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## Independence Chess 2023

### TOURNAMENT NOTICE AND REGULATIONS



2nd Qualifier for 2024 National Chess Championship

# INDEPENDENCE CHESS TOURNAMENT 2023

JULY 8TH, 9TH, & 10TH J WHITNEY PINDER BUILDING, COLLINS AVE.

*More info plus online registration on <https://www.bahamaschessfederation.org>*

#### CONTACT INFORMATION:

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**TOURNAMENT NAME:** Independence Chess 2023

**ORGANIZER:** Bahamas Chess Federation (BCF)

**DATE:** Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> – Monday July 10<sup>th</sup>

**VENUE:** J Whitney Pinder Building, Collins Ave.

**TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:** Curtis Pride, Sr.

**CHIEF ARBITER:** Angel Pride (NA)

**ARBITER:** Andre White (IA)

**TOURNAMENT FORMAT:** This is a FIDE-rated tournament and will be govern by the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Swiss format of 5 rounds; game in 60 minutes plus 30 seconds increments.

#### **SCHEDULE:**

On-site registration: Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Round 1: Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
Round 2: Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
Round 3: Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.  
Round 4: Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.  
Round 5: Monday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Awards Presentation:** Immediately after Round 5

### **ELIGIBILITY**

- Open to all players regardless of age.
- Membership in the Federation must be current.

**Only players with a current BCF membership eligible to qualify for National Championship.**

A player may become a member or renew his/her membership before the tournament, in order to become eligible.

### **ENTRY**

**Submission:** Registration form must be completed and submitted:

- Online until 8:00 a.m. July 8<sup>th</sup> at [www.bahamaschessfederation.org](http://www.bahamaschessfederation.org)
- Select events, then select Independence Chess Tournament. Complete and submit registration form.
- Onsite in paper form from 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

**Fees:** \$20 per player (with BCF membership)

Fees are payable on site by 9:30 a.m.

***Note:*** *Entry fees collected from qualifiers will form a part of the prize fund for the 2024 National Chess Championship*

### **AWARDS:**

The player with the top 3 scores will be awarded with:

1st place – Trophy + Gift  
2nd place - Trophy + Gift  
3rd place - Trophy + Gift

**The players that place 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will qualify for the 2024 National Championship.**

The top Junior and female player will be awarded with a gift.

### **DRESS:**

All participants are asked to wear a Bahamian colored shirt throughout the tournament, in honor of Independence Day.

### **RULES:**

- Pairings will be done automatically by a pairing software in accordance with the FIDE -Swiss Rules
- The default time is 30 minutes after the round has started.

- Tie-Break System – 1) Buchholz Cut 1; 2) Buchholz; 3) Sonneborn Berger; 4) FIDE Progressive Score; 5) Direct Encounter
- The Tournament Director & Chief Arbiter can agree to change the Format before the beginning of the tournament if needed, depending on the number of players entered.
- No mobile phones, laptops, tablets, and other smart devices (including watches) will be allowed in the play area.

The Federation will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of personal property on the premises. By registering for this event, players acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agreed to the tournament regulations.