



BAHAMAS NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2024

TOURNAMENT NOTICE AND REGULATIONS

OVERVIEW

The 2024 Bahamas Championship returns as an elite over-the-board national championship event, featuring 7 of the strongest chess players in The Bahamas. Over the course of 6 rounds, these competitors will battle for \$2,000 in prize money and the coveted title of 2024 Bahamas National Chess Champion.

Thursday, January 11th will kick off the chess festivities with the public opening ceremony and there will be a public Awards Ceremony on Sunday, January 21st, following round six (6).

Fans can watch the rounds daily online at the scheduled time at bahamaschessfederation.org.

At A Glance

Date	January 11 th – 21 st , 2024
Location	MYSC Conference Room
Format	7-Player Round Robin
Prize Fund	\$2000

SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Event
Thursday, January 11	6:00 pm -7:30 pm	Opening Ceremony
Friday, January 12	6:00 pm	Round 1
Saturday, January 13	2:00 pm	Round 2
Sunday, January 14	2:00 pm	Round 3
Friday, January 19	6:00 pm	Round 4
Saturday, January 20	2:00 pm	Round 5
Sunday, January 21	2:00 pm	Round 6
Awards Ceremony	6:00 pm	Awards Ceremony

PRIZES

The winner is awarded:

- Coveted title of 2024 Bahamas National Chess Champion
- Automatic spot on the next Olympiad Team (Conditions apply)
- Cash prize

Cash Prize

Place	Prize
1 st	\$1000
2 nd	\$500
3 rd	\$300
4 th	\$200
5 th	Gift
6 th	Gift
7 th	Gift
Total Prize Fund	\$2000

Format – The tournament is a closed, FIDE-rated event with a time control of 90 minutes with a 30-second increment after each move. To participate, players must be current BCF members. All game moves must be recorded.

Notation: Due to the 30-second increment, Players are required to maintain an accurate and legible score sheet at all times during all games, and are required to keep their notation up-to-date

Registration – Only qualified players may enter.

Drawing of Lots will be held on Thursday 11th January, 6 pm – 7:30 pm. Absent Player's lot will be drawn by the Chief Arbiter.

Entry Fee – \$40; this fee must be paid in full by Thursday 11th January at 7:30 pm.

Pairing Software – Swiss Manager

Arbiters – IA Andre White, FA Angel Pride, FA Elton Joseph

Tie-break System:

1. Direct encounter
2. Greater number of wins
3. Sonneborn-Berger
4. Koya

Regulations – The FIDE Laws of Chess will govern the tournament.

Prompt Arrival: Players are expected to arrive promptly for their games. Players not at their board at the beginning of each round may receive a fine of \$50 to be deducted from their prize for each occurrence.

30-minute default time: Players more than 30 (thirty) minutes late for a round shall forfeit that round. Players who withdraw or forfeit a game may not receive any prize money.

No draws: A “no draw” rule will be in effect throughout the event, including any playoff games. Players may not mutually agree to a draw. In the event of a claim for a draw under Article 9.2 of the FIDE Laws of Chess (three-fold repetition) or under Article 9.3 of the Laws (50-move rule), one of the event Arbiters must be asked by the players to verify the claim.

No electronic devices: No electronic devices shall be allowed in the tournament area. Mobile phones, laptops, and communication devices must be switched off and turned in to the Arbiter. Any violation of this policy shall result in forfeiture of that game.

No communication: Communication by players with other players other than their opponent or with bystanders is strictly prohibited and failure to comply may result in the game being lost because of cheating.

Playing area closed after 5 minutes: Spectators, anyone who is not a player, Arbiter, or Organizer will not be allowed in the playing area after the 5-minute media period.

All FIDE regulations will be enforced including the 2 illegal moves. Please review the FIDE laws of chess.

Notes:

- BCF will not be held responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of personal property on the premises.
- By registering for this event, the player acknowledges that he or she has read, understood, and agreed to the tournament regulations.