



# 2026 Coast Open Chess Championship.

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2026

Bliss Resort, Nyali -Mombasa.

## 1. Invitation

- 1.1 Lighthouse Chess Club has the honor of inviting all chess players affiliated to the International Chess Federation (FIDE) to participate in the **2026 Coast Open Chess Championship**.
- 1.2 This is the official invitation to the 2026 Coast Open Chess Tournament which will be held in Bliss Resort, Nyali, Mombasa from Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2026.

## 2. Registration and payments.

All players wishing to participate are required to register no later than 8pm on the Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 (registration deadline). The deadline will be adhered to and no extension to the same will be done.

2.1 The registrations must be done by all players/ coaches/ Institutions/ clubs/ teams through the Lighthouse Chess Club events portal.

2.2 Link: Link will be provided on the website [www.lighthousechesclub.com](http://www.lighthousechesclub.com)

2.3 Enquires can be done through email: [info@lighthousechessclub.com](mailto:info@lighthousechessclub.com)

2.4 Where registrations are emailed, they must include the players surname/s, first name/s, FIDE ID number, FIDE rating, FIDE title of each player in a team.

2.5 Payment of the registration fees should be done through **Mpesa Buy Goods and Services** till number **970198** and fill in registration on website portal

2.6 Players will not be paired until their full payment obligations have been fulfilled.

### 3. **Entry Fee.**

3.1 The tournament entry fee are as follows;

3.1.1 Corporates - Ksh 3,000/- per player

3.1.2 Open & Ladies - Ksh 2,000/- per player

3.1.3 Juniors - Ksh 1,000/- per player.

### 4. **Travel and accommodation**

4.1 Participating institutions are responsible for their own travel arrangements and accommodation.

### 5. **Playing Schedule**

The Open and U1700 tournament is scheduled to be played over a period of 3 days

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Opening ceremony	09:00 Hrs
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Round 1	09:30 Hrs
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Lunch	13:30 Hrs
Friday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2026	Round 2	14:30 Hrs
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Round 3	08:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Lunch	12:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Round 4	13:00 Hrs
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Round 5	08:00 Hrs
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Lunch	12:00 Hrs
Sunday, 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Round 6	13:00 Hrs
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Prize-Giving	17:00 Hrs

The Junior tournament is scheduled to be played over a period of 1 days

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Opening ceremony	08:30 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Round 1	09:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Round 2	10:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Round 3	11:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Round 4	12:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Lunch	13:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Round 5	14:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Round 6	15:00 Hrs
Saturday, 4th July 2026	Prize-Giving	16:00 Hrs

## 6. Rules and Regulations

6.1 The tournament is Open to all chess players and it will be **FIDE Rated**.

6.2 It will be run according to the **Swiss Pairing System** over a total of **6 rounds**. The tournament will be played **according to Rating sections**.

6.3 The **Open section** will be the category that all players can play.

6.4 Under 1700 section will be the category for players with 1700 FIDE Rating and below.

6.5 The Junior section will be the category for players who are 18 years or younger. (Players born on or after 2008).

6.6 The **time control** for the Open and U1700 games is **90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment per move**.

6.7 The **time control** for the Junior games is **25 minutes per player**.

6.8 No draw offers will be allowed before black has completed his 30th move.

6.9 **Default time** will be **30 minutes**.

6.10 **FIDE regulations will apply as per the FIDE Handbook**.

6.11 Except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter, only the players, the captains, the principals and stewards (-ess) are allowed in a playing area.

6.12 The players and the captains are not permitted to bring into a playing area telephone, technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset their opponents. The Chief Arbiter decides what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent.

6.13 During the playing session, a player may leave a playing area only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

## 7. Prizes and awards

7.1 The **Top 3 Players** in the **Junior category** will be awarded Trophies.

7.2 Individual prizes will be awarded to the Top 5 players in Open and U1700 categories. There will be special prizes.

		OPEN SECTION	
		OPEN PRIZES	LADIES PRIZES
1.	Winner	50,000.00	50,000.00
2.	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up	30,000.00	30,000.00
3.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up	20,000.00	20,000.00
4.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Runner Up	10,000.00	10,000.00
5.	4 <sup>th</sup> Runner Up	5,000.00	5,000.00
6.	Best Veteran	5,000.00	

		U1700 CATEGORY	PRIZES
1.	Winner		30,000.00
2.	1 <sup>st</sup> Runner Up		15,000.00
3.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Runner Up		10,000.00
4.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Runner Up		5,000.00
5.	4 <sup>th</sup> Runner Up		3,000.00
6.	Best Lady		5,000.00
7.	Best University Player		5,000.00
8.	Best PWD		5,000.00
9.	Best U1600		5,000.00
10.	Best Junior		5,000.00
11.	Best Unrated		10,000.00

### 7.4 Conditions of victory

7.4.1 The player with the most points in the final standings of the Open, U1800, U1600 and Junior categories is declared the **2026 Coast Open Chess Champion**.

7.4.2. If two (2) or more players score the same number of points, the tie is broken as follows:

a. Direct encounter (the results of the players in the same point group).

b. Greater number of victories.

c. Buchholz.

d. Sonneborn-Berger.

## 8. Chief Arbiter

The Chief Arbiter of the event will be International Arbiter and FIDE Instructor:  
**IA/FI James Kang'aru Mwangi (FIDE ID:10806245).**

## 9. Tournament Director

The Tournament Director of the event will be FIDE School Instructor and International Organizer:  
**SI/IO Judy Kiragu (FIDE ID: 10812431).**

## 10. Appeals

10.1 Any protest regarding a decision taken by the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within 30 minutes after the completion of the respective game.

10.2 A written protest must be accompanied with the sum of Ksh 2,000/= as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is found to be baseless by the appeals committee, the deposit will be forfeited to the Tournament kitty.

10.3 The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced before the start of the first round.

## 11. Chief Organizer

Please direct any queries related to the tournament to:

Lighthouse Chess Club

Email: [info@lighthousechessclub.com](mailto:info@lighthousechessclub.com)

Tel: +254 715 740 991.

## 12. **Consent for Photography/Videography during the Chess Tournament.**

The organizing committee is committed to ensure privacy and data protection rights of individuals in accordance with the Kenya Data Protection Act 2019, particularly Regulation 20 and 21 concerning the processing of personal data for visual and audio purposes.

During the chess tournament in Aga Khan Academy, Mombasa, we may engage in photography and videography activities to capture the chess games and promote scholastic achievements. This documentation may include images and footage of participants, audience and other individuals at the event.

By participating in the tournament, you acknowledge and consent to the following:

**Consent for Photography/Videography:** You consent to capturing of your image and/or voice during the event.

**Purpose of Capture:** The captured visual and audio will be used for promotional and educational purposes, showcasing the event's success and fostering chess enthusiasm within the school and broader community.

**No Commercial Use:** The captured materials will not be used for any commercial purpose, nor will be sold or transferred to third parties for monetary gain.

**Withdrawal of Consent:** You have the right to withdraw your consent at any time by notifying the event organizers in writing on: [info@lighthousechessclub.com](mailto:info@lighthousechessclub.com)

Your participation in the chess tournament implies your understanding and acceptance of the terms outlined in this consent statement. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the use of visual and audio materials, please contact the organizer prior to the event.