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INVITATION

The Chess Confederation of the Americas (CCA) and the Hybrid Circuit of the Americas cordially invite you to the CARIFTA Chess Championship 2026.

CARIFTA HYBRID 2026 REGULATIONS

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

The CARIFTA Chess Championship 2026 will be held in Hybrid Format via the Tornelo platform on July 11 and 12, 2026, in accordance with the FIDE Online Chess Regulations (Hybrid).

2. PARTICIPANTS:

2.1. CARIFTA member countries: Anguilla, Antigua & Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Dominica, French Guyana/Cayenne, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Martinique, Montserrat, Netherlands Antilles, St. Lucia, St. Vincent & The Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago, Turks & Caicos Islands, US Virgin Islands, St. Kitts & Nevis.

2.2. Each participating country may register as many players as it deems appropriate for all Open and Women categories.

2.3. Each country shall appoint a captain or delegate for the Technical Meeting and any other communication during the event.

2.4. By registering for the tournament, participants and their representatives confirm that they have read and accepted these regulations, terms, and conditions.

3. PLAYING SYSTEM:

3.1. The championship will consist of eight (8) independent tournaments: Open, Women, Under-18, Under-16, Under-14, Under-12, Under-10, and Under-08. The Under-18 through Under-08 categories will be played in mixed format.

3.2. All tournaments will be played using the Swiss System over nine (9) rounds. Pairings will be managed through Swiss Manager/Tornelo using the JaVaFo algorithm, in accordance with current FIDE regulations.

3.3. The time control will be 15 minutes for the entire game, plus 10 seconds per move from move one.

3.4. The tournaments will be rated for FIDE Rapid Elo.



4. PRIZES:

4.1. Open and Women Categories: **US\$5.000** prize fund.

Open		Women	
Place	Open	Place	Women
1º	US\$750	1º	US\$750
2º	US\$500	2º	US\$500
3º	US\$400	3º	US\$400
4º	US\$350	4º	US\$350
5º	US\$300	5º	US\$300
6º	US\$200	6º	US\$200

4.2. In the Under-18, Under-16, Under-14, Under-12, Under-10, and Under-08 categories, prizes will consist of Participation Bonds for the 2026 Central American and Caribbean Festival, to be awarded as follows:

U-18			U-16			U-14		
Place	Open	Women	Place	Open	Women	Place	Open	Women
1º	US350	US350	1º	US350	US350	1º	US350	US350
2º	US150	US150	2º	US150	US150	2º	US150	US150
U-12			U-10			U-08		
Place	Open	Women	Place	Open	Women	Place	Open	Women
1º	US350	US350	1º	US350	US350	1º	US350	US350
2º	US150	US150	2º	US150	US150	2º	US150	US150

*****The amounts indicated correspond to the face value of the Participation Bonds and will not be paid in cash.**

4.3. The final team (country) ranking in each section will be determined by the sum of points obtained by the five (5) best-placed players from each tournament in each category, where fifth place receives 1 point and first place receives 5 points. The country with the highest total points will be declared champion.

5. TIEBREAK PROCEDURES:

In the event of a tie, the final standings will be determined by applying the following tiebreak systems in the order listed:

- a. Direct Encounter.
- b. Buchholz Cut 1.



- c. Buchholz.
- d. Sonneborn-Berger.
- e. Greater Number of Wins
- f. Progressive Score.

6. SCHEDULE (Panama Time):

6.1. The tournament schedule is organized as follows according to playing category: on July 11, 2026, the age-group categories — Under-18, Under-16, Under-14, Under-12, Under-10, and Under-08 — will compete across all nine (9) rounds. On July 12, 2026, the Open and Women's categories will play their nine (9) rounds in full.

SCHEDULE (Panama Time):			
U-18 to U-08	Activity	Date	Time
	Technical Meeting:	July 9	7:00 pm
	Practice Tournament:	July 10	7:00 pm
	Round 1:	July 11	9:30 am
	Round 2:	July 11	10:15 am
	Round 3:	July 11	11:00 am
	Round 4:	July 11	11:45 am
	Round 5:	July 11	12:30 pm
	Lunch Break:	July 11	1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
	Round 6:	July 11	2:00 pm
	Round 7:	July 11	2:45 pm
	Round 8:	July 11	3:30 pm
Round 9:	July 11	4:15 pm	

SCHEDULE (Panama Time):			
OPEN & WOMEN	Activity	Date	Time
	Technical Meeting:	July 9	7:00 pm
	Practice Tournament:	July 10	7:00 pm
	Round 1:	July 12	9:30 am
	Round 2:	July 12	10:15 am
	Round 3:	July 12	11:00 am
	Round 4:	July 12	11:45 am
	Round 5:	July 12	12:30 pm
	Lunch Break:	July 12	1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
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7. REGISTRATION:

7.1. Registration is completely free and open to all eligible players from participating Federations, with no limit on participants per category.

