



XIX CENTRAL AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN YOUTH CHESS FESTIVAL 2024

COMPETITION RULES

I. INVITATION.

The Salvadoran Chess Federation (SCF) and the Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA) are pleased to invite all Central American and Caribbean Federations to the "XIX Central American and Caribbean Youth Chess Festival 2024", which will be held in the city of San Salvador, El Salvador from August 1st to August 8th, 2024.

II. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The event will be held in accordance with the FIDE Laws and Regulations, the CCA Financial Regulations for events and the specifications for the "XV Central American and Caribbean Youth Chess Festival 2024". The organization of the "XIX Central American and Caribbean Youth Chess Festival 2024" will be managed by the Salvadoran Chess Federation (SCF) in coordination with the Chess Confederation for America (CCA).

III. PARTICIPANTS AND CATEGORIES

Each Federation may present any number of players without restriction, who must cover their full costs of registration, travel, accommodation, and meals.

Accompanying persons must also cover their full costs of travel, accommodation, meals, and credentials, being registered in the event both players and companions by their respective Federation.

All participants must present an endorsement from the Federation to which they belong. No player may be registered without the approval of their own federation or if they do not belong to a Federation of Central America and the Caribbean.
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IV. CATEGORIES

The tournament will be divided into twelve (12) categories. If one or more categories do not have enough participants, the organizers can merge two or more categories for the purpose of matching players:

- Category Under 8 Open: Born after January 1, 2016.
- Category Under 8 Female: Born after January 1, 2016.
- Category Under 10 Open: Born after January 1, 2014.
- Category Under 10 Female: Born after January 1, 2014.
- Category Under 12 Open: Born after January 1, 2012.
- Category Under 12 Female: Born after January 1, 2012.
- Category Under 14 Open: Born after January 1, 2010.
- Category Under 14 Female: Born after January 1, 2010.
- Category Under 16 Open: Born after January 1, 2008.
- Category Under 16 Female: Born after January 1, 2008.
- Category Under 18 Open: Born after January 1, 2006.
- Category Under 18 Female: Born after January 1, 2006.

V. VENUE

The venue for the chess festival is the Events Hall of the Best Western Plus Hotel Terrace, located at Paseo General Escalón 85 Ave. Sur and Calle Padres Aguilar, Colonia Escalón, San Salvador, El Salvador.

VI. PARTICIPANTS

All players affiliated with Federations from Central America and the Caribbean, holding the respective endorsement from their federations, are eligible to participate.

VII. REGISTRATION

1) RIGHTS FOR OFFICIAL PLAYERS OF EACH CATEGORY AND ONE (1) DELEGATE

The organization will cover 60% of the accommodation and meal costs in double occupancy for the official players (by category and gender) from each federation belonging to the Central American and Caribbean region, according to the CCA's financial regulations.

The organization will also cover 60% of the cost for accommodation and meals for one (1) delegate or coach in double occupancy.

These participants will be referred to as "Official Players." Others will need to cover the full costs of accommodation and meals at the official hotel and will be named "Extra Players."

All official players and delegates/coaches will receive meals from the dinner on August 1st, 2024, until the breakfast on August 8th, 2024.

2) REGISTRATION COST, ACCREDITATIONS, AND TRANSPORT

The general registration fee for both official and extra players is outlined as follows:

- CCA: Forty dollars (\$40.00 USD) for Official Players and Sixty Dollars (\$60.00 USD) for Extra Players, as per CCA financial norms.
- Organization: One hundred dollars (\$100.00 USD), including accreditation and transport to and from the airport.
- Accompanying delegates/coaches must pay twenty dollars (\$20.00 USD) for accreditation and fifty dollars (\$50.00 USD) for transport to and from the airport.

3) REGISTRATION DEADLINE AND PAYMENT

Official Players: Official Players and Delegates may register until June 30, 2024, depositing the payment corresponding to the registration fee, hotel payment, meals, accreditation and transportation to be paid. After that date, the organization is not obliged to recognize the official status of the player or delegate,

who may participate in the event as long as they register before July 21, 2024 and under the condition of "Extra" and must assume all costs of the tournament.

Extra Players and Accompanying Players: They may register until July 21, 2024 inclusive, depositing the payment corresponding to 50% of the amount of registration, payment of hotel and food, accreditation and transportation. If this deadline is not met, the organization will not be obliged to accept any registration for the Federation in question and if it does so, there will be a surcharge of USD\$50.00 for late registration.

The remaining 50% of the corresponding economic fees must be paid upon arrival in the country and before entering the hotel where the event will be held. If the corresponding costs are not paid in full, the person will not be accredited or paired and will not be allowed access to the official areas of the tournament.

Countries requiring a Visa to enter El Salvador must register their delegation no later than June 14, 2024 and send a copy of their passports to the organization. After that date, the organization is not responsible for any immigration procedures.

The pre-registration of the participants must be made in writing by their respective federations through the official email, with the following information of each participant: Name, FIDE Title, FIDE ID, FIDE RATING, date of birth, email address of each participant, name of the Federation, photograph with white background for the credential (duly identified with the country, name of the participant and function) no later than June 30, 2024, after this date all athletes will be considered extras, the information should be sent to the email: erickhernandez2002@yahoo.com

To make the payments: Transfer to the account of the Salvadorian Chess Federation

Account Number: 5900574447

Bank: Banco Agrícola SA

Type of Account: Current Account

Beneficiary: Federación Salvadoreña de Ajedrez

Swift Code: CAGRSVSS

VIII. SPECIFIC RULES OF THE COMPETITION

1) SYSTEM AND PACE OF PLAY

- The tournament will be played by the nine-round (09) round Swiss system and will be administered by the Swiss Manager program. All games must be played with electronic clocks that enable the time increment option.

