



Chess-in-the-Vaal Academy Open Blitz Tournament, 26 September 2026

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Entry Enquiries: Yolande Blignaut (081 737 8449)

Chess Tournament:

Information	Venue	Program
9 Rounds, Swiss 3 + 2, Chess SA rated.	Driehoek High School 62 Ramsbottom Street SE2 Vanderbijlpark	Registration: 07h00 to 07h30, Pairings: 07h30 to 07h45, Opening: 07h50, Round1: 08h00 (thereafter rate-of-play)

Online Entries - <https://forms.gle/up4xmQg1wbyhtFw16>

WhatsApp Group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LqqF71ajJxXGOz7dYJI0dd?s=cl&p=a&mlu=4&ilr=4>

Chess Sections:

	Section A	Section B
	Born 2012 and earlier	Born in 2013 and later
	Chess SA rated	Chess SA rated
Entry Fee	R100	R80
1 st Prize	R500 and Medal	Medal
2 nd Prize	R200 and Medal	Medal
3 rd Prize	R100 and Medal	Medal
Best Female	Medal	Medal

Time control = 3 + 2(3 minutes starting time each + 2 seconds increment per move, starting from move 1)

The following **tie-break systems** will be used (in the order listed):

1) Score; 2) Direct Encounter; 3) Bucholz; 4) Tournament Performance; 5) Sonneborn-Berger; 6) Cumulative

Tournament Arrangements:

- 1.) Right of admission reserved. Organisers reserve the right to combine sections.
- 2.) No prize money will be awarded to any player, who plays in the wrong section, whatever the reason may be.
- 3.) Prize money will not be shared but allocated according to the results from the tie-break systems.
- 4.) Players must attend prize-giving, to qualify for prizes. This will be held after the last round in each section.
- 5.) No more than one prize will be awarded to any player, and prizes will not be shared.
- 6.) **Prize money will be adjusted as per organisers discretion if less than 15 players.**
- 7.) Players will be allowed to play in a higher section, but not lower.
- 8.) **Round1 will be forfeited** should you not have entered and paid before the close of registration (07h30) and **you will start from Round2.**
- 9.) Players must ensure that they are sitting at the correct boards. Players found to be playing at the wrong board will forfeit the game.
- 10.) Notation not compulsory



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- 11.) No parent or player will be allowed in the chess playing area (space where the chess equipment is placed) or the PC operator table, before the tournament has started.
- 12.) No item may be sold or traded by any person other than those given permission, in writing, by the tournament organiser.
- 13.) By entering this tournament, the player agrees unconditionally to abide by all the rules and regulations.
- 14.) The organisers of the tournament are not responsible for the safety of players or their property.
- 15.) Latest Fide, Chess SA and Sedibeng Tournament rules will apply.
- 16.) Only players who are registered with Chess SA and have paid their yearly Chess SA registration fees in full (are in good standing with Chess SA) will be able to gain rating points.
- 17.) Tuck shop available. **Chess equipment will be on sale (Susan Mittermaier – 076 750 6680).**
- 18.) No alcohol consumption or smoking on the premises.
- 19.) **Pairings will also be displayed prominently at the venue. It remains the player's responsibility to know their board number, colour and start time of the next round. There will also be a WhatsApp group for the tournament. Please make sure you join the group.**

Registration process (Online Entries Only):

- 1) Complete one entry form per player.
- 2) **All payments to: Chess-In-The-Vaal Blitz Doubles, Capitec, Savings account 242 680 7985**
- 3) No refunds. If you withdraw or do not show up, you forfeit your entry fee.
- 4) For EFT payments please use **BLITZ, Player's Name, Surname and Section as reference.**
- 5) **Closing date: Thursday 24 September 2026 @ 20:00**
- 6) Only players whose payments have been confirmed, will be published and put into the pairings for Round1.
- 7) It will be each player's own responsibility to check the players list on www.chess-results.com on and refer all queries to **Yolande Blignaut (081 737 8449)** before **Friday evening 20h00.**
- 8) POPI Act: By registering for the tournament, players/parents grant permission that photographs or videos may be taken at the tournament and used on social media.