



The 2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Championships



*St. Ann's, Trinidad and Tobago
11th April to 18th April 2025*

INVITATION

The **Confederación de Ajedrez de América (CCA)** and the **Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association (TTCA, the Organizer)** cordially invite you to the **2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Championships**.

1. Dates, Location, and Venue.

The 2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Championship will be held in St. Ann's, Trinidad from **April 11th 2025** (Arrival Day) through **April 18th 2025** (Departure Day). The tournament will take place at the **Cascadia Hotel and Conference Center** in St. Ann's.

The Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association (TTCA) wishes to welcome you to the vibrant twin-island nation of Trinidad and Tobago. With a combined population of approximately 1.4 million and a total area of 5,131 square kilometers (1,981 square miles), these islands punch well above their weight on the global stage. Trinidad, the larger island, is a bustling hub of culture and industry, famous for its steelpan, calypso music, and the world-renowned Carnival, an explosion of color, rhythm, and creativity. Tobago, its serene sister, is a tropical paradise with pristine beaches, lush rainforests, and the Buccoo Reef, perfect for snorkeling and diving.

Our diverse heritage is reflected in our food—think doubles, roti, and bake and shark—and our people, a melting pot of African, Indian, European, and Indigenous influences. Whether you are here to lime (relax), party, or explore, you'll find a warm welcome and unforgettable experiences.

For more please visit: <https://visittrinidad.tt>

2. Eligibility to participate; Official players; Delegations.

The **2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Championships** are open to players who represent national chess federations from:

Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Ned. Antilles, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, U.S. Virgin Islands that do not have unresolved financial obligations to the CCA as per the CCA Statutes and Financial Regulations.



All players must be submitted in writing by their Federation to the TTCA.

Official players are designated as one (1) male and one (1) female representative chosen by their chess federation for each tournament. Each National Chess Federation can register any number of unofficial players. **All players must possess the authorization of their Federation.**

The Organization will cover **60%** of costs of the hotel package for **one official player** from each eligible federation belonging to the Sub-Zone. All official players will receive meals from dinner on **11th April** to lunch on **18th April, 2025**.

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

The national chess federations assume full responsibility for the conduct of their players. Each federation may designate a Head of Delegation; it may either appoint a person exclusively to this office, or entrust one of the players with this function. The Federation will cover the cost of the Head of Delegation.

3. Event Program.

- Arrival on **April 11th, 2025** – Departure on **April 18th, 2025**.
- Travel details: Airport is the **Piarco International Airport (POS)**.
- Pick-up from and drop-off to the international airport or the railway station will be provided to all the participants who have agreed to use this service and have confirmed their travel plans no later than **April 1st, 2025**.
- See the detailed Schedule in the Technical Regulations below.

4. Technical Information and Schedule.

The tournament will be held in compliance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, and the official FIDE and CCA regulations for competitions. **Please see below the Technical Regulations for the 2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Championships** that form an integral part of this Invitation.

5. Accommodation Packages; Registration fees; Deposits.

Cascadia Hotel and Conference Centre, 67 Ariapita Rd, St. Ann's, Port of Spain.
<https://cascadiahotel.com/>

Official Players

Prices per person with full board (three meals per day)

Room type	Price
Double room per person per day	40 USD
Single room per person per day	76 USD



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Unofficial Players -Prices per person with full board (three meals per day)

Room type	Price
Double room per person per day	100 USD
Single room per person per day	136 USD

Unofficial Players -Prices per person with breakfast only

Room type	Price
Double room per person per day	70 USD
Single room per person per day	105 USD

Any arrangements other than what is displayed above will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the tournament organizers.

For security reasons, all members of the delegation, including players, coaches, and accompanying persons, shall stay in the official hotel. Every person who chooses not to stay at the official hotel shall pay an extra fee of **USD 100** to the Organizing Committee. For such persons, organizers will not be able to guarantee their safety nor to provide transport to the playing venue.

Registration fee:

150 USD per player (includes an Organizer's fee of 75 USD and a CCA entry fee of 75 USD). The Organizer shall wire the CCA's portion to the CCA bank account no later than the start of Round 3. For all participants and accompanying persons, the credentials (ID) will cost **10 USD**.

