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# BAHAMAS NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

## TOURNAMENT NOTICE AND REGULATIONS

### OVERVIEW

The 2025 Bahamas National Chess Championship returns as an elite over-the-board event, featuring ten of the strongest chess players in The Bahamas. Throughout nine rounds, these competitors will battle for \$2,000 in prize money and the coveted 2025 Bahamas National Chess Champion title.

The chess festivities will kick off with the drawing of lots on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, and the opening ceremony on Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. Following round nine, there will be a public awards ceremony on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Fans can watch the rounds daily online at the scheduled time at [bahamaschessfederation.org](http://bahamaschessfederation.org).

### At A Glance

Date:	January 17 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025
Location:	Noble Preparatory Academy, Nassau Street
Format:	10-Player Round Robin (9 Rounds)
Prize Fund:	\$2000

### SCHEDULE

Date	Start Time	Event
Wednesday January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	6:00 p.m.	Drawing of Lots
Friday January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	6:00 p.m.	Opening Ceremony
Friday January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	6:30 p.m.	Round one
Saturday January 18 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	9:00 a.m.	Round two
	3:00 p.m.	Round three
Sunday January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	9:00 a.m.	Round four
	3:00 p.m.	Round five
Friday January 24 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	6:00 p.m.	Round six
Saturday January 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	9:00 a.m.	Round seven
	3:00 p.m.	Round eight
Sunday January 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	9:00 a.m.	Round nine
	4:00 p.m.	Awards Ceremony

## **PRIZES**

### **The winner is awarded:**

- ✓ Cash prize
- ✓ Coveted title of 2025 Bahamas National Chess Champion
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> choice to represent The Bahamas in the Sub Zonal (2.3.3) in Trinidad & Tobago – April 11<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>, 2025. (conditions apply)

<b>Place</b>	<b>Prize</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$1000
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$400
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$300
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$200
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$100
6 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gift
Total Prize Fund	\$2000

**Directions to Noble Preparatory Academy:** It is upstairs in the Base Road Plaza, Nassau Street. MJB Optical and Heaven-Sent Pharmacy 242 are also located in the building.

**Registration and Entry Fee** – \$40, only qualified BCF Members may enter.

**Format** - This tournament is FIDE-rated, with a time control of 90 minutes plus a 30-second increment after each move.

**Pairing Software** – Swiss Manager

**Chief Arbiter** – IA Andre White

**Deputy Chief Arbiter** - FA Angel Pride

### **Tie-break System:**

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

**Notation** - Players must maintain accurate and up-to-date score sheets during all games.

**Drawing of Lots**—This will be held on Wednesday, January 15th between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. **It is mandatory.** The Chief Arbiter will draw all absent players lots once the organizers of the tournament receive a message in advance that the player cannot attend.

**Dress Code** – Smart Casual

**Award Ceremony** – This will be held at 4:00 PM at Traveller’s Rest Restaurant and Bar (Travelers By The Sea). Attendance is mandatory for all participants.

**Prompt Arrival:** Players are expected to arrive on time for their games. Any player not seated at the start of a round may incur a \$50 fine per occurrence, which will be deducted from their prize.

**Default time:** Players **more than thirty (30) minutes late** for a round shall forfeit that round.

No prizes will be awarded to withdrawn players.

**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:** Electronic devices are strictly prohibited in the tournament area. All mobile phones, laptops, headphones, electronic watches, and tablets must be powered off and handed over to the arbiters. Any breach of this rule will result in the forfeiture of that game.

**NO communication:** Any interaction with other players or bystanders is not allowed and may result in a loss of the game due to a violation of fair play rules.

Only players, arbiters, and organizers are permitted in the playing area after the 5-minute media period.

BCF is **NOT** 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.**