

# **Silverest Plaza Chess Club Presents**

## **SILVEREST OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**7<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2026**

**Venue: NIPA Library &  
Convention Center, NIPA  
Main Campus**

**LUSAKA, ZAMBIA**

**FIDE RATED**

*Silverest Plaza Chess Club has the honor of hosting the Silverest Plaza Chess Club Open  
Championships 2026*

## 1. INVITATION

Silverest Plaza Chess Club has the honor of inviting **ALL** Local, Regional, and International Chess Players to participate in the Silverest Open Chess Championships.

The Championships will be held at NIPA Main Campus in Lusaka, Zambia, from 7<sup>th</sup> January – 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.

## 2. PARTICIPANTS

### 2.1 Criteria

In accordance with FIDE regulations, the Silverest Open Chess Championship will be open to all players in Zambia and abroad in the following;

### 2.2 Tournament Sections

**Elite Section** - Players Rated 2200 and above.

**Open Section** - Players Rated 2199 and below.

**Ladies Section** – Open to all Female Players local, Regional, & International.

**Developmental Section** – Open to all under 16yrs Boys and Girls, **From Friday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Corporate Section** – Open to non- active Players, Business Executives, Madala's, etc. **Rapid Event to be played on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

### 2.3 Players

Any Federation, Club, Companies, Youth, School, Individual, or Academy is entitled to register as many players as possible in any Section as long as they meet the criteria. Silverest Plaza Chess Club reserves the right to invite additional players to make up an even number of participants in each section.

## 3. REGISTRATION AND TOURNAMENT FEES

**3.1** Registration must be completed by no later than **Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2026.**

**3.2** Tournament Registration link: <https://forms.gle/6QWVfNVi9o7w6SgJ8>

### 3.3 Tournament Registration Fees

Elite Section **K800.00** Both local & International Players.

Open Section **K500** Both Local & International Players

Ladies Section **K400** Both Local & International Players

Developmental Section – **K300 for all**

Corporate Section: **K1,000 for all**

**3.4 Developmental Section to have Simul and training with GM Petr Kiryakov.**

## 4. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

**4.1** The Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations as a 9 Round Swiss Tournament System.

**4.2** The Time Control will be 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move one (1); For Elite, Open, and Ladies Sections.

**4.3 Developmental Section:** 7 Rounds Swiss System 60min + 30 secs (**Friday – Sunday**)

**4.4 Corporate Section (Rapid)** 25 minutes + 2 Seconds increment. 7 Rounds Swiss System to be played on **Saturday** at 9am.

**4.5** The games will be played using Digital clocks; and pairings will be published on [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com).

**4.6** Swiss Manager will be used for the Championships.

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

**4.8** The default time will be **30 minutes** for all rounds.

**4.9 TIE-BREAK**

In case of two or more players finishing with the same number of points, the order will be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:

- a) Greatest number of victories both white and black**
- b) Direct Encounter**
- c) Buchholz**
- d) Sonnerborn Berger**

**4.10** Prizes shall be shared equally by players on the same number of Points

**4.11** Recording of moves shall be compulsory up to the last move

**4.12 Alcohol, and smoking shall be prohibited in the playing hall. Alcohol breathalyzers** will be on site and any player found under the influence will not be allowed in the playing hall.

**4.13** Electronic devices, mobile phones, headphones, all watches, smart glasses, shall be strictly prohibited. All gadgets shall be left at security desk.

**4.14** No analysis of games shall be done in the playing area.

**4.15 Players must attend awards ceremony to be eligible to receive their prizes.**

**4.16** No refunds of entry fees shall be made to any player that withdraws from the event after close of registration.

## **5 AWARDS**

### **5.10 Prizes**

**The following is the Prize structure for the 5 Categories in addition to Trophies & Medals**

| <b>POSITION</b> | <b>Elite Section</b> | <b>Open Section</b> | <b>Ladies Section</b> | <b>Corporate</b> | <b>Developmental</b>  |
|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>1</b>        | K50,000              | K25,000             | K20,000               | K10,000          | School Bag + Material |
| <b>2</b>        | K30,000              | K18,000             | K15,000               | K7,000           | School Bag + Material |
| <b>3</b>        | K20,000              | K12,000             | K12,000               | K5,000           | School Bag + Material |
| <b>4</b>        | K15,000              | K8,000              | K8,000                | K3,000           | School Bag + Material |
| <b>5</b>        | K10,000              | K7,000              | K7,000                | K2,000           | School Bag + Material |
| <b>6</b>        | K5,000               | K6,000              | K6,000                | K1,000           | School Bag + Material |
| <b>7</b>        | K2,000               | K2,000              | K2,000                | K1,000           | School Bag            |
| <b>8</b>        | K2,000               | K2,000              | K2,000                | K1,000           | School Bag            |
| <b>9</b>        | K2,000               | K2,000              | K2,000                |                  | School Bag            |
| <b>10</b>       | K2,000               | K2,000              | K2,000                |                  | School Bag            |
| <b>11</b>       |                      | K1,000              | K1,000                |                  |                       |
| <b>12</b>       |                      | K1,000              | K1,000                |                  |                       |
| <b>13</b>       |                      | K1,000              | K1,000                |                  |                       |
| <b>14</b>       |                      | K1,000              | K1,000                |                  |                       |
| <b>15</b>       |                      | K1,000              | K1,000                |                  |                       |
|                 |                      |                     |                       |                  |                       |

