

2017 Central American and Caribbean Under 20 Chess Championship

Barbados, June 21 – 28, 2017

WELCOME

The Barbados Chess Federation Inc. (BCF) wishes to welcome you to the beautiful island of Barbados, with its friendly people, delicious food and spectacular beaches. The most eastern of the Caribbean islands is an enchanting sports and leisure center with a population of approximately 273,000 and as a former English colony it was once heralded as “the jewel in the crown”. Here is hoping that you enjoy your stay here.



INVITATION

The Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA) and the Barbados Chess Federation (BCF) are pleased to invite all the countries within the Central American and Caribbean (from here now CAC) region, those being Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago, US Virgin Islands and Venezuela to the 2017 CAC Junior (Under 20) Championships.

VISAS

Citizens of the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Haiti and Honduras need a Barbados Visa to enter Barbados.

The fee for a single-entry visitor visa is US\$104.00 and the application form can be downloaded from www.foreign.gov.bb/documents/foreign-policy/55-form-j/file.

The visa application form plus scanned copies of the passport information pages and a passport size photo should be email to the BCF General Secretary at k-blackman@hotmail.com by May 31st, 2017, for submission to the Barbados Immigration Department for processing.

ABSOLUTE AND FEMALE CATEGORIES

For players born on or after January 1st, 1997.

PARTICIPATION

The following have a personal right as official players and are entitled to participate in the Absolute and Female Categories providing they fulfil the age requirement of being born on or after January 1st, 1997:

1. The 2016 Defending Champions in their respective categories
2. The 2016 CAC Youth Under 18 Champions providing they are not eligible for the 2017 Under 18 Category
3. The 2017 CARIFTA Under-20 Champions in their respective categories

In addition to the players mentioned above, each National Federation may register one official player in the Absolute and one in the Female category.

All Official players will receive free lodging and meals from dinner on June 21st until breakfast of June 28th, 2017.

Each National Federation may also register as many Additional Players as it wishes and is responsible for the costs of hotel and meals for these players.

All participants must have written accreditation from their FIDE recognized National Chess Federation.

SYSTEM OF PLAY:

Nine (9) rounds, using the Swiss pairing system or Round Robin based on number of entries.

RATE OF PLAY:

The rate of play shall be 90 minutes for the whole game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

EVENT FEES:

All event fees are payable in US Dollars.

- **CCA Entry Fee:** US \$75.00 for all Official and Additional players
- **Organizer Fee:** US \$40.00 for all players and accompanying persons.
- **Accreditation:** US \$10.00 for all participants and accompanying persons in the championship.
- **Hotel Exoneration fee:** US \$100.00 for all players and guests choosing to stay at another hotel, not being the designated hotel, Monterey Apartment Hotel.

REGISTRATION

It is recommended that Pre-Registration of the participants be made by their Federation via email to the BCF's General Secretary at k-blackman@hotmail.com by May 31st, 2017.

a. Pre-Registrations must be formalized by each Federation by email with all details of the participants: Names, FIDE Title, FIDE ID, FIDE Elo, Date of birth and Federation name, on or before **June 8th 2017** to the BCF's General Secretary at the following email address, k-blackman@hotmail.com, and copied to BCF's Treasurer Donna Murray at donna_murray@live.com.

b. All players, without exception, must pay the CCA registration fees of seventy-five United States dollars (US\$ 75.00) and forty United States Dollars (US\$ 40.00) for the Organizers. This Fee must be paid on or before June 9th, 2017.

Please note that to be registered a player must have a FIDE ID.

Players who have not paid by the beginning of the tournament will not be paired.

Participants who register after June 8th, 2016, will incur a late registration fee of US\$100.00. The rationale being that, the organizers need sufficient lead time to confirm the hotel reservations for the participants and accompanying persons.

The Organizers will only accept Registrations authorized by their respective Federations.

PLAYING VENUE:

The playing venue will be the Conference Room at the Divi Southwinds Beach Resort, St. Lawrence Main Road, Christ Church, Barbados.

HOTEL AND ACCOMODATION

Accommodation will be provided at Monteray Apartment Hotel, 2nd Avenue Dover, St. Lawrence Gap, Christ Church, Barbados for the official persons and all other participants



The following room types and rates are applicable to the official hotel Monteray Apartment Hotel, 2nd Avenue Dover, St. Lawrence Gap, Christ Church during the tournament as well as seven (7) days prior and seven (7) days after the tournament.

Room Type	Room Rate per night per person US\$		
	Room Only	Room & Breakfast	Room, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
Studio Single (1 person per room)	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$135.00
Studio Double (2 persons per room)	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$85.00
Studio Triple (3 persons per room)	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$75.00
One Bedroom Single (1 person per room)	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$145.00
One Bedroom Double (2 persons per room)	\$55.00	\$65.00	\$80.00
One Bedroom Triple (3 persons per room)	\$43.00	\$53.00	\$78.00

Any participant (player/ official/ coach/ trainer/ parent) wishing to stay at another hotel other than the official hotel will be subject to an exoneration fee of US \$100.00. The BCF will not be responsible for such participants. All fees are payable to the BCF.

