



*Confederation of Chess of the Americas
&
Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association*

CCA – TTCA

**Central America and the Caribbean
Youth Chess Festival 2015**

August 13th to August 20th, 2015

Welcome

Welcome to the twin-island republic of Trinidad and Tobago! In this small diverse nation of Trinidad & Tobago you'll find more than swaying palms and sun-kissed beaches. When you visit these historic islands you'll enjoy a multicultural feast prepared by descendants of settlers from Europe, Africa, Asia, South America and the Middle East. There is no place in the world quite like our tiny twin-island republic of 1.3 million multi-ethnic people. Our country presents a dual experience – from the cosmopolitan, bustling towns of Trinidad, to lazy days sunbathing on pristine beaches in Tobago. For more please visit:

<http://www.gotrinidadandtobago.com>

Invitation

The Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA) and the Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association (TTCA), are pleased to invite all National Federations of the CAC Regions to the Central America and the Caribbean Youth Chess Festival, to be held at: **Cascadia Hotel, Ariapita Rd., St. Anns, Trinidad**, from 13th August through 20th August, 2015.



The tournament will be held under the following general conditions.

I. GENERAL CONDITIONS

Rules and Regulations

The CAC Youth Festival 2015 will be held according to the FIDE Rules of Chess, the CCA Regulations for Regional Youth Chess Festivals and the following General Conditions within this invitation.

Categories

Absolute and Female tournaments in each of Under 18, Under 16, Under 14, Under 12, Under 10 and Under 8 categories will be played. If any one or more categories have insufficient participants, the organisers may merge two or more for the purpose of pairing of players.

Under 8: Players must not have attained the age of 8 as of 1st January 2015

Under 10: Players must not have attained the age of 10 as of 1st January 2015

Under 12: Players must not have attained the age of 12 as of 1st January 2015

Under 14: Players must not have attained the age of 14 as of 1st January 2015

Under 16: Players must not have attained the age of 16 as of 1st January 2015

Under 18: Players must not have attained the age of 18 as of 1st January 2015

Only Federations who are affiliated to Fide-CCA can participate. All participants must register through his/her National Federation.

Each National Chess Federation can register any number of players, subject to payment of their registration fee, board and lodging, for which they or their National Federation shall be held responsible.

System of Play

- The Games will be a Swiss System of **nine (9) rounds** or Round Robin depending on the number of players and at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.
- The rhythm of play will be **ninety (90) minutes** for all the moves plus an increment of **thirty (30) seconds** per move from the initial move. The tournaments will be Fide-Rated.



Tie-Breaks

The final placings will be decided by the points obtained by each player. The player who obtains the most points will be declared the Champion. In the case of ties, the winners will be decided by the implementation of the following tie-break systems in the order mentioned:

1. Direct Encounter – Once the players have all played each other
2. Bulcholz
3. Sonnenberger
4. Most wins
5. Games with Black
6. Youngest Age

In the event of a round-robin tournament, the following tie break system will be applied:

1. Direct Encounter
2. Sonnenberger
3. Koya System
4. Most Wins
5. Games with black
6. Youngest age

Pairings & Results

Before the beginning of the First Round of the Championship, a list with all the names of participants will be published at the playing hall. The Pairings will be published at least **one hour** after the last game of each round, at the tournament's Official webpage or Chess-results.com and at the venue's hall.

Discipline

- a. The Championship Organisers expects the highest standards of behaviour and fair play by the participants.
- b. Default Time: One (1) hour.

Prizes

Individual: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the players taking the first three places in each category, Absolute and Female.

Team: The top three CAC region Countries, based on total points, will receive trophies. Points will be accumulated based on top 5 results among all official categories, where a 5th place finish will receive 1 point and a 1st place finish will receive 5 points.

All players will be given certificates of participation.

Titles and Norms

Titles and Norms shall be awarded as per Fide Regulations below:

Event	IM/WIM	FM/WFM	CM/WCM
Regional U18	Gold-Title 1 st equal-Norm	Silver & Bronze-Title	
Regional U16	Gold-Norm	1 st equal-Title	Silver & Bronze-Title
Regional U14; U12		Gold-Title	Silver & Bronze-Title
Regional U10; U8			1 st equal; Silver & Bronze-Title

ARBITER SEMINAR

An Arbiter Seminar shall run concurrently with the CAC Youth Chess Festival 2015. Additional details would be posted on chestt.org and Fide America's website www.fideamerica.com.



II. THE EVENT TIME TABLE

Date	Time	Activity
August 13, 2015	12.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.	Arrival & Registration
August 13, 2015	6:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony
August 13, 2015	4.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Arbiter Seminar
August 14, 2015	8:30 am	Technical Meeting
August 14, 2015	10.00 a.m.	Round 1
August 14, 2015	4.30 p.m.	Round 2
August 15, 2015	10.00 a.m.	Round 3
August 15, 2015	4.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	Arbiter Seminar
August 16, 2015	10:00 a.m.	Round 4
August 16, 2015	4:30 p.m.	Round 5
August 17, 2015	10:00 a.m.	Round 6
August 17, 2015	4.00 p.m.- 10.00 p.m.	Arbiter Seminar
August 18, 2015	10:00 a.m.	Round 7
August 18, 2015	4:30 p.m.	Round 8
August 19, 2015	9:00 a.m.	Round 9
August 19, 2015	3:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremony
August 19, 2015	5.00 p.m. -8.00 p.m.	Arbiter Exam
August 20, 2015	12.00 p.m.	Check-Out

III. PARTICIPANTS' COSTS

1. Covered costs

The Organisation will cover the costs for accommodation and meals for the previous CAC Champion 2014 in each category. Additionally, costs will be covered for one official player, per category and gender, from each federation belonging to the CAC Region.

