



Chess South Africa Arbiters and Organisers Commission



9 September 2026

Dear Chess SA AOC Members

REQUEST FOR CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: ARBITERS, FAIR PLAY OFFICERS AND TAP – MZANSI YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2026

The AOC, Free State Chess and the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the Mzansi Youth Chess Championship 2026 hereby issue a Call for Applications for the appointment of Arbiters and Fair Play Officers for the Mzansi Youth Chess Championship 2026.

Venue: The University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

Date: 13 to 19 December 2026

Tournament Schedule:

13 December 2026: Registration of teams and arrival of appointed Arbiters

14–16 December 2026: Team Championship

16 December 2026: Blitz event, scheduled for the afternoon following the conclusion of the Team Championship

17–19 December 2026: Individual Championship.

- Arbiters appointed for the Team Championship will be required to be available from 13 December and will also be required to officiate at the Blitz event on 16 December.
- The number of appointed arbiters- and Fair Play Officers are subject to the final number of entries and tournament requirements for each of the Team Championship and the Individual Championship.
- Accommodation and meals will be provided for all appointed Arbiters and Fair Play Officers.
- Details regarding any other applicable logistical arrangements will be communicated to appointed officials.

Positions / Roles:

1. Arbiter Applicants should indicate their current Arbiter title and relevant experience, particularly experience with large national or international events.
2. Fair Play Officer (FPO) Applicants must hold the appropriate qualification to serve as a Fair Play Officer and should have relevant experience in the implementation of fair-play procedures at chess events.
3. TAP – Tournament Administration / Pairings The LOC intends to appoint one or two highly experienced individuals to fulfil the TAP function.
 - a. The successful applicant(s) will be responsible for the technical tournament administration, including:
 - i. Preparing and managing pairings;
 - ii. Working extensively with Swiss-Manager;
 - iii. Importing and processing results from Chess-Results;
 - iv. Ensuring that results and pairings are accurately processed and published; and

Committee: *Chairperson – Karen Taljaard *Secretary – Rishi Budhram *Treasurer – Maria Smit

*Other members: Michael Bornheim, Ben De Winnaar, Ricardo Minnaar, Maria Luchies, Fikile Kumalo, Ethan Higham

*Chess representative: Janine Fourie

- v. Assisting with the smooth technical administration of the tournament.
- b. Applicants for the TAP position should therefore have advanced practical experience with Swiss-Manager and Chess-Results and preferably have experience working with large tournaments.

Submission of Applications:

- Applications will be done on the Chess SA website
 - https://ratings.chessa.co.za/titles_arbiters.php
 - Find your name and click on “Apply”
- Applications closes at midnight on **5 October 2026**
- The AOC shall provide a shortlist of suitable applicants to the LOC by **15 October 2026**.
 - Full name and contact details;
 - Arbiter title and/or Fair Play qualification;
 - Relevant tournament experience;
 - Experience with large-scale chess events;
 - Experience with Swiss-Manager and Chess-Results, where applicable;
 - The position(s) for which they wish to be considered; and
 - Confirmation of their availability for the required dates.