



2022 Rwabushenyi Memorial

Open Chess Championship

1st December to 4th December 2022

Kampala, Uganda

(First Grand-Prix Series Event of the Year 2023)

FIDE RATED

“UCF celebrating 50 years of Chess 1972 to 2022”

1. Invitation

1.1 This is the official invitation to the 2022 Rwabushenyi Memorial Open Chess Championship which will be held in Kampala, Uganda from the 1st December to 4th December 2022. The Championship is exclusively organized by the Uganda Chess Federation (UCF) and the Officially Sponsored by the Uganda Civil Aviation Authority (UCAA).

2. Playing Area

2.1 The playing venue is the Kiwatule Recreation Center located near Ntinda town, about 10Kms from Kampala city center.

2.2 For the best route in current traffic visit <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YPEci5hkE1Ttrcbj6>

3. Registration and payments

3.1 All players wishing to participate are required to register by no later than 8pm on the 30th November 2022 (registration deadline).

3.2 Players with internet access are asked to register online as early as possible to aid with tournament preparations.

3.3 Manual registrations can also be sent to ugandachess@yahoo.com. Where registrations are emailed they must include the surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, FIDE title, and passport number of each player.

3.4 A Google form link to aid with registration process electronically;

<https://forms.gle/LDqpDNHMTLtrUSB9>

3.5 Entry fees can be paid to the account of the Uganda Chess Federation as listed below Present details of payment to the official federation address.

Bank name	Kenya commercial bank
Bank Branch	Kampala road branch
Account Name	Uganda chess federation
Account Number	2200274548
Swift code	KCBLUGKA

3.6 Players based within Uganda can also use the Mobile Money Application to pay their entry fees.

Payments using Mobile Money should be sent to the Uganda Chess Federation Treasurer, Mr. Masiko Ezekiel, using the mobile number +256 788 147853 (MTN) or +256 756 319 531 (AIRTEL)

3.7 Players will not be paired until their full payment obligations have been fulfilled.

4. Entry Fees

4.1 All Foreign Nationals: US\$ 20 (Payable on arrival).

4.2 Ugandan Nationals: UGX 30,000 (provided payment is received prior to the registration deadline of 30th November 2022). Any local entries which have not been paid in full by the 30th November, 2022 will attract an extra UGX 10,000 surcharge.

4.3 All Ugandan nationals are encouraged to pay the individual membership of 10,000 UGX Adults and 5,000 UGX Students and Children (18 Years & Below).

5. Travel and accommodation

5.1 Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements but bus / taxi transfers from Entebbe airport to official hotels can be arranged on arrival / departure by contacting the Uganda Chess Federation at ugandachess@yahoo.com Players who wish to use this service must send their flight details before the 30th November 2022.

5.2 Uganda boasts of several world class hotels and several affordable motels and Inns. The average accommodation costs range from US\$ 30 per person per night to US\$ 75 per person per night. Hotel bookings can be arranged on request and will be availed on first come first serve basis.

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1. Kiwatule Recreation Centre (Official accommodation)

1.1 Accommodation in self-contained cottages is available on a first come first serve basis at 82,000UGX per day with breakfast.

1.2 For bookings kindly contact the UCF treasurer (contacts indicated in section 3.6)



2. Legacy courts Apartments (Rwabushenyi open 2022 accommodation

area) Max persons per apartment 2 to 4 depending on availability

Services offered

**Direct Dial Telephone Services
Fully Serviced Apartments
Free Wi-Fi / Wireless Internet
Access Standby Generators
24/7 Security
Ample Parking Space
Exclusive Air Port Pick-Up &
Drop-Off Air conditioning**



Swimming pool area



kitchen



Two bedroom apartments fitted with a double bed @



Spacious sitting rooms adjacent to dining room fully furnished.



Shower rooms

- 3. Other budget options for accommodation can be arranged on arrival Double rooms 25\$**

6. Playing Schedule

The tournament is scheduled to be played over a period of 4 days

Date	Activity	Time
Thursday, 1 st December 2022	Opening ceremony	08:30Hrs
Thursday, 1 st December 2022	Round 1	09:00 Hrs
Thursday, 1 st December 2022	Round 2	15:00 Hrs
Friday, 2 nd December 2022	Round 3	09:00 Hrs
Friday, 2 nd December 2022	Round 4	15:00 Hrs
Saturday, 3 rd December 2022	Round 5	09:00 Hrs
Saturday, 3 rd December 2022	Round 6	15:00 Hrs
Sunday, 4 th December 2022	Round 7	09:00 Hrs
Sunday, 4 th December 2022	Round 8	14:00 Hrs
Sunday, 4 th December 2022	Prize-Giving	18:00 Hrs

