



NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2019/2020

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Kingston & St. Andrew Zones

**Thursday, November 14th and Friday, November 15th
Campion College, 105 Hope Road
Kingston**

Middlesex Zones

**Thursday, November 21st and Friday, November 22nd
Old Harbour High School, 33 South Street,
Old Harbour, St Catherine**

Western Zones

**Monday, November 18th and Tuesday, November 19th.
Mount Alvernia High School,
Montego Bay, St. James**

North Eastern Zones

**Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th
Venue to be confirmed
Northcoast**

PLAYOFFS

**(Second and Third Place Teams from Preliminaries)
Friday, 24 January 2020
Venue to be confirmed**

FINALS

**National Finals (20 Teams)
Thursday Feb 27th &
Friday Feb 28th 2020
Venue to be confirmed**



To: The Principals of All Secondary Level Educational Institutions in Jamaica.

The Jamaica Chess Federation (JCF) invites all secondary level schools in Jamaica, to participate in the National High Schools Chess Championships - 2019/2020.

The Preliminaries will take the form of a two-day zonal round robin or Swiss event at various locations in November. Friday, January 24th, 2020 will see the staging of a one-day playoff for teams that finished second and third in the Preliminaries. The twenty (20) best teams in the country will come together on Thursday, February 27th and Friday, February 28th, 2020 for a two-day six-round final.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

In order to enter one or more teams (maximum four teams per school), each school must submit the following to the Jamaica Chess Federation:

- Name of School Team, (e.g. School A, B etc), names of players, board order of players, Date of Birth (required) and contact number to jcfreg@gmail.com.
You Must Use Entry form attached.
- Entry fee of J\$5,000 for each team being entered; and
- JCF membership fee of J\$15,000 per annum. This fee covers the JCF membership of ALL students in the school for 12 months and will allow them to play in all JCF events for a year. (Entry fee requirements still apply). Schools that have already paid the membership fee, or whose team members are currently members of the JCF, will only be required to pay the entry fee at two (2) above.

Please indicate by the end of September how many teams you may be sending to the event or if you are not entering. This information is required so that we can plan the schedule. Also indicate if you would be desirous of hosting your zone Preliminaries at your school, for this I would like to know ASAP.

All team details should be e-mailed **by 19 October 2019** to jcfreg@gmail.com and Entry fees, membership fees and payments made at any BNS Branch or directly transferred to the Jamaica Chess Federation, BNS Cross Roads, Current Account# 315516, Branch code # 80135, **by 31st October, 2019.**

Please note that teams are not required to bring sets. The JCF will provide adequate numbers of sets and clocks for the Preliminaries, Playoffs and the Finals.

FORMAT

The Championship is scheduled to begin with the Preliminaries in November 2019.

The Kingston Zone & St. Andrew Zone Preliminaries will start at 8:30am each day.

Preliminaries outside of Kingston will start at 9:30 am each day to allow for travelling.

Time Control will be G40 with a 30 second increment.

Board order once established cannot be changed in any round or section. Substitutes will play on board 4.



Teams will play in Zones. With Zone winners going directly to the Finals, Second & Third place teams will compete in the playoffs, for 8 places.

PRIZES

A total of over J\$300,000.00 worth of guaranteed prizes will be on offer. Cash prizes, trophies and medals will be awarded to the top four teams, while the fourth place team will get a cash prize & a trophy. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the top players on boards one to four, the top reserve player, the top rural & urban team, and the top female team.

SCHEDULE

The schedule will be finalized once we know how many teams are playing.

Preliminaries will start in November.

Playoffs in January.

Finals end of February.

Yours faithfully

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