All delegations must pay a **full registration fee and credentials plus a deposit equal to 30%** of the total cost for hotel accommodation no later than **March 28th, 2025** to the following:

Foreign Players via Wire Transfer Funds (USD)

Intermediary Bank:

Wells Fargo Bank N.A.
New York International Branch
375 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10152
USA

Swift code: PNBUS3NNYC or ABA 026005092

Beneficiary Bank:

First Citizens Bank Ltd.
One Woodbrook Place
Woodbrook, Trinidad & Tobago

Swift Code: FCTTTTPS

Beneficiary Name: Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association

Beneficiary Account No.:2016303

Beneficiary Address: 24 Holder Drive, Westvale Park, Glencoe, Trinidad and Tobago



Foreign Players via Paypal

Paypal Address: keelanhunte@hotmail.com

6. Transportation.

Organizers will only provide transportation for all participants from/to the **Piarco International Airport**. Transfers from the **airport-hotel and hotel-venue (round trip)** will be **60 USD** per person. All delegations must send their flight details (date, time and flight numbers for arrival/departure) to the organizing committee **no later than April 1st, 2025**.

7. Registration and Deadlines.

Only a duly authorized representative of the national chess federation, which is the CCA member in good standing, can register a delegation to participate in this tournament. All players, officials, and accompanying persons from the same member country shall be registered as a single delegation by the specified deadline. The CCA and the Organizers **will not accept any registrations that attempt to circumvent national chess federations**. In case of any dispute, the CCA President has the authority to register eligible players by his decision.

When registering its players, every national chess federation shall use the registration form provided by the Organizer and shall clearly designate:

- full player details (last name, first name, FIDE ID, birth year, gender, category to be registered in) for each player,
- head of the delegation (if it wishes to appoint one according to Art.2)
- coaches (if any),
- accompanying persons (if any).

Players must pay all fees before being paired.

For every participant, last name, first name, FIDE ID, and FIDE title (if any) shall be provided.

The following deadlines shall be respected:

- To **confirm participation** for a national federation no later than March 10th, 2025.
- To **register all members** of a delegation no later than March 27th, 2025.
- To **pay a deposit** (see Art. 5) no later than March 28th, 2025.
- To **submit flight details** no later than April 1st, 2025.

8. Chief Arbiter and his/her Assistants.

The Zonal President, after consultation with the organizers, shall appoint the Chief arbiter.

The organizers shall appoint as many deputy and assistant arbiters as necessary and in accordance with FIDE regulations.



9. Prizes.

Please see below the **Technical Regulations for the 2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Championships** for a complete description of individual prizes. The prizes will be awarded at the official closing ceremony. All players shall receive their prizes in person.

Position	Absolute Prize (USD)	Women's Prize (USD)
1st	1,000	750
2nd	800	600
3rd	600	450
4th	400	300
5th	200	150

10. Visa information.

Players and other delegation members who need a visa to enter Trinidad and Tobago are requested to contact the Organizer before **February 21st 2025**. The organizer will provide invitations for visas only after the necessary payments are wired, as described in Articles 5 and 7 above.

11. Vaccination / Medical requirements.

During the tournament, all participants shall strictly adhere to the medical protocols established by Trinidad and Tobago. The Organizer shall inform registered participants in a timely manner about any changes to the medical requirements. If by the time of the tournament PCR or other tests are required pre-departure in order for the participants to return to their home countries, the Organizer will arrange timely access to such tests on-site. There might be a fee charged for such tests by a medical establishment.

12. Contact information.

Local Organizing Committee Chair: Sonja Johnson

E-mail: subzonal2025@chesstt.org

Website: <https://www.chesstt.org/>

CCA contact for general inquiries:

E-mail: fideamericaoficial@gmail.com

Signed on this 18th day of January, 2025

Signature


Jose Carrillo Pujol
CCA President

Signature


Sonja Johnson
TTCA President/Chair-Organising Committee





TECHNICAL REGULATIONS



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13. Governing regulations.

The 2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Championship shall be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess, the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions, the applicable CCA Rules, and present Technical Regulations. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered by the above regulations shall be referred to the CCA President for a final decision.

14. Format & System.

In each category, if there are more than ten (10) registered participants, the tournament will be a nine (9) round Swiss system event with one round playable per game day. If there are exactly ten (10) registered participants in a category, the tournament will be a nine (9) round Round Robin event with one round playable per game day.

If the categories are merged, see the Prize section for a specific discussion on prize distribution.

Pairings will be handled by FIDE-certified software under the responsibility of the Pairings Officer and the Chief Arbiter. The starting list and all pairings will use the FIDE Standard Rating List valid at the tournament start date. The tournament will be rated with FIDE.

15. Time Control; Default time.

The following time control shall be used for all games: (90'/end + 30" incr. starting from Move 1), i.e., 90 minutes for each player plus 30 seconds Fischer increment per move starting from the first move.

If a player arrives at the chessboard with a delay of more than **thirty (30) minutes** from the actual start of the round, her game will be declared lost by a forfeit.

16. Tie-breaks.

The CCA tournaments use technical tie-breaks as per the FIDE Tie-Break Regulations effective from 1 July 2023.



