



2024

CARICOM CLASSIC



Inaugural Team Chess Tournament

**A Caribbean Celebration of Strategy, Equality and Unity.
Hosted by the Guyana Chess Federation in collaboration
with the CARICOM Secretariat, under the auspices
of the CCA and FIDE.**

**March 3-10, 2024, Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel,
Guyana**

Landscape Photography by Amanda Richards



Welcome to Guyana!

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ee an undisturbed eco-tourist paradise flourishing with flora and fauna, indigenous and diverse cuisine, cascading waterfalls, and interior holiday lodges awaiting curious visitors to the only English-speaking enclave in South America. Our unique home is wrapped in hinterland adventure and hospitality for you, complemented by our ethnic diversity.

Experience the thrill and warmth of our tropical setting while tapping into the authentic, world-famous, and award-winning Guyanese additions – produce from the oaken barrels to the watery nature trips, making a perfect match for friends, family, and leisure.

Our vast terrain and multi-natured activities present an invitation for sightseeing and inexhaustible expeditions from fishing to nature walks in a largely unpolluted environment. The multiple sandy freshwater creeks offer the perfect environment and a memorable experience with a difference, even for the traditional beach-goer.

Travel to the ‘magnificent province’, one of the last remaining green frontiers on the planet that offers an embrace with nature and more. The relaxation under the golden sun with cool options provided by the lush rainforest, and ethnic culinary surprises for the taste buds are an attractive combination. In one word: enjoyment.

For more information visit: <https://exploreguyana.org/>

Lake Mainstay Resort, Essequibo

Invitation

The Guyana Chess Federation (GCF)
in collaboration with the
CARICOM Secretariat
Confederation of Chess for Americas (CCA)
and the
International Chess Federation (FIDE)
are pleased to invite
Federations of CARICOM Member States
and
Associate Members
to the inaugural
CARICOM 50th Anniversary Classic
Team Chess Tournament.

The flagship tournament will be held at the RAMADA GEORGETOWN PRINCESS HOTEL, Providence on the East Bank of Demerara from March 3- 10,



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General Conditions

The CARICOM 50th Anniversary Classic Team Tournament, 2024 will be held in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess and the regulations for regional events of the CCA.

Categories

Each Federation is required to select and provide one team comprising two female and two male players who are residents of CARICOM Member States or Associate Members and are Junior or Senior players.

If a team has insufficient participants or lacks gender balance, the organizers will review the challenges presented by the respective territory as soon as possible and communicate its decision before the tournament.

Participation

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1. Anguilla
 2. Antigua & Barbuda
 3. Bahamas
 4. Barbados
 5. Belize
 6. Bermuda
 7. British Virgin Islands
 8. Cayman Islands
 9. Dominica
 10. Grenada
 11. Guyana
 12. Haiti
 13. Jamaica
 14. Montserrat
 15. Saint Lucia
 16. St. Kitts & Nevis
 17. St. Vincent & the Grenadines
 18. Suriname
 19. Trinidad & Tobago
 20. Turks & Caicos Islands

Federations from the following territories are invited to participate:

All participants must be registered by their respective federation.

Each national chess federation may register four players, along with a coach or delegate to represent their respective territory. Guyana, as the host nation, will field two teams. Federations may also choose to register optional reserve players who will only be allowed to play in cases of emergency.

By registering for the tournament, the federation and the participants, as well as their representatives, confirm they have read and accepted all regulations, terms, and conditions of the tournament.



System of Play:

The Games will be a Swiss System of nine (9) rounds or Round Robin dependent on the number of players and the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.

The rhythm of play will be ninety (90) minutes for all moves, plus an increment of thirty (30) seconds per move from move one (1). The event will be FIDE-rated.

Points:

Individual boards would score team points as follows: Win - 1 point, Draw - $\frac{1}{2}$ point, Loss 0 points. These points will be added together to arrive at the total points scored by the team for that match. These totals will be used to determine the result of the match and the allocation of team points.

- 2 points for a match where a team has scored more points than the opposing team
- 1 point for a drawn match where both team have scored an equal amount of points.
- 0 points for a match when a team has scored less points than the opposing team.

Example:

If the players in Team A won 2 games, lost 1 game and drew 1 game, the players would have accumulated a total 2.5 points, with the opposing team's accumulated score being 1.5 points. Team A would accrue 2 Match Points and the opposing team would score 0 match points.

Tiebreaks:

The final placings will be decided by the points obtained by each player from each team. The team that accumulates the most points will be declared the winner, and hence the territory the team represents, the overall winner of the tournament. In the case of ties, the winners will be decided by the implementation of the following tie-break systems in the order mentioned:

1. Match points
2. Total number of game points scored
3. Direct Encounter
4. Sonneborn-Berger

Pairings and Results:

Before the beginning of the First Round of the event, a list with all the names of participants will be published in the playing hall. The Pairings will be published at least one hour after the last game of each round, at the tournament's Official webpage or Chess-results.com and at the venue's hall.

Default Time:

The player who has not made a move thirty (30) minutes after the official start of the rounds shall lose his/her game.



