



DISTRICT SOUTH SCHOOLS CHESS INDIVIDUAL TRIALS 2026

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Date: 7,8 February 2026

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Venue: Heathfield High School

[**VENUE MAP**](#)

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

PLAYING SCHEDULE

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| Saturday 7 February | <i>Round 1: 09h00</i> <i>Round 2: 11h30</i> <i>Round 3: 14h00</i> | Sunday 8 February | <i>Round 4: 09h00</i> <i>Round 5: 11h30</i> <i>Round 6: 14h00</i> | PRIZE GIVING 16h30 |
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***ROUNDS MAY BE ACCELERATED**



BANKING DETAILS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday 30 January at 21:00
REGISTRATION FEE R100

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. Ndlovu-A-u9-S.**
 Email proof of payment to: **districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com** no later than 30 January.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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

Communication: Please join the **District South Individual 2026** WhatsApp group. All draws, results etc. will be posted on this group.



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REGISTRATION

Registration deadline: Friday 30 January 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 Clementine Diedericks at **districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com** applying for these extra players.
- A maximum of 250 players will be allowed to participate in the event.
- Withdrawal of players must be done no later than 2 February 2026. Notice must be sent to Clementine Diedericks at **districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com**
- No refunds of entry fees paid will be made for players that withdraw from the tournament after the closing date.



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. Sonneborn-Berger
 4. Average Opponent Rating
 5. Most Victories
- **GENERAL REGULATIONS**
 - 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
- All participants shall notate the moves in accordance with the laws of Chess.
- Players must make sure the results are recorded correctly.
- Photographs of players may be taken during the event & during prize giving.
- 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

LOC CONTACT DETAILS

| Tournament Director | Registration Officer | Chief Arbiter |
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| Ricardo Minnaar 081 546 2221 | Clementine Diedericks districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com | Ricardo Minnaar 081 546 2221 |

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<https://ctmetrochess.org.za/>

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- ✓ News and updates from the Metro chess community