

2018 SWVG Arnold Classic Rapid & Blitz Chess Open

18th – 20th May 2018

R40,000 in prizes guaranteed!

Venue: Sandton Convention Centre

Total entry is limited to 120 players! Places will be confirmed on a first paid basis!

Entries close at 20:00 on Monday 14th May 2018. Any players who do not pre-register online will miss the first round.

Entry fees paid in cash on the day of registration will incur a R30 surcharge.

Details	Prestige FIDE & URS™ Rated R30000 Guaranteed Prizes (Players with a FIDE, URS™ or National rating of 1600+ are eligible to participate.)	Open Open to all below 1800 Players rated above 1600 may apply to play in the Prestige section. Promotion will be considered at the sole discretion of the organizers.	Disabled Chess	Parents Blitz Any parent whose child is playing in the Rapid or Blitz
Entry Fees	Rating 2200+: Free Entry Both events: R250 One event only: R150	Both Events: R150 One event only: R100	Free	R50 Venue free entry
Prizes	Rapid: 1 st R7500, 2 nd R5000, 3 rd R3000, 4 th R2000, Best Lady R1000 Best U/18 R500 Blitz: 1 st R5000, 2 nd R3000, 3 rd R2000, 4 th R1000	Rapid: 1 st R2000, 2 nd R 1500, 3 rd R1000 4 th R500, Best Lady R500 Best U/14 500; Best U/10 500 Blitz: 1 st R1250, 2 nd R1000, 3 rd R750, 4 th R500	Medals in all Sections 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd Blind 1st R1000, 2nd R700, 3rd R500	Medals 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd
Format All Sections	10 Round Rapid Swiss: 25/25 + 10 secs per move 10 Round Blitz Swiss: 3/3 + 2 secs per move		MID Section: u/16 & u/21 SID Section: u/16 & u/21 Deaf Section: u/16 & u/21 Blind Section: Open	10 Round Blitz Swiss: 3/3 + 2 secs per move
Fri 18/05/2018	No rounds		Registration: 09:30 Round 1: 10:00 Rounds 2 - 5: +15 mins	No rounds
Sat 19/05/2018	Rapid Rounds 1 - 7 Registration: 08.00 – 08.45; Opening: 08:50 – 09:00 Round 1: 09:00 – 10:00; Round 2: 10:15 – 11:15; Rounds 3: 11:30 – 12:30; Lunch Break: 12.30 – 13.00 Round 4: 13:00 – 14:00; Round 5: 14:15 – 15:15; Round 6: 15:30 – 16:30; Round 7: 16:45 – 17:45		No rounds	Registration: 08.00 – 08.30 Round 1: 09:00 Round 2 - 10: + 15 min
Sun 20/05/2018	Rapid Rounds 8 – 10 Round 8: 09:00 – 10:00; Rounds 9: 10:15 – 11:15; Rounds 10: 11:30 – 12:30; Lunch Break: 12.30 – 13.30 Blitz Rounds 1 – 10 Rounds 1 - 10: 13:30 – 16:00; Draws done at rate of play		No rounds	No rounds

Enquiries:

General enquiries: Anne Huisamen (083 225 3027 / vice.president@gautengchess.co.za)
Prestige applications: Hendrik du Toit, president@gautengchess.co.za

Online Entries:

Players are required to register in advance using our [online registration form](#).

Payments:

Bank: ABSA
Account Name: Gauteng Chess;
Account No: 4081482433
Branch: 623005 (Northcliff)
Reference: Surname, Initial and Section (E.g. "LH/SmitJ/B" or "LH/SmitJ/U10").

Financial queries should be directed to Mr Andre Nel at finance@gautengchess.co.za. Payments made after Thursday 17th May must bring proof of payment to the registration desk at the venue.

Live Games: The top games will be broadcast live on Chess24.com and on the FollowChess mobile application.

Arbiters: The Chief Arbiter for the tournament will be IA Hendrik du Toit.