Botanical Gardens, Georgetown



Discipline:

The Organizers expect the highest standards of behavior and fair play by the participants.

Fair play/Electronic equipment:

Fair Play measures will be applied in accordance with the FIDE Anti-Doping Guidelines. With the exception of play recording equipment, during a game, players are prohibited from having any electronic device at the venue that has not been specifically approved by the arbiter.

Such devices can be stored in a player's bag, as long as the device is completely turned off. This bag must be placed as agreed with the arbiter and the player is prohibited from using it without the arbiter's permission. Companions or spectators are prohibited from using electronic devices at the place of play, except to take photographs when explicitly approved by the arbiter.

Attire:

Players are requested to maintain a dignified appearance at all times during the tournament. Slippers, shorts, sun glasses, sports caps, ripped jeans, camouflage and revealing attire are not allowed.

Prizes:

Cash Prizes will be presented to the winning Federations based on the tournament results from First to Third Place in the following amounts:

- First Place: USD \$1,500 (One Thousand Five Hundred United States Dollars)
- Second Place: USD \$1, 000 (One Thousand United States Dollars)
- Third Place: USD \$500 (Five Hundred United States Dollars)

Medals and Trophies

Team: First, Second and Third place trophies will be awarded to the top three CARICOM Territories, based on tournament results.

Individual: Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded to the players of the first three CARICOM teams.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

	Sunday March 3, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Arrival of Delegations and Registration•18:00 Technical Meeting
Monday March 4, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•09:00 Opening Ceremony•10:00 Round One•16:00 Round Two	
	Tuesday March 5, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•10:00 Round Three•16:00 Round Four
Wednesday March 6, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Rest Day	
	Thursday March 7, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•10:00 Round Five•16:00 Round Six
Friday March 8, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•10:00 Round Seven•16:00 Round Eight	
	Saturday March 9, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•10:00 Round Nine•17:00 Closing Ceremony
Sunday March 10, 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">•Departure of Delegations	

Technical Meeting/Appeals Committee

The technical meeting will be hosted on the evening of Sunday, March 3, 2024. At the start of the meeting, the 5-member Appeals Committee shall be formed.

Participant's Cost

The first TEN territories to complete the registration process will receive complimentary meals and accommodation from the Guyana Chess Federation. This offer is limited to 5 persons per territory - 4 players and 1 coach/ delegate, and includes dinner on March 3, 2024 to breakfast on Sun March 10, 2024. All other players, reserve players, coaches and delegates will be required to cover their own accommodation and meals at the corresponding rates for double or single rooms, where applicable.

Accommodation packages are priced per person and include all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner) for the period from dinner on March 3, 2024 to breakfast on Sun. March 10, 2024. The packages also include transportation between the airport and the Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel

Players who do not wish to stay at the official hotel must make an additional payment of \$100.00 (USD) per person, and will be responsible for their own transportation costs. These individuals must communicate their intent before February 9, 2024 to nandalallshiv1707@gmail.com, WhatsApp (592)-623-7723.

Registration and Accreditation

The general registration fee for players is one hundred United States dollars (USD\$100.00) to be distributed as follows:

CCA: Twenty dollars (USD\$20.00) -According to financial regulations CCA.

Organization: Eighty dollars (USD\$80.00) —Including accreditation to the tournament.

Delegates, accompanying persons and coaches will not pay registration, but will be required to pay the amount of seventy-five dollars (USD\$75.00) for accreditation.

Capacity	Total
Single Occupancy	1,295.00
Double Occupancy	945.00

- Prices quoted above are in US dollars and represent the price for a single person for 7 nights from March 3-10, 2024. Value added tax of 14% has been included.
- Concessionary rates expire February 16, 2024.

Deadline for Registration and Payment

All players, accompanying persons, delegates/coaches must register through their respective Federations/ Associations on or before February 16, 2024. These Federations will be responsible for completing the registration process, and for remitting all payments in full.

Each federation must authorize and formalize the registration of its participants and will be responsible for the athletes and companions, officials and extras, according to FIDE regulations.

A complete registration must consist the following:

Documentation:

1. The completed registration form.
2. Digital images (against a white background) of all players, coaches, delegates and accompanying persons.
3. Digital Scans of the passport information page of all players, coaches, delegates and accompanying persons.
4. Digital Scan of wire transfer receipt.

Full remittance of:

1. Accommodation Packages
2. Registration Fees for players and optional reserve players.
3. Accreditation Fees for coaches, delegates and accompanying persons.

Late registration can be extended up to February 26th, but will attract a surcharge of USD\$100.00 per person, and will be subject to availability at the Ramada Georgetown Princess Hotel.











If the corresponding costs are not paid in full, the person will not be accredited or paired and they will not be allowed access to the official areas of the tournament.

Travel Itineraries, while not part of the registration process, should be emailed to us by February 26th, 2024.

Wire Transfer Details

Bank Name	Bank of New York—Mellon
	1 Wall Street
	New York, NY 10286, USA
ABA No.	021000018
Swift Code	IRVTUS3N
Credit Account	8900676868
In Name of	Demerara Bank Limited
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	Guyana
Swift Code	DMBKGYGT
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