



Nairobi.

27 August 2026

Dear sir/madam,

RE: INVITATION TO THE KICC MINICHESS OPEN GRAND PRIX 2026

Minichess Kenya cordially invites all chess players to participate in the KICC Minichess Open Grand Prix 2026, part of the Chess Kenya Federation Grand Prix Series 2026.

The event will take place on 29th and 30th August 2026 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC), Nairobi CBD, running from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on both days. Play will be held across three categories: Open, Ladies, and Juniors.

Registration

Participants are responsible for their own food, transport, and accommodation. Food and drinks will, however, be available for purchase at the venue.

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/8Kd598aSVEnKQE1b9>

Corporates	Ksh 3,000 per person
Open, Ladies & Juniors	Ksh 1,500 per person
Universities, TTC & Tertiary education registered collectively. (One representative to contact 0792603665 for further instructions.)	Ksh 1,000 per person
Students registered collectively via the school. (One representative to contact 0792603665 for further instructions.)	Ksh 1,000 per person

Prizes

Cash prizes will be awarded across the Open and Ladies sections, alongside a range of special category and group awards, as detailed below. **Hot system will be used for awards.**

Open Section

Open Section	Prize
1st Place	Ksh 30,000
2nd Place	Ksh 15,000
3rd Place	Ksh 10,000
4th Place	Ksh 5,000
5th Place	Ksh 3,000

Ladies Section

Ladies Section	Prize
1st Place	Ksh 20,000
2nd Place	Ksh 10,000
3rd Place	Ksh 5,000
4th Place	Ksh 3,000

Other Awards

Other Awards	Prize
Best University Male	Ksh 2,500
Best University Lady	Ksh 2,500
Best PWD Male	Ksh 2,500
Best PWD Lady	Ksh 2,500
Best Over 50	Ksh 5,000
Best Junior	Ksh 2,500
Best Unrated Male	Ksh 2,500
Best Unrated Lady	Ksh 2,500

Junior Section

- Trophies awarded to the top girl and top boy.
- Medals awarded for 2nd and 3rd position in each category.
- Certificates of participation issued to all Junior category players.

Group Awards (Trophies)

- Best High School (Boys & Girls)
- Best Primary School
- Best University
- Best Corporate/Company (Coop)

Special Awards (TBA)

- More awards to be given based on sponsorship.

Tournament Schedule**Open & Ladies Section(90mins per player)**

Day	Activity	Time
Saturday, 29 August	Round 1	8:45 a.m.
Saturday, 29 August	Round 2	12:05 a.m.
Saturday, 29 August	Lunch Break	3:05 p.m.

Saturday, 29 August	Round 3	3:45 p.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Round 4	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Round 5	11:20 a.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Lunch Break	2:20 p.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Round 6	3:00 p.m.

Junior Section(60mins per player)

Day	Activity	Time
Saturday, 29 August	Round 1	9:00 a.m.
Saturday, 29 August	Round 2	11:20 a.m.
Saturday, 29 August	Lunch Break	1:20 p.m.
Saturday, 29 August	Round 3	2:20 p.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Round 4	8:00 a.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Round 5	10:30 a.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Lunch Break	12:30 p.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Round 6	1:30 p.m.
Sunday, 30 August	Closing Ceremony	4:30 p.m.

Tournament Rules & Regulations

1. All FIDE rules shall apply.
2. The Swiss System will be used for all pairings. This will be a 6-round tournament with a time control of 90 minutes per player for the Open and Ladies section, and 60 minutes per player for the Junior section.
3. The Baku Acceleration C.04.5.1 Swiss Pairing System will be used for pairings in the Open and Ladies sections.
4. The default time will be 30 minutes from the moment the Chief Arbiter announces that games are to begin, not from the time shown on individual clocks. The Chief Arbiter will announce when the default time has elapsed.
5. Players cannot agree to a draw before Black's 30th move is completed. This restriction applies only to draws by mutual agreement.
6. A player who misses two rounds without first officially notifying the Chief Arbiter will be withdrawn from the tournament.
7. Electronic devices are not permitted on a player's person during play. A player found with a device — switched on or off — will have their game declared lost. Wristwatches of any kind and car keys are also prohibited, and the same penalty will apply.

Tie Breaks

Where players are tied on points, the following tiebreaks will be applied in the order listed:

- Tie Break 1: Direct Encounter (DE)
- Tie Break 2: Buchholz Tie-Break Variable (2023) (Game points, Cut 1)

- Tie Break 3: Buchholz Tie-Break Variable (2023) (Game points)
- Tie Break 4: Number of wins, including byes (Match points, forfeited games count)
- Tie Break 5: Sonneborn-Berger Tie-Break Variable (2023) (Game points)

NB: Hot system will be used for awards.

Appeals Committee

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

A written protest must be accompanied by a deposit of Ksh 1,500, paid by the complainant and handed to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee.

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

Note: Appeals cannot be made for games in which the player has already signed the score sheet.

Photography

By registering for this tournament, participants give express consent for any photographs taken while competing to be used on our social media channels to promote events and produce chess promotional materials.

Photographs taken during this tournament will not be used for commercial purposes without the permission of Chess Kenya Federation. Additionally, by taking photographs at this event, photographers waive copyright to Minichess Kenya and Chess Kenya Federation, unless a player has opted out via the registration form, and will ensure that issued wrist tags remain visible throughout their games.

Contact

Please find the tournament poster, with full event details, below. For further assistance or information, please contact our tournament coordinators on 0792 603665, 0722 452458, or 0726 142139.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,
Minichess Kenya



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AWARDS

OPEN SECTION

- 30,000
- 15,000
- 10,000
- 5,000
- 3,000

LADIES SECTION

- 20,000
- 10,000
- 5,000
- 3,000

OTHER AWARDS

- Best Uni male 2,500
- Best Uni lady 2,500
- Best PWD male 2,500
- Best PWD lady 2,500
- Best Over 50 5,000
- Best Junior 2,500
- Best Unrated male 2,500
- Best unrated lady 2,500
- Rated elite section for juniors 1,500

JUNIOR SECTION

CATEGORIES

U7, U11, U13, U15 & U17

AWARDS

- Trophies for top girls & boys.
- Medals for position 2 & 3 per category.
- Certificates of participation for all Junior category players

GROUP AWARDS (TROPHIES)

- Best high sch (boys & girls)
- Best Primary
- Best University
- Best Coop



ROUNDS
6 Rounds



TIME CONTROL
90 Mins + 0
increment



FEES
REGULAR
Ksh 1,500/-

CORPORATE
Ksh 3,000/-

PWD
Free

29th Aug
30th 2026



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TO REGISTER.

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