7.2. Registrations must be submitted by the respective National Federation through the official registration form available at: <https://vn6oxdqswv.zite.so/>

7.3. The following information is required for each player:

- Last name(s) and first name(s) (as they appear on the FIDE Rating list), email address associated with their Torneo account, date of birth, gender, category, FIDE Rapid Rating, FIDE ID (mandatory).

7.4. The registration deadline is **July 5, 2026**.

8. VENUES:

8.1. All players will compete under the hybrid system from their country's venues approved by the organization (CCA), under the responsibility of the local organizer and arbiter.

8.2. Each venue must install the required number of panoramic cameras, which will be connected to the Organization's video call to ensure broad supervision. Additionally, each player must be monitored by a camera on a video call under the local arbiter's control, which the arbiters' panel may access at any time upon request.

8.3. Electronic devices used for the games may be provided by the local organizer or by the players themselves.

8.4. Local organizers will be responsible for the costs associated with the conditions established above.

8.5. The final layout of each venue must be approved by the Chief Arbiter.

8.6. The Chief Arbiter or the Fair Play Panel may conduct virtual or in-person inspections of any venue before or during the event.

9. FAIR PLAY RULES:

9.1. At each venue, fair play measures must be applied in accordance with the FIDE Online Chess Regulations. Unless authorized by the arbiter, the use of a mobile phone or any communication device is prohibited in the playing area or any other area designated by the arbiter.

9.2. Only arbiters and players are permitted in the playing area during rounds.



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9.3. A player may be expelled from the tournament for violation of fair play rules, by decision of the Chief Arbiter or the Fair Play Panel. All games will be subjected to engine analysis.

The final standings will be published after the review of all games on Chess-Results.

9.4. Players may use a PC or Laptop during games with a webcam. A second device or any other software/application is not permitted during games.

9.5. Players must download and install Zoom at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/download>. If a player fails to join Zoom at the published start time for a round or turns off their camera, it may result in the loss of the game. Players agree that the arbiter may unmute their microphone when deemed necessary. In countries where Zoom is not available, another VCS will be used.

9.6. For any situation not described in these regulations, the FIDE Online Chess Regulations shall apply.

9.7. The Fair Play Panel will act in accordance with the FIDE Fair Play Regulations and the current FIDE Online Chess Regulations.

9.8. The organization reserves the right to review games, video recordings, platform logs, and any other technical evidence after the conclusion of the tournament.

10. ADDITIONAL RULES:

10.1. Server failure: In the event that a server fails during a game, CCA will take appropriate measures based on the duration of the failure. Completed games are always valid.

10.2. If all players at a venue disconnect simultaneously during a round, the country responsible is entitled to reconnect provided the affected players still have time on their clocks. If the time expires, they forfeit the game unless the opponent cannot win. If reconnection is possible, the Chief Arbiter may decide to adjust the clocks or restart the games from move one, depending on circumstances in extreme and rare cases.

10.3. The Tornelo Platform provides players with a “Call the Arbiter” option. This button pauses the clocks and its sole purpose is to request assistance from the sector or local arbiter in specific situations. Misuse of this option may result in the forfeiture of the game for the offending player.

10.4. CCA bears no responsibility for technical problems that arise during play at the venues.

10.5. For any situation not covered by these regulations, the arbiter shall decide.



11. LOCAL ORGANIZATION:

11.1. The Chief Arbiter at each venue will be appointed by CCA in agreement with each local organizer. Local organizers will cover the costs of local arbiters.

11.2. Additionally, CCA will appoint a Central Arbiters' Panel, an Appeals Committee, and a Fair Play Panel to oversee the event.

11.3. Local Arbiters are accountable to the Chief Arbiter and the Central Arbiters' Panel of the Championship and are part of the Arbiters' team.

