



South African Open Chess Championships 2018



FREE STATE CHESS

The South African Open 2018 is hosted by Free State Chess and Chess SA in conjunction the Free State Arts Festival.

Dates

7 – 14 July 2018, Bloemfontein

LOC

Convener: Thabo Matsiliso

Chief Arbiter: TBA

Accommodation: Ben de Winnaar

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Schedule - Sections A and B

7 July 2018 (Saturday)	
10:00	Arbiters arrive / Player register
16:00	Draw posted
17:30	Opening
18:30	Round 1
8 July 2018 (Sunday)	
09:30	Round 2
18:30	Round 3
9 July 2018 (Monday)	
09:30	Round 4
18:30	Round 5
10 July 2018 (Tuesday)	
18:30	Round 6
11 July 2018 (Wednesday)	
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18:30	Round 7
12 July 2018 (Thursday)	
09:30	Round 8
18:30	Round 9
13 July 2018 (Friday)	
18:30	Round 10
14 July 2018 (Saturday)	
09:30	Round 11
16:00	Prize giving

Schedule - Section C

11 July 2018 (Wednesday)	
15:00	Player register
17:00	Round 1
19:30	Round 2
12 July 2018 (Thursday)	
09:30	Round 3
12:30	Round 4
15:00	Round 5
13 July 2018 (Friday)	
9:30	Round 6
12:00	Prize giving

Default time

30 minute default time

Time control

- A and B section 90/90 plus 30 sec and 30 min after 40 moves
- C section 60/60

Transport from Airport

- Please indicate on entry form if transport is needed. A Fee of R150 is payable for this return service.

Prize fund.

- R55 000 - Detailed breakdown will be supplied at later date.
- Prize fund may be adjusted depending on number of entries.

Define playing hall, playing venue

Sections A and B: Bain's Game Lodge
31 Old Kimberley Road, Bloemfontein.

Section C: University of Free State (to be confirmed)

The appeals committee are:

- Lochner Marais
- Piet van Zyl
- Chief Arbiter
- A participating player with a Chessa rating of at least 1900

- An attending coach with a FIDE National Instructor's qualification or higher
- R150 fee for an appeal. Payable upon lodging of appeal. Only refundable if the appeal is successful.
- Appeals must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter no later than 30 minutes after the end of the said round.
- No late appeals will be entertained.

Note.

The tournament rules will be published 7 days prior to the commencement of the event.

FIDE Laws of Chess 2018 applies.

The chief arbiter will announce the designated smoking area at the start of the Tournament.

A section

- Fide rated
- The players rating should be above 1600
- Entry fee: R750 per player
- IM's are invited to participate in this section.

B Section

- Fide rated (If the number of Fide rated players is more than 33% of entries)
- The players rating is between 1600 and 1100
- Entry fee: R700

C Section

- Chessa rated
- The players rated below 1099
- Entry fee: R650

A player may request to play in a higher section, at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter. This request must be made at the time of entry.

A player may not play in a lower section.

The Chief Arbiter reserves the right to adjust a player into the correct section of play.

Accommodation

- All accommodation must be booked via the LOC. (Indicate on Entry form)
- Two types of accommodation are available:
 - Bains Game Lodge – R460 per person sharing, Bed and Breakfast
31 Old Kimberley Road, Bloemfontein. (Transport to UFS if necessary at R25 per trip)
 - University of Free State Hostel – R240 per person sharing, Bed only
3 km from venue. (Transport to Bains lodge if necessary at R25 per trip)
- **Accommodation to be booked before 7 June 2018. After this date players will have to book own accommodation.**
- **Players not utilizing the organised accommodation will have to pay a R120 levy per player (not applicable to local players).**

Entry form

- https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdD-0Alphef38meLOUgQ90DGIAC96CAmK0BSI9LyQvc4UuRLw/viewform?usp=sf_link
- **Entries close on 22 June 2018 at 24h00.**

Payment

- Entry fees must be paid to the following bank account

Account Name: Chess SA Events

Bank : FNB

Account No. : 622 5580 8366

Branch : Parow, Cape Town

Branch Code : 25 06 55

Reference : Open18/First 3 letters of surname and Initial/Section (e.g.
John Dow in B section will be: "Open18/DowJ/B")

Free State Arts Festival

The arts festival is hosted at the University of Free State from 10-14 July 2018. Players and parents are encourage to attend the festival. A full brochure will be sent out in next circular.

Website: <http://www.vrystaatkunstefees.co.za>



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Kunstefees
8 - 14 Julie 2018

Kunsmark
10 - 14 Julie 2018

