2026 | Round 7          | No Round                    | 15:15:00            |                                                                                                                                   |
| 20/09/2026 | Closing Ceremony | 18:15:00                    | 18:15:00            |                                                                                                                                   |

## Appeals Committee

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the Gift of Chess, two (2) other members and reserves will be appointed from members present at the tournament during the Technical Meeting. Appeals should be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter within fifteen minutes (15 minutes) after the occurrence of the issue in question, with a Ksh 2,500/= deposit. The deposit is refundable, if the appeal is successful.

## Contact Information:

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