All accommodation cost will be paid for six (7) nights as a total package plus registration cost for whoever will be coming for June 21st and leaving on June 28th. If someone comes later or leaves earlier, he or she will still be required to pay the total package cost. If someone comes earlier and leaves later he or she will be required to pay all additional costs for accommodation and transportation.

NOTE: Please note that these arrangements are offered on a first come basis, and are only guaranteed upon payment.

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

The organizers will provide transportation to and from Grantley Adams International Airport and Monterey Apartment Hotel. Persons staying outside the official venue (Monterey Apartment Hotel) will be responsible for their own transportation and security

EVENT SCHEDULE:

June 21	Arrival Day 9:00 p.m.	Technical Meeting
June 22	10.00 a.m.	Round 1
June 22	4.00 p.m.	Round 2
June 23	4.00 p.m.	Round 3
June 24	10.00 a.m.	Round 4
June 24	4.00 p.m.	Round 5
June 25	4.00 p.m.	Round 7
June 26	10.00 a.m.	Round 6
June 26	4.00 p.m.	Round 8
June 27	9.00 a.m.	Round 9
June 27	4.00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony
June 28	Departure Day	

DESIGNATION OF THE WINNERS

The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in accordance with the following tiebreak systems:

- A. In a Swiss System Championship
 - a. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
 - b. The greater number of wins

- c. The greater number of games with black (un-played games shall be counted as played with white)
 - d. Buchholz cut 1
 - e. Buchholz
 - f. Sonneborn-Berger.
 - g. By age in favour of the younger player
- B. In a Round Robin Championship:
- a. Direct encounter
 - b. The greater number of wins
 - c. Sonneborn-Berger
 - d. Koya system
 - e. By age in favour of the younger player

APPEALS:

The Appeals Committee shall consist of 3 members plus 2 reserves. The Appeals Committee shall be determined at the Technical Meeting on June 21st. If possible, three Federations shall be represented on the Appeals Committee.

An appeal against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within two hours after the end of the playing session.

The appeal must be accompanied by a fee of US \$100.00. This fee shall be refunded if the appeal is successful. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers that the appeal was not frivolous.

The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes immediate effect.

AWARDS

Medals will be awarded in the Female and Absolute Categories for:

- 1st Gold
- 2nd Silver
- 3rd Bronze

The winners of the Female and Absolute Categories will earn the following Titles/Norms from FIDE:

Gold/Clear first = 9 round WGM or GM norm and IM title.
Equal first after tiebreak = WIM or IM title.

Silver and Bronze = 9 round WIM or IM norm and WFM/FM title

These awards are subject to regulation 1.23 of the FIDE Title Regulations effective from 1 July 2014 till 1 July 2017.

The winners, if still eligible, shall be considered official players in the Central American & Caribbean Under 20 in 2018.

In addition, the winners shall also have the right, if still eligible, to participate in the 2018 Pan-Am U20 as official player

PAYMENT

Payment of registration fees and accommodation must be made by BANK WIRE transfer by June 9 or as otherwise authorized by the organizers.

Funds to be sent to:

**Barbados Chess Federation Inc.
Republic Bank (Barbados) Limited
Account # 018008412001
Swift Code: BNBABBBB
Branch: Independence Square
Bridgetown
Barbados**

On completion of wire transfer, a scanned copy of the transfer receipt should be emailed to BCF's General Secretary and Treasurer at:

General Secretary: WCM Katrina Blackman at k-blackman@hotmail.com
Treasurer: Donna Murray at donna_murray@live.com

As soon as the payment transfer is confirmed, the organizing committee will send the respective Chess Federation the confirmation of the hotel reservations.

CANCELATIONS

The BCF acts as a booking agent for Monterey Apartment Hotel. When we make your booking, you are entering into a contract with the Monterey Apartment Hotel via the BCF, not with the BCF itself.

In all cases, once your booking is confirmed, you are subject to the terms and conditions of Monterey Apartment Hotel's cancellation policy.

For this event, Monteray Apartment Hotel will refund accommodation payments less three nights if cancelation notice is received after 11:00 a.m. on Saturday June 10th, 2017, but before 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 20th, 2017. After that all payments are non-refundable.

For Official Players whose cancelation notice is received after 11:00 a.m. on Saturday June 10th, 2017, but before 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday June 20th, 2017, Monteray Apartment Hotel will bill the BCF for three nights which will be billed to the Federation of the player. After that, Monteray Apartment Hotel will bill the BCF for the full accommodation package which will be billed to the Federation of the player.

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