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 **BOTSWANA OPEN INTERNATIONAL 2010**

#  10th -12th December 2010.Gaborone, Botswana

**Our Sponsors include: **

1. **INVITATION**

Botswana Chess Federation has the pleasure of inviting players from the African Chess Federations affiliated to FIDE to take part in the 2010 edition of Botswana International Open. ***The tournament is FIDE rated.***

2. **VENUES & DATES**

 The 2010 Botswana International Open will be held from the 10th -12th December 2010 in Gaborone, Botswana. The Venue will be the Botswana National Productivity Centre (BNPC). BNPC is 10 minutes from the Gaborone Bus terminal, and 5 minutes walking distance from the acclaimed River walk Shopping Mall.

**4. ENTRY FEES & PRIZES**

The entry fee will be P200 (it includes the rating fee) per player in the open section and P100 for the U14 category. Federations or individual players are responsible for paying the entry fees for their players. Fees can be paid into the account of Botswana Chess Federation by **9th December 2010**. A copy of the deposit slip or letter from the Federation’s Treasurer as proof of payment to BCF must accompany the player(s). The three main prizes for the open sections are BWP6400.00$ (1000U$), BWP 3500.00 and BWP 2500.00.Other prizes include the U14 prizes, Ladies prizes and Blitz Champion.

**5. REGISTRATION**

The closing date for entries is **9th December 2010,** after this date a penalty of P50 will be charged for each late registration, and fees are non refundable. Send the Registration Forms (attached) by e-mail or fax, to confirm entry to the organizers. Players can forward their names to the organizers online or by phone to confirm their attendance.

**6. BOARD AND LODGING**

Participants from outside will be accommodated at BNPC hostels at P280.00 per two people sharing per day. Accompanying persons requiring assistance with sourcing of accommodation should advise before 1st **December 2010**. A clear description of the requirements should be advised.

**7. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

It is intended that the Championships will be played in accordance with FIDE regulations on a 7 Round Swiss System. The games will be played using Fide approved clocks and pairing and results will be published on swiss-results.com

The time control will be **90 minutes for the rest of the game for each player( without increment) .**Players will be seeded according to the Fide ratings. Tie breaks applied shall be (a) bucholtz (b) direct encounter (c) accumulative. All players shall be expected to keep score.

**8. Schedule of play**

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| Fri ,10 Dec  | 16 30 - 18 00 | Late entries at playing venue |
|   | 18 00 - 18 25  | Pairing Processed  |
|   | 18 30 - 21 30  | Round 1 |
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| Sat,11 Dec  | 08 00- 11 00 | Round 2  |
|   | 11 30 - 14 30  | Round 3 |
|   | **15 00 - 16 00** | **Blitz**  |
|   | 17 00 - 20 00 | Round 4 |
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| Sun,12 Dec | 08 00 - 11 00 | Round 5 |
|   | 11 30 - 14 30 | Round 6 |
|   | 15 30 - 18 30 | Round 7 |
|   |   |   |
|   | 19 00 | Prize Giving |

**Note Round 1**: Players are required to be seated at their tables at 18 25 for the 1st round.

**9. Principal Officials**

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**10. Local Currency**

 **Botswana Pula**

 **1 U**$ **= 6.5 Botswana Pula**

All banks offer Forex services from Monday till Saturday. There are also Foreign bureau de Change outlets in various malls for forex. VISA cards are accepted in all major stores.