7. Rules and Regulations

- 7.1 The tournament is open to all players with a FIDE ID and will be run according to the Swiss Pairing System over a total of 8 rounds. The tournament will be played in a single section but will offer prizes for both open and female participants.
- 7.2 Free registration and accommodation for Grandmasters (GMs) / Woman Grand Masters (WGMs) and all male players rated 2500 Elo and above or Women rated 2000 Elo and above.
- 7.3 In case 3 IMs/WIM or 3GMs/ 3WGMs register for the event and the minimum requirement for an IM/GM norm event is met as required by FIDE, a special category (GM or IM norm event) shall be created as an upgrade and an open section for the rest of the players.
- 7.4 A maximum of 300 players will be accommodated with preference given to players who already have a FIDE ID and URS™ Rating. Local players who are unrated and who wish to secure an official FIDE and URS™ rating are encouraged to enter as early as possible to avoid disappointment.
- 7.5 Players who do not have an official FIDE ID must request their local chess federations to create one for them before the tournament commences.
- 7.6 The time control for all games is 90 minutes (First 40 Moves), + 30 Minutes, with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.
- 7.7 No draw offers will be allowed before black has completed his 30th move.
- 7.8 The Default losing time shall be 1 Hour (60 Minutes).
- 7.9 Any player giving a bye without any justification will be required to pay a fine of 20,000/- , therefore inform the arbiter to omit your name from the pairings list if you intend to miss a round in order to avoid penalties.
- 7.10 FIDE regulations will apply as per the FIDE Handbook.
- 7.11 All participants are expected to wear Masks and observe COVID 19 standard operating procedures including those for EBOLA as prescribed by Ministry of Health, Uganda.
- 7.12 All Participants are encouraged to get vaccinated against the Covid-19 pandemic.

7.13 Tie-breaks to be used include;

- i) Points (Game Points) (1), i.e.** This is the Number of games won
- ii) Direct Encounter (The results of the players in the same point group) (11), i.e.** If all tied players have met each other, the sum of points from these encounters will decide. The player with the highest score is ranked number 1 and so on.
- iii) Buchholz System (Variable with parameter) (1,1,N,Y,0,N) (37),** The Buchholz System is the sum of the scores of each of the opponents of a player
- iv) Sonneborn – Berger (0,0,N,Y,0,N,N) (52), i.e.** Sonneborn-Berger for Individual Tournaments is the sum of the scores of the opponents a player has defeated (including wins by forfeit) and half the scores of the players with whom he has drawn.
- v) Most Games as Black (53), (Number of Games won with the Black Pieces), i.e.** the greater number of games played with the black pieces (unplayed games shall be counted as played with the white pieces).

8. Dress Code

8.1 All players are required to be decently dressed and therefore Shorts, Slippers, Sunglasses and revealing attire are not permitted.

9. Prizes and awards

9.1 All players and arbiters will receive certificates to commemorate their participation.

9.2 The top three places in every category will be awarded trophies and medals.

9.3 In case of a Tie, Cash Distribution shall be by sharing criterion, but Trophy and Medals distribution shall be by announced Tie-Breaks.

9.4 All participants will get a free T-Shirt.

9.5 No taxes will be deducted from any prizes awarded. The prize distribution will be as follows:

Date	Prize (Ugx)
1 st Open	1,200,000
2 nd Open	750,000
3 rd Open	400,000
1 st Lady	500,000
2 nd Lady	300,000
3 rd Lady	200,000
1 st U1900 Rated Player	250,000
2 nd U1900 Rated Player	150,000
3 rd U1900 Rated Player	80,000
1 st U1700 Rated Player	160,000
2 nd U1700 Rated Player	100,000
3 rd U1700 Rated Player	75,000
1 st U1500 Rated Player	150,000
2 nd U1500 Rated Player	80,000
3 rd U1500 Rated Player	70,000
Seniors (50+)	
1 st	120,000
2 nd	100,000
3 rd	80,000
Best Boy (U18 Years of Age)	100,000
Best Young Girl (U18 Years of Age)	100,000
Best Differently Abled Player (DAP)	100,000

Under age categories U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, U08 will attract medals for both the girls and boys.

10. Chief Arbiter

The Chief Arbiter will be appointed by the president UCF

11. Appeals

- 11.1 Any protest regarding a decision taken by the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game.**
- 11.2 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of 50,000UGX as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is found to be baseless by the appeals committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the UCF.**
- 11.3 The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the first round.**

12. Visas

- 12.1 Any participants that require a visa to visit Uganda must send the copy of their passport (pages with the photograph and main data) before the 25th November, 2022.
- 12.2 A digital scan of the photo of each player and any accompanying persons that require visas must be sent by email to the organizing committee at ugandachess@yahoo.com.
- 12.3 The Tournament Director will supply official letters of invitation for players that require this upon receipt of all details of the participants requesting such letters.
- 12.4 Note: All persons arriving at the Entebbe International airport shall be subjected to mandatory COVID 19 testing at a fee (30USd).

13. Weather Conditions

- 13.1 In the month of November /December the weather in Kampala will be rather fresh and the temperature around 28/30°C with light rains.

14. Electricity

- 14.1 The standard voltage is 240 volts

15. Exchange rate

- The local currency is the Ugandan Shilling (UGX)
The current exchange rate at the time of publishing is US\$1 = 3,774 shillings (UGX)

16. Chief Organizer

- Uganda chess federation is the chief organizer.
Please direct any queries or related to the tournament to organizer.

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Uganda Chess Federation looks forward to welcoming our chess friends from across the world to Kampala, Uganda (the pearl of Africa) for our huge tournament of 2022!

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