- The pace of play shall be sixty (90) minutes for all categories, with a thirty (30) second increment for each move from the start.

- The list of participants and pairings will be posted on the page: <https://chess-results.com>

- The pairings of the event will be published after the technical meeting.

- In the event that ten (10) or less players register in a category, the system of play will be Round Robin; and if necessary, the branches of that category may be merged.

2) TIE-BREAKING SYSTEM

For the Swiss System, in case of a tie in points, the following criteria shall be used, in strict order:

- Buchholz Corte 1.

- Buchholz.

- Sonneborn-Berger.

- Cumulative System - Sum of progressive scores.

- Direct Encounter.

- Highest number of wins (no-shows will be counted).

- Highest number of wins with the black pieces.

For the Round Robin System, in case of a tie in points, the following criteria shall be used, in strict order:

- Direct Encounter
- Largest number of wins (no-shows will be counted).
- Sonneborn-Berger.
- Koya System.

3) TOLERANCE TIME

The delay time allowed shall be thirty (30) minutes counted from the start of the round. Beyond that time the athlete must be present at his or her playing table or else forfeit the game for non-appearance. The player who loses a game by default (w.o.), will be withdrawn from the tournament, unless justification to the referee of the category before the pairing of the next round.

4) FAIR PLAY

Fair Play measures will be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines. With the sole exception of move recording equipment, during a game players and captains are prohibited from having on the playing venue any electronic communication device that has not been specifically approved by the arbiter. Chaperones or spectators are prohibited from using electronic devices at the place of play, except to take photographs when explicitly approved by the referee.

5) IMAGE RIGHTS

Every player, parent, guardian or legal guardian, when registering, gives consent and authorization to the SCF, CCA and INDES, to use the image of the player, in any type of publications or media.

IX. PRIZES

- The winner of each category of the "XIX Central American and Caribbean Youth Chess Festival 2024", will receive the title of Champion and the corresponding prizes set forth below.
- The first five (05) places in each category in the absolute and female branch will be awarded as follows:

PLACES

First place: Trophy and diploma

Second place: Trophy and diploma

Third place: Trophy and diploma

4th and 5th Place: Medal and diploma

X. TITLES AND NORMS

Titles and Rules will be awarded according to the current FIDE Regulations as follows:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B012024>

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B01DirectTitles2024>

IM/WIM: Under 18. Gold = Title. Tied up to 3, norm
Under 16. Gold = Norm

FM/WFM: Under 18. Silver and Bronze = Title
Under 16. Up to 3 tied = Title
Under 14. Gold = Title
Under 12. Gold = Title

CM/WCM: Under 16. Silver and Bronze = Title
Under 14. Silver and Bronze = Title
Under 12. Silver and Bronze = Title
Under 10. Gold, Silver and Bronze = Title
Under 8. Gold, Silver and Bronze = Title

XI. CALENDAR

Day of arrival and accreditation: August 01, 2024, 15:00 pm, at the Best Wester Plus Terraza Hotel, Paseo General Escalón, 85 Ave. Sur y Calle Padres Aguilar, Colonia Escalón, San Salvador, El Salvador.

ACTIVITY	DATE AND TIME	
Arrival and Accreditation	01/08/2024	15:00 PM
Technical Congress	01/08/2024	18:00 PM
Round 01	02/08/2024	09:30 AM
Round 02	02/08/2024	16:00 PM
Round 03	03/08/2024	16:00 PM
Round 04	04/08/2024	09:30 AM
Round 05	04/08/2024	16:00 PM
Blitz Tournament	05/08/2024	09:30 AM
Round 06	05/08/2024	16:00 PM
Round 07	06/08/2024	09:30 AM
Round 08	06/08/2024	16:00 PM
Round 09	07/08/2024	09:30 AM
Closing and awards ceremony	07/08/2024	16:00 PM

XII. APPEALS

The decisions of the chief referee may be appealed before an Appeals Committee, composed of three members and two alternates from different countries, who shall be chosen during the Technical Congress. To file an appeal, a cash deposit of one hundred United States dollars (USD \$100.00) must be made, which will be refunded only in case of a favorable decision to the plaintiff. Any appeal must be submitted in writing (with relevant evidence, signed by the respective captain), no later than one hour after the end of the round for which the appeal is being made, and must be resolved by the Appeals Committee before the start of the next round, and its decisions shall be final.

XII. ACCOMMODATION

Best Wester Plus Terraza Hotel, Paseo General Escalon, 85 South Ave. and Calle Padres Aguilar, Colonia Escalon, San Salvador, El Salvador.

The official players and the accredited delegate or coach must cover 40% of the corresponding double room rate for lodging and meals.

Lodging rates are per person and include all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner), for the period between dinner on August 1, 2024 and breakfast on August 8, 2024.

All extra players, coaches and accompanying persons must make their hotel reservation with the tournament organization, direct reservations with the hotel will not be taken at the official hotel and must cancel the penalty.

ROOM TYPE	FULL BOARD	BREAKFAST ONLY
Single	\$910 USD	\$700 USD
Double	\$630 USD	\$420 USD

PENALTY: Players, coaches and accompanying persons who do not wish to stay at the official hotel, must make an additional payment of \$100.00 (USD) per person and communicate it before June 30, 2024, to erickhernandez2002@yahoo.com.

XIV. TOURNAMENT AUTHORITIES

1. HONOR COMMITTEE

- a) President of FIDE America
José Carrillo Pujol

- b) President of the Salvadoran Chess Federation
Mr. David Ernesto Blanco Chávez. Correo: elsalvadorajedrez@gmail.com

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