For the categories where the competition is played as a Swiss system event, the final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Cumulative system - Sum of Progressive Scores
- Direct encounter
- The greater number of wins including forfeits
- The greater number of wins with Black pieces

For the categories where the competition is played as a Round Robin event, the final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied, the tie shall be broken as follows:

- Direct encounter
- The greater number of wins including forfeits
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Koya System

17. Schedule.

Day of the week	Date	Time	Activity
Friday	April 11, 2025		Arrival
Friday	April 11, 2025	17:00-20:00	Registration
Saturday	April 12, 2025	8:00	Technical Meeting
Saturday	April 12, 2025	9:30	Opening Ceremony
Saturday	April 12, 2025	10:30	Round 1
Saturday	April 12, 2025	16:30	Round 2
Sunday	April 13, 2025	10:00	Round 3
Monday	April 14, 2025	10:00	Round 4
Monday	April 14, 2025	16:30	Round 5
Tuesday	April 15, 2025	10:00	Round 6
Wednesday	April 16, 2025	10:00	Round 7
Wednesday	April 16, 2025	16:30	Round 8
Thursday	April 17, 2025	10:00	Round 9
Thursday	April 17, 2025	17:00	Closing Ceremony
Friday	April 18, 2025		Departure Day

18. Player conduct/Discipline.

All participants are bound by the Laws of Chess and shall behave at all times during the tournament in accordance with the CCA and FIDE statutes and the highest principles of sportsmanship.



The players are expected to be present at all official events approved by the CCA and the Organizer, including the Opening and Closing ceremonies.

The players and heads of delegations are expected to attend the Technical Meeting. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Technical Meetings.

The players are expected to cooperate with the media and be available for short interviews immediately after each game.

The players shall comply with the requirements of FIDE Regulations (FIDE Handbook, §C.01, Article 8.1) to maintain their dignified appearance at all times during the event.

19. Fair Play; Electronic Equipment.

Fair Play measures will be in place as per the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines. With the sole exception of the move recording equipment, during a game players are forbidden to have any electronic device not specifically approved by the arbiter in the playing venue. Such devices may be stored in a player's bag, provided the device is completely switched off. This bag must be placed as agreed with the arbiter and the player is forbidden to use this bag without the arbiter's permission. Accompanying persons or spectators are forbidden to use electronic devices at the playing venue except for photography when explicitly approved by the arbiter.

20. Appeals Committee.

Before the start of the first round, an Appeals Committee shall be appointed from among the participants or the representatives of the federations involved. The Appeals Committee shall consist of three members, and two reserve members, representing five different federations. The chairman of the appeals committee is the zonal president or his nominee. No member of the Appeals Committee shall take part in a decision concerning his/her federation unless the parties involved are from the same federation. All names shall be announced no later than at the start of the Technical Meeting before Round 1.

None of the three (3) members of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player from his national chess federation. A reserve member takes his place in such a case.

A protest can be lodged only by a player or a head of delegation. All protests shall be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing not more than one (1) hour after the completion of relevant game, or an alleged occurrence of an infringement complained against.

Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of **one hundred (100) U.S. dollars**. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee shall be forfeited to the CCA.

The Appeals Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's behavior,
- c) all other matters which the Committee considers relevant.



Since the pairings are made by FIDE-certified tournament management software, no appeals against the computer-generated pairings shall be accepted.

The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute is final.

21. Prizes.

The player who wins the championship in its category will be declared the 2025 SUBZONE 2.3.3 Absolute & Women Chess Champion in this category. The winners of each tournament will also **earn the right to participate in the next FIDE World Cup!** The players who win the first, second, and third places will be awarded trophies. If eligible, direct titles will be awarded as per the FIDE Handbook.

Titles and Norms shall be awarded as per Fide Regulations:

IM	FM	CM
1st equal (best 3 players after tiebreak) – Title; Silver & Bronze – norm	Silver & Bronze – title 65% in min 9 games ² – title	50% in min 9 games ² – title
WIM	WFM	WCM
1st equal (best 3 players after tiebreak) – Title Silver & Bronze – norm.	Silver & Bronze – title 65% in min 9 games ² – title	50% in min 9 games ² – title

² - For titles requiring a minimum number of games (9 games or more) - Games lost by forfeit do not count towards the minimum required number of games. Games won by forfeit count for the minimum number of games, but the player's percentage score is calculated only using the games played (eg +4=3-1+1 forfeit win = 5.5/8 = 69%). Scores including a Bye include that round for the minimum number of games, but the players' percentage score is calculated only using the games played (eg +3=1-4 + 1 Bye = 3.5/8 = 44%) Only 1 game may be missed due to forfeit or bye.

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