



The Jamaica Chess Federation

THE CONFEDERATION FOR CHESS IN THE AMERICAS (CCA) and the JAMAICA CHESS FEDERATION

are pleased to invite

ALL CARIFTA MEMBER COUNTRIES

to the

6th STAGING OF THE CARIFTA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**KNUTSFORD COURT HOTEL
- KINGSTON, JAMAICA**



APRIL 13-18, 2017

JAMAICA is the fantastic and beautiful “land of wood and water” with a motto (“OUT OF MANY ONE PEOPLE”) very similar to FIDE’s motto “Gens Una Sumus” (“WE ARE ONE PEOPLE”).



JAMAICA - the home of cultural icons such as the **HON. ROBERT NESTA “BOB” MARLEY** and the **HON. LOUISE BENNETT COVERLEY (“MISS LOU”)** and legendary athletes, sporting stars, World and Olympic champions and World record holders such as **ARTHUR WINT**, **HERB MCKENLEY**, **DONALD QUARRIE**, **MERLENE OTTEY**, **MICHAEL “Whispering Death” HOLDING**, **MICHAEL “The Body Snatcher” MCCALLUM**, **COURTNEY WALSH**, **DEON HEMMINGS**, **VERONICA CAMPBELL-BROWN**, **SHELLEY-ANN FRASER-PRYCE**, **USAIN BOLT**, **CHRIS GAYLE**; **ALIA ATKINSON**, World Record holder in swimming; **THE REGGAE BOYZ**, our 1998 FIFA World Cup qualifiers. In Chess, we proudly claim **MAURICE ASHLEY**, the first black international Chess grandmaster in the history of Chess; and other Jamaican Chess greats **JOHN POWELL** and **CHRISTINE BENNETT**, Chess Olympiad medal winners; **SHELDON WONG**, winner of a brilliancy prize at the 15th World Junior Championships; **NEIL FAIRCLOUGH** former two-time Caribbean Chess Champion; **IM JOMO PITTERSON** winner of the 2010 Sub-Zonals in the Bahamas; and **WIM DEBORAH RICHARDS-PORTER** winner of the 2016 Sub-Zonals in Barbados.

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Each CARIFTA Member Country shall have the right to send one (1) official participant to each category and gender (Under 12, Under 16 and Under 20 - Absolute and Female), a maximum of six official players. A CARIFTA Member Country may be represented by a female in the Absolute Category.

All participants must register through his or her National Federation or, for countries with no National Federation, through their National Olympic Committee. All participants must have a FIDE ID number, or apply for one through their Federation.

The event will be carried out by what has been established by this invitation, and the rules and regulations for the CCA CARIFTA Chess Championship.

Categories in Absolute and Female

Under 12: Born from 1st January 2005

Under 16: Born from 1st January 2001

Under 20: Born from 1st January 1997

Each CARIFTA Member Country may also register any number of additional players, subject to payment of their registration fee, board and lodging, for which they or their National Federation shall be held responsible.

In the instance where a participant resides for an extended period (over a year) in a CARIFTA Member Country for which he does not have citizenship he shall be allowed to compete for the country in which he resides. Proof of residence must be presented to the CARIFTA organizers.

Other Categories of Players:-

Each CARIFTA member country may also register players for the following categories -

Absolute and Female:

Under 8: Born from 1st January, 2009

Under 10: Born from 1st January, 2007

Under 14: Born from the 1st January, 2003

Under 18: Born from the 1st January, 1999

The top three players in these categories will be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze trophies.

System of Play:

Seven (7) round Swiss, unless there are exactly eight (8) players in the category, when the format shall be a single Round Robin.

If there are less than eight (8) participants, the players shall be entered in the other category of the same age group and if both categories (total boys and girls) of the same age group have less than eight (8) participants, the players shall be entered in the next age category.

Tie Break System:

In a Swiss System Tournament:

- A) Result between the tied players if they have all played each other
- B) The greater number of wins
- C) The greater number of wins playing black (unplayed games shall be counted as played with white)
- D) Median Bucholz 1
- E) Bucholz
- F) Sonneborn Berger

In a Round Robin Tournament:

- A) Result between the tied players if they have all played each other
- B) Koya system
- C) Koya system extended
- D) Sonneborn Berger
- E) Age in favor of the younger player

Time Controls:

Using electronic clocks – ninety (90) minutes for each player, plus 30 seconds increment from the first move Or Using analog clocks – two (2) hours for each player.

Default time is thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled start of play.

II. PAIRINGS & PGN FILES

The organizers will provide 3 computers, for players to digitize their games. It will be the responsibility of the winner, or in the case of a draw the player of the white pieces, to enter the moves for the game. PGN files of all entered games will also be published on the official tournament page.

III. RIGHTS FOR CATEGORIES UNDER 12, 16 and 20 & DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

Each CARIFTA Member Country has the right to accommodation and meals from the organizers, from dinner on the official day of arrival to breakfast on the official day of departure, for the official player & defending champions in each category and one Head of Delegation or coach. All other players and accompanying persons will have to pay for registration, accommodation and meals.