**Highest Placed Local player in our event will be sponsored to a regional tournament in 2026.**  
**Developmental Section players will receive certificate of participation**

## 6 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The tournament schedule is as indicated here below. The schedule may however be changed should need arise. Any changes to the schedule will be communicated before the start of the first round.

| Date  | Activity                     | Time            |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2026</b>    | <b>Arrivals</b>              | <b>All Day</b>  |
| <b>Day 1 -7<sup>th</sup> January Wednesday</b>  | <b>Technical Meeting</b>     | 08.00hrs        |
|   | Round 1                      | 09.00hrs        |
|   | <b>Lunch</b>                 | <b>13:00hrs</b> |
|   | Round 2                      | 14:00hrs        |
| <b>Day 2 – 8<sup>th</sup> January Thursday</b>  | Round 3                      | 09.00hrs        |
|   | <b>Lunch</b>                 | <b>13:00hrs</b> |
|   | Round 4                      | 14:00hrs        |
| <b>Day 3 – 9<sup>th</sup> January Friday</b>    |                              |                 |
| Developmental Section Round 1                   | Round 5                      | 09:00hrs        |
| Developmental Section Round 2                   | <b>Lunch</b>                 | <b>13:00hrs</b> |
| Developmental Section Round 3                   | Round 6                      | 14:00hrs        |
| <b>Day 4 – 10<sup>th</sup> January Saturday</b> |                              |                 |
| <b>Corporate Section - Rapid</b>                | Round 7                      | 09:00hrs        |
| Developmental Round 4                           | <b>Lunch</b>                 | <b>13:00hrs</b> |
| Developmental Section Round 5                   | Round 8                      | 14:00hrs        |
| Developmental Section round 6                   |                              |                 |
| <b>Day 5 -11<sup>th</sup> January Sunday</b>    | Round 9                      | 09:00hrs        |
| Developmental Section Round 7                   | <b>Lunch</b>                 | <b>13:00hrs</b> |
|   | <b>Prize Giving Ceremony</b> | <b>14:00hrs</b> |

## 7 ARBITRATION TEAM

**7.10**The Chief Arbiter and other members of the Arbitration Team will be appointed by Silverest Plaza Chess Club.

## 8 APPEALS COMMITTEE

**8.10**The Appeals Committee will consist of 3 members and 2 reserves.

**8.11**The Chairman of the Appeals Committee will be appointed by the Silverest Plaza Chess Club whilst the other 2 members will be selected from LPCA.

**8.12**Any protest regarding a decision taken by the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within **THIRTY MINUTES** after the completion of the respective game.

**8.13** A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of **K500** as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee. Should the appeal be successful, the deposit shall be returned there-after? However, should the appeal be found to be unsuccessful by the Appeals Committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the Silverest Plaza Chess Club.

## 9 BOARD AND LODGING

All participating Players are expected to organize their own accommodation, meals and transport for the duration of the tournament. Silverest Plaza Chess Club **MAY ONLY** provide refreshments.

## 10 BANK DETAILS

Tournament and Registration Fees payments shall be paid to the account of the Silverest Plaza Chess Club as listed below, and proof of payment should be emailed to: [benjaminmulenga8@gmail.com](mailto:benjaminmulenga8@gmail.com) or WhatsApp +260979191378 /+260 979 259 125

**BANK NAME: First National Bank Zambia Limited**

**ACCOUNT NAME: Silverest Plaza Chess Club**

**ACCOUNT No: 63152098703**

**BRANCH NAME: Commercial Suite**

**BRANCH SORT CODE:260001**

**SWIFT CODE: FIRNZMLX**

**BANK ADDRESS: Plot No. 22768, Acacia Business Park, Corner of Great East Road and Thabo Mbeki Road, Lusaka, ZAMBIA**

***NOTE: The organizers will NOT accept any cash payments.***

## 11 DRESS CODE

Strictly smart casual. Organizers shall reserve the right of admission

## ORGANIZERS CONTACTS

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We look forward to this very exciting event.

Yours in Chess development,



**BENJAMIN MULENGA  
CLUB CHAIRMAN**