

NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS – 2017/2018

PRELIMINARY ROUNDS

Middlesex & Surrey

Zone

10-11 January 2018

St. Catherine High School Auditorium

35 St John's Rd, Spanish Town

Kingston & St.

Andrew Zone

16-17 January 2018

Campion College Auditorium

105 Hope Road, Kingston

(Western Zones, November TBA)

**Playoffs (Second and Third Place Teams from
Preliminaries)**

25 January 2018

St. Catherine High School Auditorium

35 St John's Rd, Spanish Town

National Finals (16 Teams)

1-2 March 2018

PCJ Auditorium

36 Trafalgar Rd, Kingston

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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 Schools Chess Championships - 2017/2018.

The Preliminaries scheduled for 10 and 11 January 2018 (Middlesex Zone) and 16 and 17 January 2018 (Kingston & St. Andrew Zone) will take the form of a two-day zonal round robin event. January 25, 2017 will see the staging of a one-day playoff for teams that finished second and third in the Preliminaries. The sixteen (16) best teams in the country will come together on March 1-2, 2018 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:

1. Name of School, Team (eg School A, B etc), names of players, board order of players, Date of Birth and contact number to jcfreg@gmail.com.
You Must Use Entry form attached.
2. Entry fee of J\$5,000 for each team being entered; and
3. 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.

Team details should be e-mailed by 8 December 2017 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 15th December 2017.

Please note that teams are not required to bring sets. However, teams in the **Western Zone** MUST possess at least two tournament-size chess sets which MUST accompany the team when it goes to play. A school with three teams, should therefore have at least six tournament-sized chess sets.

FORMAT

The Championship is scheduled to begin with the Preliminaries on 10-11 January 2018, starting at 9:30 am each day at the St. Catherine High School Auditorium (Middlesex Zone). All teams from the Kingston Zone & St. Andrew Zone will have their Preliminaries on 16 & 17th January at the Campion College Auditorium.

The Kingston Zone will be divided into Zones 1a and 1b, the St. Andrew Zone will be divided into Zones 2a and 2b and the Middlesex Zone will be divided into Zones 4a, 4b and 4c.

The winner of each Zone will move automatically to the finals, while the second and third place teams will advance to a playoff tournament, where they will compete to qualify for the finals.

The North Coast and Western Zones will begin at separate venues and dates to be announced (entries to be sent in by October 13th). Three direct finalists will come from these Zones along with six other teams who will vie for a place in the finals through the playoff tournament.

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 three teams while the fourth place team will get a cash prize. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the top players on boards one to four, the top reserve player, the top rural & urban team, the top female team.

SCHEDULE

1.	Preliminaries (the Middlesex Zone) Date: 10-11 January 2018 Venue: St. Catherine High			Preliminaries (Kingston Zone & St. Andrew Zone) Date: 16-17 January 2018 Venues: Campion College	
	ROUNDS	DATE	TIME	DATE	TIME
	Round 1	10/01/2018	9:30 am	16/01/2018	8:30 am
	Round 2	10/01/2018	1:00 pm	16/01/2018	1:00 pm
	Round 3	10/01/2018	3:00pm	16/01/2018	3:00pm
	Round 4	11/01/2018	9:30 am	17/01/2018	8:30 am
	Round 5	11/01/2018	1:00 pm	17/01/2018	1:30 pm
	Round 6	11/01/2018	3:00pm *If necessary	17/01/2018 necessary	3:00pm *If necessary
2.	Playoffs -Four Rounds For second and third place teams from each Zone from the Preliminary stage. Dates: Thursday, 25 January 2018 Venue: St. Catherine High. Start Time 9:30am				
3.	Finals: Six Rounds - 16 Teams Dates: 1-2 March 2018 Venue: PCJ Auditorium Start Time 9:30am				

Yours faithfully

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