



I. WELCOME

The Jamaica Chess Federation (JCF) wishes to welcome you to the beautiful island of Jamaica, one of the most diverse and colourful countries in the Caribbean. Our history, our culture and our people have propelled this small island of just 4,111 square miles to the international stage for many reasons. Jamaica, the birthplace of the great Bob Marley and reggae music, is the home of the fastest man and woman on the track, Usain Bolt and Shelly Ann Fraser Pryce; some of the most beautiful beaches in the region, and some of the best cuisine the world has ever tasted.



We will be hosting the tournament in the capital of Kingston, the seat of Government in Jamaica and the island's business capital. Even with the many opportunities for business, Kingston is known for its cultural, educational and leisure options as well. There are arguably more museums, dining and nightlife, and event options in Kingston than anywhere else on the island, and it is home to the largest botanical garden in the region, Hope Gardens, a true must-see. Here is hoping that you enjoy your stay here!

II. INVITATION

The Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA) and the Jamaica Chess Federation (JCF) are pleased to invite all National Federations of the Central American and Caribbean (CAC) Sub-Zone 2.3.5 to participate in the Sub-Zonal 2.3.5 Absolute and Female events, to be held at The Knutsford Court Hotel from June 19 to June 26, 2018 in Kingston, Jamaica.

III. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The events will be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess, the CCA Regulations For The Americas Absolute & Women's SubZonal Tournaments and the following General Conditions:

1. Open to all players from Sub-Zone 2.3.5 who have a FIDE Standard Rating.
2. Pre-Registration closes **Wednesday, May 16th, 2018.**
3. Each National Chess Federation can register any number of FIDE rated players. All players must possess the authorization of their Federation.
4. The Participating categories: Absolute and Female.
5. The tournaments will be run on the basis of a Swiss System of nine (9) rounds or Round Robin depending on the number of players and at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.
6. The time control will be ninety (90) minutes for all the moves plus an increment of thirty (30) seconds per move from the initial move. The tournaments will be Internationally Rated and will be reported to FIDE.



7. Determination for the final positions will be decided by the points obtained by each player. The player who obtains the most points will be declared the Champion. In the case of ties, the winners will be decided by the implementation of the following tie-break systems in the order mentioned:

In a Swiss System Tournament:

- A. Direct Encounter (the tied players must have all played each other)
- B. Most games won
- C. Most games with Black (unplayed games shall be counted as played with white)
- D. Buchholz Cut 1
- E. Buchholz
- F. Sonneborn-Berger
- G. Play off at the Chief Arbiter's discretion

In a Round Robin Tournament:

- A. Direct Encounter (the tied players must have all played each other)
- B. Most games won
- C. Sonneborn-Berger
- D. Koya System
- E. Play off at the Chief Arbiter's discretion

8. Pairings & Results

Before the beginning of the First Round, lists with all the names of participants will be published at the playing hall. The Pairings will be published at most one hour after the last game of each round at www.chess-results.com and at the venue's hall.

9. Discipline

The Championship Organizers expects the highest standards of behavior and fair play by the participants.

10. Default Time

The default time is thirty (30) minutes after the official start of the round.

11. Individual Prizes

The first five (5) places in the Absolute and Women's Section shall be awarded the following prizes:

Position	Absolute Prize (US \$)	Women's Prize (US \$)
1 st	1,000	1,000
2 nd	800	800
3 rd	600	600
4 th	400	400
5 th	200	200

12. Titles and Norms

Titles and Norms will be awarded as per FIDE regulations.

WIM	WFM	WCM
1st equal (best 3 players after tiebreak) – Title; Silver & Bronze – norm	65% in min 9 games – Title.	50% in min 9 games – Title.
IM	FM	CM
1st equal (best 3 players after tiebreak) – Title; Silver & Bronze – norm.	65% in min 9 games – Title.	50% in min 9 games – Title.



13. The Event Schedule

Date	Time	Activity
Tuesday, June 19		Arrival/Registration up to 6pm
Tuesday, June 19	7.00 p.m.	Technical Meeting
Wednesday, June 20	9.30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
Wednesday, June 20	10.00 a.m.	Round 1
Wednesday, June 20	5.00 p.m.	Round 2
Thursday, June 21	5.00 p.m.	Round 3
Friday, June 22	10.00 a.m.	Round 4
Friday, June 22	5.00 p.m.	Round 5
Saturday, June 23	10.00 a.m.	Round 6
Saturday, June 23	5.00 p.m.	Round 7
Sunday, June 24	10.00 a.m.	Round 8
Monday, June 25	10.00 a.m.	Round 9
Monday, June 25	5.00 p.m.	Closing Ceremony
Tuesday, June 26		Departure Day

IV. PARTICIPANTS' COSTS

The following applies to both events, Absolute and Female.

1. Covered costs

The Organization will cover 60% of the costs of the hotel package for the previous Sub-Zonal Champions (2016). Additionally, 60% of costs of the hotel package will be covered for one official player from each eligible federation belonging to the Sub-Zone. All official players will receive meals from dinner on June 19 until breakfast of June 26.

Note: For the official players, the organizers will provide shared accommodation and meals in double or triple occupancy. Those who wish to have single accommodation shall pay extra as indicated below.

2. Pre-Registration

Pre-Registration of the participants must be made by their Federation via email to the JCF's Secretary by May 16, 2018.

