



2nd Bahamas National Open Chess Championship 2011

Tournament Notice and Regulations

The Bahamas Chess Federation has the pleasure to invite you to participate in the 2nd Bahamas National Open Chess Championship 2011 which will be held on the island of New Providence, Bahamas from Friday 15 – Sunday 17 April. The tournament will comprise two sections – Candidates and Open.

Venue, Date, and Playing Schedule

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | VENUE |
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| Friday 15 April | Technical Meeting | 5:30 pm | C.W. Sawyer |
| Friday 15 April | Round 1 | 6:00 pm | C.W. Sawyer |
| Saturday 16 April | Round 2 | 11:00 am | C.W. Sawyer |
| Saturday 16 April | Round 3 | 4:00 pm | C.W. Sawyer |
| Sunday 17 April | Round 4 | 3:00 pm | C.W. Sawyer |
| Sunday 17 April | Awards/Closing | Following Round 4 | C.W. Sawyer |

Candidates Section – 4 s/s, G 90, EF: \$40, BCF and FIDE rated. Participation in this section is by invitation only¹ and restricted to players with a FIDE rating U2100. **Deadline for registration is Sunday March 27, 2011. Entry fee after registration deadline is \$60.** There will not be any registration on the day of the event.

Open Section – 4 s/s, 75/40 SD 15, EF: \$25, BCF rated. Participation in this section is open to all players with a BCF rating or equivalent U1800. **Deadline for registration is Sunday March 27, 2011. Entry fee after deadline is \$45.** There will not be any registration on the day of the event. N.B. – players in the Open and Scholastic Sections will be combined and paired together. **Scholastic Players - EF: \$12.** Players registering as a Scholastic player will be eligible to win trophies only. In order to be eligible to win a cash prize, the Scholastic player will have to pay an entry fee of \$25. **Deadline for registration for Scholastic Players is Sunday March 27, 2011. Entry fee after deadline for players registering as Scholastic Players is \$32.** N.B. – players registered as Open and Scholastic will be paired together.

¹ Invitations will be sent directly to invited players.

Ranking and Tie-Break System ²- The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for first place, the tie shall be broken by using the criteria below:

1. Sonneborn-Berger – is the sum of the scores of the opponents a player has defeated and half the scores of the players he has drawn with;
2. Direct encounter; and
3. Number of victories.

Contact: Ken Gibson and Kean Smith, Bahamas Chess Federation for registration.

Prizes

Candidates - \$600³ (240-180-120-60)

Open - \$400 (160-120-80-40) and Best Unrated \$30

Scholastic – Trophies 1st – 3rd place (Boys and Girls) and Best Unrated Boy and Girl

Additional Regulations

The FIDE Laws of Chess will govern the tournament. The default time is 15 minutes after the scheduled start time. If a player defaults two (2) games he will be withdrawn from the tournament. Players must provide their own chess equipment, a limited supply of clocks will be provided.

Cell Phones - All cell phones should be turned off before the start of each round. If a player's cell phone rings during a tournament game, the offending player automatically forfeits the game.

Photography - Flash photography shall be permitted only during the first 5 minutes of each round.

Membership - all players must be current BCF members at the time of registration unless granted an exemption by the BCF.

Disclaimer - The organizers will not be held responsible for any loss, damage or theft of your personal property, or that of your guests, on the premises.

By registering for this tournament it is taken that players have read these Tournament Regulations and are obliged to obey them.

² Tie-breaks will be used to establish trophy winners only. Money prizes will be shared equally between players with the same score.

³ The level of cash prizes in the Candidates and Open sections are based on a minimum of 16 registered players in each section. The organizer reserves the right to change the prize fund if the minimum number of players do not register for these sections.

N.B. - Complete this page and return with entry fee.

Name: _____

BCF/FIDE Rating: _____/_____

Contact: Telephone _____ **e-mail** _____

Parent/Guardian name (if student is under 18 years of age): _____

Enclose Fees and Membership Information⁴

⁴ Entry Fee (Candidates \$40, Reserve \$25 and Scholastic \$12). Membership - Adult \$24 and Junior \$12.