



BAHAMAS
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FEDERATION

Scholastic Individual Championship

TOURNAMENT NOTICE AND REGULATIONS

1. **Venue** – To be announced

2. **Date:** Sunday April 20th, 2025

3. **Schedule:**

Round 1: 1:00 p.m.

Round 2: 1:45 p.m.

Round 3: 2:30 p.m.

30 Minute Snack Break – Snacks will be on sale

Round 4: 3:30 p.m.

Round 5: 4:15 p.m.

4. **Awards Presentation:** 5pm

5. **Format**

- The FIDE Laws of Chess will govern the tournament.
- Swiss format of 5 rounds
- Game time 15 mins

6. **Participation** - The Scholastic Individual Championship 2025 is organized for school students that meet the following criteria:

- Any player who is not 19 years old before January 1st, 2026, is eligible.
- A player must be enrolled as a full-time student at a brick-and-mortar public or private school, or home school in The Bahamas.
- Any Bahamian student living in The Bahamas and enrolled in an online school is also eligible.
- A player must be a full-time student at the school which he/she represents.
- Each school can enter any number of eligible players per category.
- A player may be entered into a higher age group.

7. **Registration**

- Each player must pre-register online at <https://www.bahamaschessfederation.org/scholastic-individual-2025.html>
- There is NO registration at the door.
- Deadline for online registration - Saturday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m.

8. **Entry Fee** – \$10 per player (with BCF junior membership); BCF membership is \$15 per year.

- Payments will be collected at the Scholastic Chess Teams competition on April 19th, until 4:00 p.m.
- Any registered player whose fee is not paid by the deadline will be removed from the list.
- Players without BCF membership must first register as a BCF Junior Member.

Players can sign up for membership via the link below:

<https://www.bahamaschessfederation.org/membership.html>

9. Prizes & Titles

Prizes will be awarded in eight categories based on overall scores: Primary School Absolute & Female; Junior School Absolute and Female; Senior School Absolute and Female; Scholastic Chess Absolute and Female Overall Winners.

Primary School

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for the absolute players with the top three individual scores in the Primary School category.
- 1st place trophies for the female player with the top score in the Primary School category.

Junior School

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for the absolute players with the top three individual scores in the Junior School category.
- 1st place trophies for the female player with the top score in the Junior School category.

Senior School

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for the absolute players with the top three individual scores in the Senior School category.
- 1st place trophies for the female player with the top score in the Senior School category.

Scholastic Chess Overall Winners

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies for the absolute players with the top three individual scores in the Tournament.
- The absolute player with the top score in the tournament will be recognized as the Scholastic Individual Chess Champion for 2025.
- 1st place trophy for the female players with the top three scores in the tournament.
- The female player with the top score in the tournament will be recognized as the Scholastic Individual Female Chess Champion for 2025.

10. Qualification – This tournament will serve as a qualifier for the PanAmerican Youth Chess Team that will represent The Bahamas in Peru, July 26th through August 3rd, 2025.

The top U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 absolute and female will earn 1st right to represent The Bahamas as official players at the PanAmerican Youth Chess Championship in Peru. **CONDITIONS APPLY. For further information please refer to the following documents:**

- *PanAmerican Youth Invitation & Regulations*
- *National Teams Policies*

11. Tie-Break System:

1. Buchholz
2. Sonneborn-Berger
3. Cumulative system - Sum of Progressive Scores
4. Direct encounter

12. Additional Regulations:

- Pairings will be done automatically by the Swiss Manager Platform.
- The default time is 5 minutes after the round has started. If a player defaults two games in the event, they may be withdrawn from the tournament at the Arbiter's discretion.
- Mobile phones, laptops, tablets, and other smart devices must be switched off and cannot be used at any time during the match.

13. Other – 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.