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**INVITATION
CARIBBEAN CHESS CUP 2026**

Dear Chess friends,

On behalf of the Aruba Chess Federation and in collaboration with the Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA), it is our great honor and pleasure to welcome you to the Caribbean Chess Cup 2026, to be held from August 19 to 23, 2026, at the Radisson Blu Aruba.

This tournament represents one of the most important chess events in our region, bringing together talented players and distinguished officials from across the Caribbean. Beyond competition, this event serves as a platform for friendship, mutual respect, cultural exchange, and the continued development of chess throughout our nations.

Aruba is proud to host this championship and to provide a welcoming environment where participants can compete at the highest level while enjoying the warmth, hospitality, and beauty of our island. We are committed to delivering an event that reflects the values of excellence, fair play, and international cooperation that define our chess community. We encourage all participating federations to bring their strongest representatives and young talents to this championship. Together, we will celebrate the spirit of chess and strengthen the bonds that unite our region.

The Aruba Chess Federation extends its sincere gratitude to FIDE, the Confederation of Chess for Americas (CCA), The Minister of Sport, participating federations, sponsors, volunteers, arbiters, and all those whose support makes this event possible.

We eagerly look forward to welcoming you to Aruba for an unforgettable week of chess competition.

With our warmest regards,

Jose Pesqueira
President FAA

1. Invitation

The Aruban Chess Federation (FFA) welcomes you to the beautiful island of Aruba and is pleased to invite you to the CARIBBEAN CHESS CUP 2026. Organized by the Aruba Chess Federation in collaboration with FIDE and the Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA). The event will be held from August 19th to 23th 2026.

The tournament is open to all chess players wishing to participate in the following categories:

- Open
- U18 (born on or after January 1, 2008)
- U12 (born on or after January 1, 2014)

2. Registration & Entry Fees

All participants must be registered. Registration is to be completed at the following email: Arubachess@gmail.com and cc. pes_90@hotmail.com

Registration must include name, Fide title, Fide ID, Fide Elo, picture, date of birth and proof of payment entry fee. Registration from all participants should be submitted on or before **July 18th 2026**.

Fees are as follow:

- Overseas Players from 6 till 18 years old: US\$70
- Overseas Players 19 years and above: US\$75
- Local Players from 6 till 18 years old: AWG. 70,=
- Local Players 19 years and above: AWG. 75,=

Payment of entry fees for overseas can be paid by transfer on or before July 18th 2026. Cash at accreditation is only possible for overseas players. Local players need to pay by transfer on or before July 18th 2026.

Bank information:

Schaakvereniging Aruba

Acc. Nr. 6001081

Aruba Bank

SWIFT code = ARUBAWAX

3. Accommodation

Radisson Blu Aruba

This Property is amongst the newest in Aruba with an ideal location between Palm Beach and beautiful Eagle Beach providing easy access to the nightlife and key restaurants in Aruba.

- Walking distance to the Beach.
- 15 minutes from Beatrix International Airport.
- Incl. daily breakfast.
- Lunch \$13 and Dinner \$13 on request.
- All rooms are spacious.



Room Category/ View	Maximum Occupancy	Room with Breakfast p/n
1. Bedroom Suite (1 king bed)- limited view	2	\$ 289.30
2. Bedroom Suite (1 king and 2 twin beds)- Island view	3	\$ 406.75
3. Bedroom Suite (1 king and 2 twin beds)- Island view	4	\$ 432.85

For reservation and rooms information email at arubachess@gmail.com before July 17th.

4. Playing Venue & Schedule

The playing venue will be the Conference Room at Radisson Blu Aruba. This will also be the location for registration and accreditation.

Date	Time	Categories	Activity
Wednesday August 19	14:00hs - 16:00hs		Accreditation of players
Wednesday August 19	16:00hs		Technical meeting
Wednesday August 19	18:00hs		Opening Ceremony
Wednesday August 19	19:30hs	U-18 & Open	Round 1
Thursday August 20	9:00hs	U-18 & Open	Round 2
	18:00hs	U-18 & Open	Round 3
Friday August 21	9:00hs	U-18 & Open	Round 4
	15:00hs	U-12	Round 1/2/3
	18:00hs	U-18 & Open	Round 5
Saturday August 22	9:00hs	U-18 & Open	Round 6
	15:00hs	U-12	Round 4/5/6/7
	18:00hs	U-18 & Open	Round 7
Sunday August 23	8:30hs	U-18 & Open	Round 8
	13:00hs	U-18 & Open	Round 9
Sunday August 23	19:00hs		Closing Ceremony

5. Time Control and Format

The format will be individual, 7 round Swiss System. Paring Software will be Swiss manager. The tournament will be FIDE rated.