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

PRIZES:

Gold, Silver and Bronze trophies will be awarded to the players taking the first three places in each official category by age and gender.

Team: First three CARIFTA Member Countries will receive trophies. Points will be accumulated based on top five results among all official categories, where a 5th place finish will receive 1 point and a first place finish will receive 5 points.

All players will be given certificates of participation.

ACCOMMODATION:

Accommodation will be provided at the **KNUTSFORD COURT HOTEL**, 16 Chelsea Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica. The hotel is in the heart of New Kingston, with close proximity to outstanding Jamaican landmarks such as Jamaica House (the official office of the Prime Minister), King's House (the official residence of the Governor-General), Emancipation Park, National Heroes Park, Devon House, the Bob Marley Museum and Hope Botanical Gardens.

Official Persons (player or Head of Delegation/Coach) opting not to stay at the official accommodation will be charged a penalty of One Hundred United States Dollars (US\$100) per person and will be responsible for the cost of their accommodation, all their meals and transportation.

REGISTRATION:

The registration must be formalized by each CARIFTA Member Country, via email with the details of its players (Fide ID, Elo, date of birth, gender, nationality and National Federation or country of residency) before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 8, 2017 to CARIFTA2017jamaica@gmail.com.

If a participating CARIFTA Member Country does not send an official player in an age category or gender, they may not substitute this for another player in a category where they already have an official player.

All players must provide their personal email address upon registration for FIDE America records.

Registration form is attached.

COSTS:

Registration/Entry Fees:

- Overseas Participants: US\$90 (includes CCA Entry Fee of US\$15)
- Local Participants: US\$35 (includes CCA Entry Fee of US\$15)
- Overseas Guest Non-Players (Additional Delegates, Coaches, Parents, Guardians and Accompanying Persons): US\$75 (Includes transportation and accreditation)

Fees for Accommodation:

Accommodation is provided in a 3 star hotel which is the official hotel with provision of breakfast, lunch and dinner from the evening of April 13 to the morning of April 18. If participants or delegates wish to stay at a non-official hotel they will each be subject to a US\$100 exoneration fee.

All Inclusive Package for Overseas Participants, Delegates & Parents:

- Single Room: US\$900 per person
- Double Room: US\$700 per person
- Triple Room: US\$500 per person

Please note that these costs are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, and are only guaranteed upon payment.

PAYMENT

Payment must be made by BANK WIRE TRANSFER by March 8, 2017.

Funds to be sent to:

BANK

Beneficiary: **Jamaica Chess Federation**

Beneficiary Current account number: **315516**

Bank of Nova Scotia, Cross Roads, Jamaica

Intermediary Bank: **JP Morgan Chase**

270 Park Avenue, New York 10017

Swift code: **CHASUS33**

Routing #: **021000021**

IBAN: **001058608**

PENALTY FOR LATE REGISTRATION

- Registration after March 8, will be subject to a penalty fee of US\$50 per person (whether player, accompanying person, delegate or coach)
- Registration after March 22, will be subject to a penalty fee of US\$75 per person
- Late registration and payments end at March 31, 2017.

All accommodation cost will be paid for five (5) nights as a total package plus registration cost for whoever will be coming for the 13th April and leaving on the 18th of April.

NB: - 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: Again, please note that these arrangements are offered on a first-come basis, and are only guaranteed upon payment.

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR:

EVENTS	DATE	TIME
• Arrival of Delegations		
• Processing of registered players et al	Thursday, April 13	11:30 am
• Technical Meeting		6:00 pm
• Opening Ceremony	Thursday, April 13	7:30 pm
• Round One	Friday, April 14	9:30 am
• Round Two	Friday, April 14	3:30 pm
• Round Three	Saturday, April 15	9:30 am
• Round Four	Sunday, April 16	9:30 am
• Round Five	Sunday, April 16	3:30 pm
• Round Six	Monday, April 17	8:30 am
• Round Seven	Monday, April 17	1:30 pm
• Prize giving and Closing Ceremony	Monday, April 17	7:00 pm
• Departure of Delegations	Tuesday, April 18	

Tournament Venue: KNUTSFORD COURT HOTEL, 16 Chelsea Avenue, Kingston 5, Jamaica

Local Transportation: The organizers will provide transportation to and from the airport. Persons staying outside the official venue (KNUTSFORD COURT HOTEL) will be responsible for their own transportation.

Sightseeing: Special sightseeing tour options will be provided to participants. Tours are tentatively planned for Saturday, April 15.

V: OTHER INFORMATION

MEDIA

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

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.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For any other information please email: CARIFTA2017Jamaica@gmail.com

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JAMAICA - is looking forward to having you, hosting you, treating you,
welcoming you to our family, and giving you an unforgettable and pleasurable experience.

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