

2011 NAMSPORTS INDEPENDENCE BLITZ CHESS TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

1. VENUE: UN Plaza, Corner of Independence Avenue and Penning Street, Katutura

2. EVENT DATE: 19 March 2011

3.1 REGISTRATION PERIOD: 14 – 19 March 2011

3.2 REGISTRATION TIMES: 24 hours a day, via fax to 061-261899 or e-mail otto@namsports.biz. Before faxing, kindly call or sms 081-211 6463.

3.3 PARTICIPANT'S PARTICULARS: Name, Gender & Year of birth if born AFTER 1990, ie 1991- present.

3.4 REGISTRATION FEES: Scholars - N\$ 20, Adults - N\$ 30

4. WHO MAY PARTICIPATE: This is an Open Tournament, everybody is welcome.

5. EVENT SCHEDULE:

Welcome and Opening - 09h00 – Tournament host, Mr. Otto Nakapunda

Round 1 : 09h15-09h25

Round 2 : 09h40-09h50

Round 3 : 10h05-10h15

Round 4 : 10h30-10h40

Round 5 : 10h55-11h05

Round 6 : 11h20-11h30

LUNCH: 11h30-12h00

Round 7 : 12h10-12h20

Round 8 : 12h35-12h45

Round 9 : 13h00-13h10

Round 10: 13h25-13h35

Round 11: 13h50-14h00

Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving at 14h30.

5. FORMAT & RATE OF PLAY:

The tournament will be played over 11 (eleven) Swiss-paired rounds. Rate of play will be 5 minutes per player per game.

6. PAIRING AND TIE BREAK SYSTEM:

Swiss Manager will be used for the pairings. Please note that the breaks between rounds will be used to do the pairings according to the SWISS SYSTEM.

TIE-BREAK: Direct encounter, Progressive Score and Most Wins.

If players are still tied, then 1 game of Armageddon will be played.

7. PRIZES:

Open Category

1st: 600

2nd: 450

3rd: 250

TOT: 1,200

Under 20

1st: 300

TOT: 300

Under 18

1st: 300

TOT: 300

Under 16

1st: 300

TOT: 300

Under 14

1st: 200

TOT: 200

Under 12

1st: 200

TOT: 200

Under 10

1st: 100

TOT: 100

Under 8

1st: 100

TOT: 100

Special Prize: Best Woman

1st: 200

TOT: 200

GRAND TOTAL 3,000

In addition, all top 3 finishers will receive certificates.

General Rules:

1. Silence at all times.
2. Cellular phones should be switched off or put on "silent" mode if switched on. No talking while playing allowed.
3. No assistance to chess players will be allowed during their games. A player who offers assistance will be expelled from the tournament.
4. If a player touches a piece, (s)he should move that piece, provided a legal move can be made with that piece. (Touch is a move.)
5. A player may claim a win if his/her opponent makes an illegal move. This claim should be made immediately and not a move later. A King left in check may be captured to end the game.
6. Each player must press the clock with the same hand that moves the pieces. However, when castling, capturing or completing a promotion, a player may use both hands.
7. Any player who makes themselves guilty of rude behaviour will be disqualified with immediate effect.

The blitz rules of FIDE will apply during this event.

The Appeals Committee is made up of Otto Nakapunda (CM/FI), Charles Eichab (CM/FI) and Fremantle Kuhanga.

Complaints should be directed to the individual members of the Appeals Committee. Should a player be unhappy with the initial decision made by such a member, (s)he may appeal. The remaining members would then weigh in and their decision is final.

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