



MKHELELE CHESS ACADEMY

Checkmate for Change
02 May 2026
Bedworth Centre



**MKHELELE
CHESS ACADEMY NPC**
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CHECKMATE, ENDS THE GAME!!

Tournament Director/Safeguarding Officer: Mr Thembekile Mdluli 060 306 5085

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Information	Venue	Program
Format: 5 Rounds, Swiss 15/15+5 ALL Sections will be RATED Chess SA	Bedworth Centre	Registration: Online Pairings: 09h00am First Round: 09h15am and thereafter rate of play applies

Criteria	Section A CHESS SA RATED	Section B CHESS SA RATED	Section C CHESS SA RATED	Section D CHESS SA RATED
School Category	Primary Schools		High Schools	
Age category	Under 12	Under 14	Under 16	Under 20
Registration Fee	R50 (Primary Schools) and R80 (High Schools)			
All Winners, Position 1, 2, 3 and Best Female will receive MEDALS				

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

- 1) Score, 2) Direct Encounter, 3) Buchholz cut1, 4) Buchholz, 5) Sonneborn-Berger and 6) Average Ratings of Opponents

Tournament Arrangements:

- 1) Right of admission reserved. Organisers reserve the right to combine sections.
- 2) No more than one prize will be awarded to any player,
- 3) Players not seated within 15min after the official start of the round, will forfeit the game.
- 4) Players to bring their own pen/pencil and notation paper.
- 5) No player will be allowed in the chess playing area (space where the chess equipment is placed and the PC operator table), before the tournament has started.
- 6) By entering this tournament, the player agrees unconditionally to abide by all the rules and regulations.
- 7) The organisers of the tournament are not responsible for the safety of players or their property.
- 8) Latest Fide, Chess SA and Sedibeng Tournament rules will apply.
- 9) Only players who have registered Chess SA and paid their yearly Chess SA registration fees for the year will be able to gain rating points.
- 10) Sofia Rules will apply - players are not allowed to agree to a draw during the first 30 moves of a game unless there are unavoidable circumstances like perpetual check, threefold repetition, or a completely symmetrical position, and these draws must be approved by the tournament arbiter.
- 11) **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.