



Official Invitation

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

2024/25

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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 High Schools Chess Championships 2024/2025.

The Preliminaries will take the form of a two-day zonal round robin or Swiss event. Friday, January 31st, 2025 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, 2025 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 (e.g. School A, B etc), names of players, board order of players, date of birth for each player and contact number to jamchessfed.junior.chess@gmail.com . **You Must Use Entry form attached.**
2. Entry fee of J\$5,000 for each team being entered.
3. JCF membership fee of J\$15,000 per annum. 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.

All team details should be emailed to jamchessfed.junior.chess@gmail.com no later than **November 8, 2024**. Entry fees, and membership fees are to be completed at any BNS Branch or directly transferred to the Jamaica Chess Federation, BNS New Kingston, Current Account# 010315516, Branch code # 50575, no later than **November 29, 2024**.

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.

We extend our best wishes to all schools participating across the island in this year's chess championship, encouraging not only competitive excellence but also the highest standards of sportsmanship and a deep appreciation for the game of chess.

Best Regards,



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Chairman

Junior and Intercollegiate Committee
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FORMAT

PRELIMINARY ZONES

Preliminary Zones will be established for all teams which includes:

1. Kingston & St Andrew
2. Western
3. North Eastern
4. Middlesex

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. **NB.** In the event that a zone does not contain enough teams/too many teams then zones may be merged/split or the number of teams qualifying for the playoffs may increase or decrease.

FIDE Rated: No

JCF Rated: Yes

Number of rounds: 6

Time Control: G30 with a 30 second increment

PLAYOFFS

The Playoffs will be comprised of the second and third place teams finishers from the respective preliminary zones where they will compete to qualify for the finals.

FIDE Rated : Yes

JCF Rated : Yes

Number of rounds: 4

Time Control: G30 with a 30 second increment

FINALS

The Finals will be comprised of the top twenty(20) teams qualifying islands from the preliminary zones and play offs.

FIDE Rated : Yes

JCF Rated : Yes

Number of rounds:6

Time Control: G60 with a 30 second increment



PRIZES

Prizes, trophies and medals will be awarded to the top five teams from the finals. Medals and trophies will be awarded to the top players on boards one to four, the top reserve player, the overall winners of each combined preliminary zones and the top female team.

SCHEDULE

Kingston and St Andrew Zones		
ROUNDS	DATE	TIME
Round 1	14/11/2024	9:30 am
Round 2	14/11/2024	12:00 pm
Round 3	14/11/2024	2:30 pm
Round 4	15/11/2024	9:00 am
Round 5	15/11/2024	11:30 am
Round 6	15/11/2024	2:00pm *If necessary

VENUE

ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE



WINCHESTER PARK, 1, NORTH ST

St. George's College was founded in 1850 and is known for fostering strategic thinking and discipline through chess, encouraging students to participate in local tournaments. The motto of St. George's College is in Latin, and means, "For the Greater Glory of God".

SCHEDULE

Western Zones		
ROUNDS	DATE	TIME
Round 1	21/11/2024	9:30 am
Round 2	21/11/2024	12:00 pm
Round 3	21/11/2024	2:30 pm
Round 4	22/11/2024	9:00 am
Round 5	22/11/2024	11:30 am
Round 6	22/11/2024	2:00pm *If necessary

VENUE

HOLLAND HIGH SCHOOL



HOLLAND ROAD, MARTHA BRAE FALMOUTH P.O, TRELAWNY

Holland High School opened on September 01, 2004 and is known for placing their students at the centre of everything and therefore the school's program revolves around the students with all other factors being peripheral. This school is relatively new to chess however never backs down from a challenge.



SCHEDULE

VENUE

TITCHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

North Eastern Zones

ROUNDS	DATE	TIME
Round 1	21/11/2024	9:30 am
Round 2	21/11/2024	12:00 pm
Round 3	21/11/2024	2:30 pm
Round 4	22/11/2024	9:00 am
Round 5	22/11/2024	11:30 am
Round 6	22/11/2024	2:00pm *If necessary



📍 22 FORT GEORGE ST, PORT ANTONIO

Titchfield High School as established in January 1786, and is the fifth-oldest high school in the Jamaica. Titchfield were the winners of the North Eastern Zones in our previous staging of the National High School Chess Championships 2023/24. Titchfield High School's motto is Virtute et eruditione (Latin to English: By virtue and by learning.)

SCHEDULE

VENUE

ST CATHERINE HIGH SCHOOL

Middlesex Zones

ROUNDS	DATE	TIME
Round 1	28/11/2024	9:30 am
Round 2	28/11/2024	12:00 pm
Round 3	28/11/2024	2:30 pm
Round 4	29/11/2024	9:00 am
Round 5	29/11/2024	11:30 am
Round 6	29/11/2024	2:00pm *If necessary



📍 35 ST JOHN'S RD, SPANISH TOWN PO#2

St Catherine High School was founded by a Mercy sister and a Jesuit priest in 1948. St Catherine High School were the fifth placed all island champions in our previous staging of the National High School Chess Championships 2023/24. St Catherine High School's motto is Latin: Preces et Opera Omnia Vincunt; "Prayer and Work Conquer All".