For U-12 the rate of play will be 15 minutes for whole game with 10 seconds increment for every move starting from the first move. For Open the rate of play will be 90 minutes for whole game with 30 seconds increment for every move starting from the first move and notation is mandatory to record all moves for both players. The final rank of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for first place the tie shall be broken according to the following tie-break systems:

- Direct Encounter (if applicable)
- Buchholz System with parameters at 0 (total sum of points of all opponents)
- Buchholz System with parameters at 1 (total sum of points of all opponents excluding the lowest and highest scoring opponents)
- Arranz System (win: 1 / draw: 0.6 Black, 0.4 White / loss: 0)
- Progressive Accumulative (total sum)

A draw by agreement requires the arbiter's consent if both players have not completed 20 moves.

6. Prizes

The prizes are as followed:

Position	Prize (US\$)	Position	
1st OPEN	\$ 2.000	1st Youth U-12 / U-18	Trophy
2nd OPEN	\$ 1.500	2nd Youth U-12 / U1-8	Trophy
3rd OPEN	\$ 1.000	3rd Youth U-12 / U-18	Trophy
4th OPEN	\$ 800	Best Player U-8 / U-10 / U-14 / U-16	Medal
5th OPEN	\$ 600	Best Local Player	Trophy
6th OPEN	\$ 500		
Best Caribbean Female	\$ 500		
Best Caribbean Male	\$ 500		
Best Local Female	\$ 300		
Best Local Male	\$ 300		

In case of a tie the sum of prizes involved will be shared equally.

7. Appeals

Technical and Management Bodies of the Tournaments:

Tournament Director: NA Carol S. Williams Pesqueira (ARU)

Chief Arbiter: Jose Manuel Barradas (Mexico) - FIDE Arbiter

Arbiter: IM Lázaro A. Bueno Pérez (CUBA) - FIDE Arbiter

NA Carol S. Williams Pesqueira (ARU) – FIDE Arbiter

International Arbiter: To Be Confirmed.

Appeals Committee: The members of the Appeals Committee will be announced in due course. Appeals against decisions of the arbiter and their assistants must be made no later than 15 minutes after the end of the game, accompanied by a fee of \$100.

8. Other Specific tournament rules

Prohibited Items: Mobile phones, electronic devices, wristwatches (of any type), and personal pens are forbidden in the playing area. If a player has a very special personal situation requiring them to be reachable, they must inform the arbiter to make an appropriate decision for the case.

Illegal Moves: Two illegal moves will result in the loss of the game.

Spectators in Playing Area: Players who have finished their respective games are not allowed to remain in the playing area.

Defaulting Players: A player who loses by default must communicate the reasons for their absence to the arbiter no later than 2 hours after the end of the round; otherwise, they will be eliminated from the tournament.

Non-Players in Playing Hall: In the playing hall, besides the players, only duly accredited persons (arbiters and organizing staff) are allowed. Family members and the public must remain outside the playing area, maintain proper decorum, proceed with respect, keep silent, and refrain from commenting on any game.

Disciplinary Measures: Any player who disobeys the arbiter's instructions, exhibits poor conduct during the tournament, or infringes these regulations or FIDE rules, will receive a disciplinary measure commensurate with the infraction committed.

Publication of Results: Pairings, results, and standings will be published on:

<https://chess-results.com/fed.aspx?lan=1&fed=ARU>

Titles & norms: Will be awarded according to FIDE regulations.

FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations: FIDE's anti-cheating regulations are valid throughout the tournament.

9. Mode of dress

Players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect to their dignified appearance at all times during the tournament. Shorts, slippers, sun glasses, sports caps and revealing attire are **NOT** allowed.

Supplementary Provisions:

- **Data Publication Authorization:** Participants in the tournament authorize the publication of their data for the dissemination of the event (result lists, standings, participants, games, photographs, etc.).
- **Late Arrivals:** Visiting players, who have pre-registered but face difficulties with international travel and cannot arrive on the indicated date, may begin playing no later than Round 3 and will be granted a half-point bye in the first two rounds.
- **Unforeseen Matters:** Matters not covered in these Regulations will be resolved according to the current FIDE International Chess Regulations.

10. Organizing committee

Names
Carol Pesqueira-Williams
Erick Hernandez
Crystal Brown
Prislaine Werleman
Lucrecia Robert
Preshell Pesqueira

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