Queens Gambit Chess Open
28 November 2026

General Enquiries: Susan Mittermaier (076 750 6680)

Entry Enquiries: Yolande Blignaut (081 737 8449)

Chess Tournament:

Information	Venue	Program
Format: 5 Rounds, **Swiss 50/50min + 10 sipm**, **Chess SA rated**. **Win = 3, Draw = 1, Loss = 0**	Driehoek High School 62 Ramsbottom Street SE2 Vanderbijlpark **All payments to:** **ABSA Cheque account:** **405 172 6790 (Sedibeng Chess)**	**Registration:** 07h00 to 07h30, **(Registration = Confirm presence and attendance and paid)** **Pairings:** 07h30 to 07h45, **Opening:** 07h50, **Round1:** 08h00 (thereafter rate-of-play)

Online Entry Form : https://forms.gle/kWLCwcBzytiWcAse6
WhatsApp Group : https://chat.whatsapp.com/EpyTCduHAMgCgAvaVP2Uy7?s=cl&p=a&iam=2

Chess Sections:

Sections	Section A	Section B	Section C	Section D	Section E	Section F
Ratings	All **non-Sedibeng players** with a **Chess SA rating of 1600 or higher** must play in either **Section A or Section B**					
Age	**Open**	**U18 (2009/2010)**	**U16 (2011/2012)**	**U14 (2013 / 2014)**	**U12 (2015 / 2016)**	**U10 & U08 (2017 & Later)**
Entry Fee	R200	R150	R150	R100	R100	R100
1st Prizes	R700 Gold Medal	R300 Gold Medal	R150 Gold Medal	Gold Medal	Gold Medal	Gold Medal
2nd Prizes	R400 Silver Medal	R200 Silver Medal	R100 Silver Medal	Silver Medal	Silver Medal	Silver Medal
3rd Prizes	R200 Bronze Medal	R150 Bronze Medal	R50 Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal	Bronze Medal
Best Female Prizes	R100 Medal	R100 Medal	R50 Medal	Medal	Medal	Medal

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

1) **Match Points**, 2) Direct Encounter, 3) Buchholz, 4) Tournament Performance, 5) Sonneborn-Berger and 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) Players must attend prize-giving, to qualify for prizes. This will be held after the last round in each section.
4) No more than one prize will be awarded to any player, and prizes will not be shared.
5) Prize money will be adjusted as per organisers discretion if less than 15 players per section.
6) A bonus cash prize (where there is prize money) will be awarded to any player finishing 1st, 2nd, 3rd or Best Female, and who wins both of their final two rounds.
7) Players will be allowed to play in higher sections, but not lower.
8) Players not seated within 15min after the official start of the round, will forfeit the game, unless the Arbiter decides otherwise.

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9) **Round1 will be forfeited** should you not have entered and paid before the close of registration (07h30) and **you will start from Round2**.
10) Players to bring their own pen/pencil and notation paper.
11) No parent or 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.
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 have registered with Chess SA and with a Chess SA ID will be able to gain rating points.
17) Tuck shop available by Host. **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.
20) 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.

Entry process (Online Entries Only):

1) Complete one entry per player.

2) All payments to: ABSA Cheque account: 405 172 6790 (Sedibeng Chess)

3) No refunds. If you withdraw or do not show up, you forfeit your entry fee.

4) For EFT payments please use **CHESS, Player's Name, Surname and Section** as reference.

5) If you cannot EFT, do not pay cash in at the bank or ATM, because Sedibeng Chess is bearing these transaction costs. Rather come and pay cash on the day at the event. Cash payment at the tournament allowed only by arrangement and confirmation from organizer.

6) Email the proof of payment to entries@sedibengchess.co.za

7) Closing date: 26Nov2026 @ 20h00

8) Only players whose payments have been confirmed, will be published and put into the pairings for Round1.

9) It will be each player's own responsibility to check the players list on www.chess-results.com on Friday and refer all queries to: **Yolande Blignaut (081 737 8449)** before Friday evening 20h00.

10) **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.

11) **Registration: 07h00 to 07h30.** Please note that registration during this period is to confirm the players presence and attendance at the tournament and Entry Fees paid. It is extremely important that EVERY player reports their arrival during the registration period so that we can confirm who is present before the tournament begins.

If entry form is not completed in full, entry will not be accepted.

Finding a chess player's Chess SA no or current rating: www.chessa.co.za