- The Organization will only accept Registrations authorized by their respective Federations. Please note that in order to be registered a player must have a FIDE ID.
- Pre-Registrations must be formalized by each Federation by emailing the Pre-Registration Form with all details of the participants: Names, FIDE Title, FIDE ID, FIDE Elo, Date of birth and Federation name, on or before May 16, 2018 to the JCF's Secretary (Mrs. Collette Chai) at the following email address: jamchessfed.secretary@gmail.com and copied to icfreg@gmail.com, and to the JCF's Treasurer (Mr. Eton Chin) at jamchessfed.treasurer@gmail.com.
- Upon receipt of the Pre-Registration Form including details of the participants, accommodation requests, and transportation needs, the JCF will provide the participating Federation with an invoice by May 18, 2018.
- All invoices must be paid on or before May 25, 2018.
- Players who have not paid by the beginning of the tournament will not be paired.
- Participants who register after May 16, 2018 will incur a late registration fee of US\$100.

3. Tournament Fees, Accreditation and Transportation

- All players, without exception, must pay the Tournament Fee of One Hundred and Twenty-Five United States dollars (US\$ 125.00) which is comprised of the CCA Registration Fee of US\$75 and Fifty United States Dollars (US\$ 50.00) for the Organizers, including Accreditation.
- The organizers can provide transportation to and from Norman Manley International Airport and the Knutsford Court Hotel at a cost of US\$40 per person return. Persons staying outside the official venue will be responsible for their own transportation and security.



4. Accommodation & Meals

- Accommodation will be provided at the Official Tournament Hotel - The Knutsford Court Hotel, 16 Chelsea Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica, for 7 nights.
- The following room types and packages are applicable to the official hotel during the tournament, stated in US Dollars (US\$) inclusive of taxes from dinner on June 19 to breakfast on June 26, 2018:

	PER PERSON COST FOR <u>OFFICIAL PLAYERS</u>	PER PERSON COST FOR ADDITIONAL PLAYERS & DELEGATES
Room Type	Room and all meals (40%)	Room and all meals
Quads (4 persons per room)	\$280	\$700
Triple (3 persons per room)	\$310	\$775
Double (2 persons per room)	\$372	\$930
Single (1 person per room)	\$560	\$1,400

- Any participant (player/ official/ coach/ trainer or parent) wishing to stay outside of the official hotel will be subject to an exoneration fee of US \$100.
- *Important:* The Organizers are not responsible for any Participants (chess players, parents, coaches and trainers) who choose to stay outside the official hotels of the organization.
- Any arrangements other than what is displayed above will be determined on a case by case basis by the tournament organizers.
- All accommodation costs will be paid for seven (7) nights as a total package plus Tournament fees and Transportation, if required, for whoever will be coming for June 19 and leaving on June 26. 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 any additional costs for accommodation, meals and transportation.
- NB: Please note that these arrangements are offered on a first come basis, and are only guaranteed upon payment.

5. Registration

- In-person Registration will occur at the Knutsford Court Hotel on Tuesday, June 19 from 10am to 6pm.
- Information sent in via Pre-registration will be checked against registrant's passport or ID.
- Credentials will be provided to each participant, and delegate at this time.

6. Payment

Payment of registration fees and accommodation must be made by **BANK WIRE transfer by May 25, 2018** or as otherwise authorized by the organizers.

Funds to be sent to:

INTERMEDIARY BANK

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA
270 Park Ave. NY, NY 10017, USA
Swift/BIC Code
CHAS US 33
ABA/Routing Transit Number
021 000 021

BENEFICIARY BANK

Bank of Nova Scotia Jamaica Ltd.
[Cross Roads, 86 Slipe Road, Kingston](#) 5, Jamaica, W.I,
Swift Code
NOSC JM KN
Branch Transit Number
80135

BENEFICIARY ACCOUNT

Account Name
Jamaica Chess Federation
Account Number
315516



On completion of wire transfer, a scanned copy of the transfer receipt should be emailed to icfreg@gmail.com and cc'd to jamchessfed.treasurer@gmail.com .

Once the payment transfer is confirmed, the organizing committee will send the respective Chess Federation the confirmation of their registrations and hotel reservations.

Cancellations:

For these events the Jamaica Chess Federation acts as a booking agent for The Knutsford Court Hotel. When we make your booking, you are entering into a contract with The Knutsford Court Hotel via The Jamaica Chess Federation, not with the Jamaica Chess Federation itself. In all cases, once the booking is confirmed, you are subject to the terms and conditions of Knutsford Court's cancellation policy as follows:

- Full Refund on Hotel Package if cancellation notice is received prior to June 16, 2018.
- Partial Refund on Hotel Package if cancellation notice is received between June 16 and June 19, 2018.

V. OTHER INFORMATION

1. Media

All journalists who wish to participate in the event may contact the organizers and should be accredited.

2. Promotion and Marketing Stands

Anyone who wishes to rent a promotional stand on location should contact the organizers for rental conditions. No one will be allowed any promotional space (except FIDE and CCA) or to have a stand for merchandise or other services, without approval of the Organizing Committee. For any other information please email: Mrs. Rebecca Harper at jamchessfed.fundraising@gmail.com.

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

President: Mr. Ian Wilkinson, jamchessfed.president@gmail.com ; 1-876 968-0513

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Treasurer: Mr. Eton Chin, jamchessfed.treasurer@gmail.com

We await your arrival in Jamaica to celebrate our Sub-Zone's chess talent and experience a warm Jamaican welcome and "vibes", which we are sure will make you want to return to the land of wood and water!