The organisers will also cover the cost of **One (1)** Manager/Coach from each participating country.

Note: 1) For the official players, the Organisers will provide shared accommodation and meals in **triple** occupancy. Those who wish to have single or double accommodation, shall pay the additional cost as per schedule under 'Accommodation'.

Coaches/Managers will be accommodated in shared accommodation in **triple** occupancy. Those who wish to have single accommodation, shall pay the additional cost as per schedule under 'Accommodation'.

2) All official players and coaches/managers will receive meals from dinner on **13th August** to breakfast on **20th August, 2015**.

3) The Carifta official category champions are considered as official players depending on their compliance age.

Registration

a. It is recommended that Pre-Registration of the participants be made by their respective Federations, in writing via email, with the following details of each participant: Name, FIDE Title, FIDE ID, FIDE Elo, Date of birth, e-mail address* and Fed name, on or before **July 22nd 2015** to the following email address:

CACYouth2015@gmail.com

*All players must provide their personal email address upon pre-registration for FIDE America records.



b. All foreign players, without exception, must pay **USD 120.00** which includes, the CCA entry fee (**USD15.00**), organiser's fee, accreditation fee and transportation fee to and from the airport.

The costs for managers, coaches, accompanying persons would be **USD 75.00** which includes transportation and accreditation fees.

Organisers reserve the right to make changes to these arrangements on a case by case basis.

Players who have not paid by the beginning of the tournament will not be paired.

Participants who pre-register after **July 22nd, 2015** will be penalized by paying an additional **US\$50.00** which represents the late registration fee. The rationale being that the organisers need sufficient lead time to confirm the hotel reservations for the participants and accompanying persons. The deadline for late pre-registration is **August 4th, 2015**.

c. On the day of registration, only the coach/manager may register players. The original passport or ID must be provided for each player.

d. The Organisation will only accept pre-registrations sent by their respective National Federations.

e. The onsite registrations will close on **13th August 2015, at 8:00 p.m.**

Payment

Payment of registration fees and accommodation must be made by **Bank Wire Transfer** by **July 22nd, 2015** or as otherwise authorized by the Organisers.

Funds to be sent to:

Wells Fargo Bank N.A.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Swift code: PNBUS3NNYC or ABA 026005092
For Credit to: Swift Code FCTTTTPS
First Citizens Bank Ltd.
One Woodbrook Place
Woodbrook
Trinidad & Tobago
Beneficiary: TTCA
Beneficiary Account No.:2016303

On completion of wire transfer, a scanned copy of the transfer receipt should be emailed to TTCA's Secretary and Treasurer at:

Secretary: Sandy Razark; e-mail: srazark@yahoo.com

Treasurer: Debra Walcott; email: thewalcott@tstt.net.tt

Once the payment transfer is confirmed, the organizing committee will send the respective Chess Federation, the confirmation of the hotel reservations.



IV. ACCOMMODATION*

The following accommodation arrangements shall be made available to players, coaches, managers, accompanying persons etc.

Hotel	Single US\$	Double US\$	Triple US\$	Quadruple US\$
Cascadia Hotel	880	625	550	500

Prices are **per person** and are inclusive of all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the period **August 13, 2015 (p.m.) to August 20, 2015 (a.m.)**.

* **Important:** The Organisers are not responsible for any Participants (chess players, parents, coaches, trainers and managers) who choose to stay outside the official hotel of the Organisation. Participants who do not stay at the official hotel shall pay an exoneration fee of **US\$100.00**.

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

The organisers have negotiated with the hotel to maintain the same level of pricing for accommodation and meals pre- and post-tournament dates for CAC participants during the month of August.

V. TRANSPORTATION

Transportation expenses of the participating delegations, from their place of origin to Trinidad (and vice versa), are the responsibility of each federation.

Transfers from the airport-hotel and hotel-airport (round trip) will be provided and are included in the registration costs. Federations must inform the organisers about their participants' flight schedules **at least 2 weeks** in advance of arrival.



VI. OTHER INFORMATION

Media

All journalists are welcome and those who wish to participate in the event may contact the Organisers for accreditation.

Organising Committee

- Sonja Johnson, Organising Committee Chairperson, 1st Vice President-TTCA
- Sandy Razark, Secretary- TTCA
- Debra Walcott, Treasurer-TTCA

Arbiters

Russell Smith IA, Chief Arbiter

The Deputy Arbiter and assistant arbiters would be selected at the discretion of the TTCA and in accordance with Fide Regulations for arbiter selection at Regional Tournaments.

Appeals Committee

At the Technical Meeting, the appeals committee will be constituted by seven (7) representatives of the Federations: five (5) principal representatives and two (2) substitutes. No member of the appeals committee shall adjudicate on matters involving his/her federation.

Communication

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Website: www.chesstt.org

The Trinidad and Tobago Chess Association (TTCA) is excited to be your host for this highly anticipated tournament and looks forward to overwhelming participation by the member federations to make this event one of the most memorable CAC Youth Chess Festivals ever!

