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June 18, 2007

### **Dear Chess Friends**

## INVITATION TO THE CARIBBEAN OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

We are please to extend an invitation to you to participate in our annual international tournament, which will take place from August 8<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007 in Port of Spain, Trinidad at Bishops Anstey High School.

We have added a new section (Open category) to this year's event to cater for senior players as well as for junior players who wish to test their skills against adults.

# Time Limit per game:

The event will be an 8 Rounds Swiss with a time limit of 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds added per move from the first move.

The Junior and Open sections will be played at the same times. Two (2) games will be played daily from 9:00 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m.

#### Total Cash Prize Fund US\$4,000.00:

Cash prizes will be awarded for the first 5 places in each section and trophies to the top 10 finishers in each section. All cash prizes are quoted in United States dollars and will be distributed as follows:

Categories	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>
Junior under Age 10	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Junior under Age 14	\$230.00	.\$120.00	\$70.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Junior under Age 20	\$330.00	\$170.00	\$90.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Open to All Players	\$1,200.00	\$625.00	\$325.00	\$175.00	\$175.00

Results of the Open section will be sent to FIDE to be rated.

Age limit for Junior Sections: Players must be under their respective age limit by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

# Registration fee per player:

Junior Section US\$30.00 Open Section: US\$50.00



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# Free Accommodation and Meals:

As usual we will provide free accommodation and meals for one (1) player from each participating Federation for the duration of the tournament. All other players will be responsible for their full cost.

### Guest House/Hotel Accommodation:

Guest House accommodation is available at a cost of \$US30.00 per person per night with breakfast. Hotel Accommodation is available at US\$125.00 per room with breakfast. Contact Edison Raphael to reserve accommodation.

Ground transportation to and from the Airport will be provided.

Airport Tax: Departure Tax out of Trinidad is US\$18.00 per person.

Chief Arbiter: Mr. Trevor Griffith of Barbados

**Event Co-ordinator:** 

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Yours sincerely,

Edison Raphael President

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