





Metro North Schools Chess Individual Trials 2026

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Primary Schools	Secondary Schools
Dates: 07 & 08 February 2026 Venue: Parow North Primary School Venue Map: CLICK HERE Registration: CLICK HERE  WhatsApp Click here to join	Dates: 14 & 15 February 2026 Venue: DF Akademie Venue Map: CLICK HERE Registration: CLICK HERE  WhatsApp Click here to join

Sections	Criteria	Time Control	Entry Fee
U19 Girls & U19 Boys [Players born 2007 to 2008]	6 Round Swiss – Chess SA Rated	55+5 sipm	R100 PER PLAYER
U17 Girls & U17 Boys [Players born 2009 to 2010]	6 Round Swiss – Chess SA Rated	55+5 sipm	R100 PER PLAYER
U15 Girls & U15 Boys [Players born 2011 to 2012]	6 Round Swiss – Chess SA Rated	55+5 sipm	R100 PER PLAYER
U13 Girls & U13 Boys [Players born 2013 to 2014]	6 Round Swiss – Chess SA Rated	55+5 sipm	R100 PER PLAYER
U11 Girls & U11 Boys [Players born 2015 to 2016]	6 Round Swiss – Chess SA Rated	55+5 sipm	R100 PER PLAYER
U9 Girls & U9 Boys [Players born 2017 to 2018]	6 Round Swiss – Chess SA Rated	55+5 sipm	R100 PER PLAYER
U7 Girls & U7 Boys [Players born 2019 & later]	6 Round Swiss – Chess SA Rated	55+5 sipm	R100 PER PLAYER

***DEPENDING ON NUMBERS CERTAIN AGE GROUPS MAY ONLY PLAY 5 ROUNDS**

***THE LOC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO COMBINE SECTIONS SHOULD THEY DEEM IT NECESSARY**

LOC CONTACT DETAILS

Tournament Director	Registration Officer	Chief Arbiter
Paul Wilson Cell: 083 461 8742 metronorthchairperson@gmail.com	Lize-Mari van der Bank Cell: 83 389 3134 metronorthsecretary@gmail.com	PA Paul Wilson Cell: 083 461 8742 metronorthchairperson@gmail.com

PLAYING SCHEDULE – PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Saturday 07 February	Round 1: 09h00 Round 2: 11h30 Round 3: 14h00	Sunday 08 February	Round 4: 09h00 Round 5: 11h30 Round 6: 14h00	PRIZE GIVING 16h30
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***ROUNDS MAY BE ACCELERATED**

PLAYING SCHEDULE – SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Saturday 14 February	Round 1: 09h00 Round 2: 11h30 Round 3: 14h00	Sunday 15 February	Round 4: 09h00 Round 5: 11h30 Round 6: 14h00	PRIZE GIVING 16h30
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BANKING DETAILS

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT DEADLINE: Monday, 02 February 2026 at 21:00

REGISTRATION FEE: R100 PER PLAYER

Account Name: WESTERN PROVINCE SCHOOLS CHESS

Account Number: 62 33 55 43 204

Account Type: Cheque

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Parow


Bank Code: 200510

Reference: Player surname and initials, age group and district: **e.g. Carlsen-M-u9-N.**

Email proof of payment to: metronorthsecretary@gmail.com no later than 02 February 2026.

ANNOUNCEMENT

*Make a lasting impact – Please support Metro North in acquiring much-needed chess clocks & equipment. Kindly contribute by paying into the WP Schools Chess account with the reference: **METRO NORTH***

 **WhatsApp Communication:** Please join the **Metro North Individual 2026** WhatsApp groups. All draws, results etc. will be posted on these groups.

[Primary Schools JOIN HERE](#)

[High Schools JOIN HERE](#)

REGISTRATION

- **Registration & Payment deadline: Monday, 02 February 2026 at 21:00**
- Registration of a player is only completed once Proof of Payment has been sent and the player is registered in the correct section.
- **NO LATE ENTRIES OR REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.**
- **THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATION ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT.**
- Each school may only enter their **top 15 players**.
- A school may apply to register **more than 15 players**. A motivational email should be sent to Paul Wilson at metronorthchairperson@gmail.com applying for these extra players.
- A maximum of **250** players will be allowed to participate in each event.
- Withdrawal of players must be done no later than Thursday, 05 February 2026 at 17:00 (Primary School) and Thursday, 12 February 2026 at 17:00 (Secondary Schools). Notice must be sent to Paul Wilson at metronorthchairperson@gmail.com.
- No refunds of entry fees paid will be made for players that withdraw from the tournament after the closing date.

Cape Town Metro Schools Chess Website: <https://ctmetrochess.org.za/>

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- **PLAYERS TO BE SEATED BY 08h45 FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- **SAFEGUARDING:** Please note that player/s remain the responsibility of their school or parents. It is, therefore, essential for a guardian to accompany the players
- **AGE GROUPS:** Players must compete in the age group they currently qualify for and are NOT permitted to play in a higher or lower age group.
- **FORMAT:** Please note that this is a Swiss system event, not a knockout event. Players are not eliminated after losing a match and are required to complete all the rounds as specified. Failure to do so will result in a reduction of rating points.
- **TIME CONTROL:** 55+5 SIPM
- **DEFAULT TIME:** There is no Default time for the first round for all sections of the tournament.
Players who are not seated at their board at the scheduled starting time of the first round will be removed from the pairings and their opponents may be manually paired with another available player.
The subsequent Default time is **10 minutes** from **round 2**
- **TIE BREAKS:**
 1. Direct Encounter
 2. Buchholtz
 3. Sonnenborn-Berger
 4. Average Opponent Rating
 5. Most Victories
- **NOTATION:** It is compulsory for under 11, 13, 15, 17 and 19 players to notate their games in accordance with the laws of Chess. Notation sheets will be provided. Players must provide their own pens.
- Appeals must be done in writing and accompanied by a R200 fee (refundable if appeal is successful).
- Appeals must be done within 20 minutes of the incident of the round in question and before the publishing of the next round.
- Written appeal will contain a copy of the notation of the game in contention. Without the evidence (written appeal and notation) no dispute will be entertained.
- No parents or spectators are allowed in the designated playing area.
- All players must wear their school attire. Players will not be allowed to play if they do not wear their school attire.
- Players that have finished their games shall leave the playing hall; not return before the next round.
- No game analysis can be done in playing area.
- Players must make sure the results are recorded correctly.
- Photographs of the players may be taken during the event & during prizegiving. All players are deemed to allow publication of photographs of them taken at the event by the organisers for publicity purposes unless they inform the organizers otherwise.
- The use of cell phones, smartwatches, or any electronic devices is strictly prohibited in the playing area. If a player is found in possession of any such device during a match, they will immediately forfeit the game.
- The players are not allowed to eat food or snacks during the games. One cool drink per player in a container with a sports cap will be allowed at the table.
- We currently do not have enough clocks for all the players. If you have any available, please bring them along.
- By completing the registration, the parent/guardian/player gives consent for the publication of the player's name, surname, gender, date of birth, school & Chess SA ID on www.chessresults.com for the purpose of tournament pairings and administration as well as submission to Chess SA for rating.