SCHEDULE

VENUE

Playoffs

ROUNDS	DATE	TIME
Round 1	31/01/2025	9:00 am
Round 2	31/01/2025	11:00 am
Round 3	31/01/2025	1:30 pm
Round 4	31/01/2025	3:00 pm

DECARTERET COLLEGE



2 WOODLAWN ROAD, P.O.
MANDEVILLE, MANCHESTER

deCarteret College was founded in 1919, and is known for fostering strategic thinking and discipline through chess, encouraging students to participate in local tournaments. deCarteret College were the winners of the Middlesex Zone (6A) in our previous staging of the National High School Chess Championships 2023/24. deCarteret College's motto is Aedificamus which means we are building.

SCHEDULE

VENUE

Finals

ROUNDS	DATE	TIME
Round 1	27/02/2025	9:30 am
Round 2	27/02/2025	12:00 pm
Round 3	27/02/2025	2:30 pm
Round 4	28/02/2025	9:00 am
Round 5	28/02/2025	11:30 am
Round 6	28/02/2025	2:00 pm

CALABAR HIGH SCHOOL



Calabar High School was established by the Jamaica Baptist Union in 1912 and Several chess players from Calabar High School have gone on to represent Jamaica in both regional and international competitions. The school has produced some of Jamaica's top young chess talents over the years. Calabar High School's motto is "The Utmost for the Highest".



RULES AND REGULATIONS

Tie Breaks

If the two or more teams score the same number of match points, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- a. Total number of gamepoints.
- b. Sonneborn-Berger (Matchpoints).
- c. Sonneborn-Berger (Gamepoints).
- d. Berlin System: win on Board 1 - 4 points; win on Board 2 - 3 points; win on Board 3 - 2 points; win on Board 4 - 1 point. In case of drawn games, the points are shared.

Technical Regulations

- a. Teams shall be made up of four main players and up to two reserves.
- b. Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the main players or reserves. Each team's definite fixed board order shall be confirmed upon submission.
- c. There is no requirement to assign board numbers in rating order.
- d. Each player shall be assigned a number from 1 to 6. This creates a board order, which **cannot be changed** and remains fixed throughout the tournament.

Appeals Committee

1. The president of the appeals committee will be the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director.
2. It will be made up of three (3) holders and two (2) substitutes.
3. All protests shall be submitted in writing by a team captain to the Appeals Committee **not more than 15 minutes** after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.
4. Each protest shall be accompanied by a deposit fee of **five thousand (5000)** Jamaican dollars or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE upon a decision of the Chairman of the Appeals Committee.
5. The Committee may decide on the following matters:
 - Appeal against a decision by an arbiter
 - Any appeal which the Appeal Committee considers relevant.
6. The Appeal Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within FIDE legal framework and the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.
7. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.



Default Time

In case a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of up to 25 minutes from the actual start of the game, he/she will lose the game, unless the Chief Arbiter decides that the delay was due to an event of force majeure.

Fair Play

Fair Play measures will be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Doping Guidelines. With the sole exception of play recording equipment, during a game players and captains are prohibited from having on the playing field any electronic device that has not been specifically approved by the referee. Companions or spectators are prohibited from using electronic devices on the pitch, except for taking pictures when explicitly approved by the referee.

Individual Board Award

Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists compete for individual board awards namely: gold trophy. The board trophies shall be awarded according to most points accumulated, except if more than one player is tied then the player of the higher ranking team is granted the award.

NB. In the event that an irregularity is not covered in the rules and regulations, all rights are reserved for the chief arbiter to act and enforce in his/her best sense of judgement.

CHAIRMAN'S 2023 REPORT



CAMPION COLLEGE A - 2023/24 CHAMPIONS

REPORT

I am delighted to present the report for the National High School Chess Championships for the 2023/24 season. This prestigious event took place on March 7th and 8th, 2024, in the auditorium at Glenmuir High School, which proved to be an exceptional venue for both competitors and spectators alike.

The tournament showcased the remarkable talents of our young chess players across the island, with schools competing fervently for the top positions. This year, we witnessed Campion College A emerge victoriously as the champions, demonstrating exceptional skill, teamwork, and strategic acumen. Campion College A was comprised of Team Captain WCM Raehanna Brown, Daren McKennis, Jaheim Smart, Zahmir Smickle, Aaron McKay and Shergil Ronak. Following closely in second place was St. Jago College A, with the defending champions, Wolmer's Boys A, securing the third place. Glenmuir High School A and St. Catherine High School A finished commendably in fourth and fifth places, respectively.

The St. Andrew School for Girls was honored as the best girl's school, showcasing the growing diversity and inclusion within the chess community. St. Andrew School for Girls team was comprised of Team Captain Kaity Gayle, Rachel Foster, Kaia Gayle, Hayden Duncan, Raeann Atkinson, Tisha Rhone.



TOP BOARD PLAYERS

Special recognition was awarded to individual players who stood out on their respective boards:

- Best Board 1: WCM Raehanna Brown of Campion College showcased unparalleled prowess, earning her the top spot.
- Best Board 2: Kofi Sutherland of St. Jago High School A, whose strategic play was exemplary.
- Best Board 3: Nathaniel Hope, also of St. Jago High School A, displayed outstanding tactical skills.
- Best Board 4: Shelton McNamee of Glenmuir High School A, who demonstrated remarkable resilience and creativity.
- Best Reserve: Michiale Williams of deCarteret College D, proved to be an invaluable asset to his team.