12. APPEALS COMMITTEE:

12.1. The Appeals Committee shall consist of a chairperson (designated by CCA), two full members, and two alternates. It is preferable that no two members come from the same country.

12.2. No member shall serve on the Committee adjudicating a dispute if their country is involved.

12.3. The following matters may be subject to rulings by the Appeals Committee:

- a. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director.
- b. Complaints regarding improper conduct by participants at the event.
- c. A complaint based on misinterpretation of the regulations.
- d. A protest or complaint against any participant.
- e. Any other matter the Committee deems important and worthy of deliberation.
- f. Fair Play decisions will be handled in accordance with the FIDE Fair Play Regulations and shall not fall within the jurisdiction of the tournament Appeals Committee.

12.4. Any appeal regarding aspects of the competition must be submitted within fifteen (15) minutes after the end of the round in which the disputed event occurred. The appeal must be submitted in writing and accompanied by as much supporting evidence as possible. It must be delivered to the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director, in writing or by email, in which case an immediate acknowledgment of receipt is required.

12.5. An appeal fee of fifty US dollars (US\$50) is established as a mandatory and non-refundable prerequisite for all appeals submitted; this amount must be delivered together with the appeal or deposited into CCA's bank account. If the appeal is unsuccessful, the amount will remain with CCA. If the ruling is in favor of the appellant, the amount will be refunded. The fee may also be returned even if the appeal is unsuccessful, provided the Committee considers it reasonable.

12.6. The appeal must be submitted through the delegate.

12.7. The submission of an appeal does not suspend the effects of the decision made by the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director, which are immediate.



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12.8. Once the appeal has been submitted, the Committee will proceed to examine the evidence. For this purpose, it may take statements from any person as necessary, conduct technical consultations, and engage in other forms of inquiry.

12.9. The Appeals Committee shall strive to find acceptable solutions in the spirit of FIDE and CCA. It may resolve disputed matters with or without disciplinary measures, applying the Online Chess Laws, which provide for the penalization of players who violate the rules, as well as any other sanctions established in the specific regulations of the event or in these rules.

12.10. The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final.

13. MISCELLANEOUS:

13.1. Threefold repetition of position and the 50-move rule will result in a draw automatically by the platform or, failing that, by the arbiter.

13.2. CCA reserves the right to modify the schedule, update the regulations, or decide on matters not mentioned in these regulations.

13.3. For further information, please contact the organizing committee:

Emails: fideamericaoficial@gmail.com and circuitohibridodelasamericas@gmail.com

13.4. By registering, participants authorize the organization, CCA, and FIDE to use photographs, videos, videoconference recordings, sports results, and other materials generated during the event for sporting, promotional, and institutional archival purposes.

14. ARBITERS' PANEL:

Chief Arbiter:

Al Geber Eloy Díaz (VEN)

Supervisory Arbiters:

Al Bárbara López-Chávez Mariño (CUB)

Al Carolina Muñoz Solís (CRC)

Al Sadiqah Razark (TTO)

Al Ulises Hernández Bermúdez (VEN)

AN Marjoire Bocángel Chávez (PER)



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Annex I

Playing Venue Requirements

General:

Playing areas must be selected and set up by the local organizer and approved by CCA.

Supervision:

At each playing venue, the required number of panoramic cameras must be installed to ensure a wide field of view. Additionally, each player must be monitored by a camera (webcam or panoramic).

At each playing venue, Zoom calls with screen sharing are mandatory. In countries where Zoom is not available, another VCS may be used.

Local Arbiters:

Arbiters should preferably hold the IA or FA title and have attended courses on online/hybrid events organized by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission, or have experience with this type of event.

Electronic Devices:

The venue must provide a designated space for storing all electronic devices not authorized by the arbiter.

Special Requirements:

The bandwidth must be sufficient to support panoramic cameras, video calls, and screen sharing for all players.

Electrical outlets to connect all computers and other devices.

A wired internet connection is recommended, using two different internet signals that switch automatically between connections.

Other:

Tables must be arranged in a classroom layout, with the arbiter positioned at the back. Playing venues will be inspected a few days before the start of the tournament.

Restrooms must be reserved exclusively for players and arbiters.

Players must log in to the VCS and the playing platform at least one hour before the start of the game.



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