



Invitation to the “Aruba Chess Challenge 2017” Tournament

This year we are celebrating our 71th anniversary with our traditional international chess tournament on October 5, 6, 7 and 8. We hereby invite you to participate at this unique chess event in Aruba and wish you a pleasant stay on our “One Happy Island”. We can arrange rooms for you in Tropicana Resorts, Quality Appartments or Appartments in Oranjestad.

More updated information can be found at our website <http://arubachess.com/>

This tournament will be played in three groups.

- Open Group : Open for players of all ages
Group U-18 : Youth players under 18 years (as per 1 January 2017)
Group U-12 : Youth players under 12 years (as per 1 January 2017)

Tournament System

Swiss System: 7 rounds Open Group & Youth Group U-18
9 rounds Youth Group U-12

Arbiters

Chief arbiter : Ulises Hernandez
Assistant arbiter: Enrique Jacopucci / Octavio Croes

Time Control:

Open and Youth U18 Group : 90 minutes per player + 30 seconds increment/move since move 1
Youth U-12 Group : 30 minutes per player

Prizes

Open Group:	First place:	US\$ 600.00
	Second Place:	US\$ 400.00
	Third Place:	US\$ 300.00
	Fourth Place:	US\$ 200.00
	Fifth Place:	US\$ 100.00
U-18 :	First Place:	Trophy
	Second Prize:	Trophy
	Third Place:	Trophy
	Best Player U-16	Trophy
	Best Player U-14	Trophy
U-12 :	First place:	Trophy
	Second place:	Trophy
	Third place:	Trophy
	Best Player U-10	Trophy
	Best Player U-8	Trophy

Registration Fees

Open group: US\$ 40.00 for players without titles (GM, WGM, IM, WIM, FM, WFM, CM and WCM Free)

U-18 : US\$ 20.00

U-12 : US\$ 10.00

Local Players pay the amount in Aruban Florins.

Registration by Email (ocroes@hotmail.com) before 1 October 2017

Registration Fees to be paid before the start of the first round.

Players should arrive on Thursday, 5 October and depart on Sunday (9 October). Inform us about your flight number and arrival date and hour.

Staying Location (optional)

Tropicana Resorts \$ 150.00 per night (with 2 adults and 2 children < 11 years)
(All taxes are included).

Quality Apartments Studio (1 or 2 persons) \$92.79/night, 3 persons: \$107.24/night
Apartments in Oranjestad

Playing Venue

The playing venue is: La Cabana Conference Room

Transportation

The Aruba Chess Federation will provide transportation from:

- The International Airport Reina Beatrix to Staying Location
- Staying Location to Playing Venue and back (once a day).
- Staying Location to International Airport Reina Beatrix

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Schedule for the “Aruba Chess Challenge” 2017

OPEN GROUP & YOUTH GROUP U-18

Thursday 5 October 2017

06:00pm - 07:00 pm Registration and Cancellation of Registration fees
07:30pm - 08:00 pm Opening Speech and First Move
08:00pm - 12:00am First Round

Friday 6 October 2017

10:00am – 02:00pm Second Round
04:00pm – 08:00pm Third Round

Saturday 7 October 2017

10:00am – 02:00pm Forth Round
04:00pm – 08:00pm Fifth Round

Sunday 8 October 2017

09:00am – 01:00pm Sixth Round
02:00pm – 06:00pm Seventh Round (final round)
06:00pm – 7:00pm Closing Ceremony

YOUTH GROUP U-12

Friday 6 October 2017

10:00am – 11:00am First Round
11:00pm – 12:00pm Second Round
12:00pm – 01:00pm Third Round

Saturday 7 October 2017

10:00am – 11:00am Fourth Round
11:00am – 12:00pm Fifth Round
12:00pm – 01:00pm Sixth Round

Sunday 8 October 2017

09:00am – 10:00am Seventh Round
10:00am – 11:00am Eight Round
11:00am – 12:00pm Ninth Round (Last round)

Tie breaks

1. Scored Points, Buchholz (WP), Sonneborn-Berger (SB), Mutual Result, Progressive Score (PS), TPR and Rating.
2. Cash prizes will not be divided. Final places will be calculated based on the above mentioned tiebreak rules.

Waiting Time

30 minutes after the start of the round

Cellulars

Mobile phones must be turned off.

If a cell-phone makes any sound during the game, this game will be declared lost for the cell-phone owner.

Recording of the Moves

Recording of the moves is mandatory in the Open group and U-18 group

In the U-12 group, the players may record their moves, but this is optional.

Games in the Open and U-18 Group are valid for the official FIDE rating.

FIDE LAWS OF CHESS WILL BE APPLIED FOR ALL OTHER SITUATIONS NOT MENTIONED ABOVE.