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To: All Provincial Chess Associations

Subject: MANCOM Resolution: Waiving of Tournament Registration Fees for Women's Tournaments – August 2025

Dear Provincial Presidents and Secretaries,

I trust this message finds you well.

This serves as official communication to inform you that the Management Committee (MANCOM) of Chess South Africa, during its meeting held on 04 August 2025, resolved to **waive Chess South Africa tournament registration fees for all women's tournaments taking place in August 2025.**

This resolution is in line with our 2025 declaration of the **Year of Women in Chess** and forms part of our ongoing commitment to supporting, promoting, and celebrating the participation of women and girls in chess across the country.

Eligibility Criteria for Fee Exemption

To qualify for the exemption, the following conditions must be met:

1. The tournament must be **exclusively for women.**
2. Provincial Chess Associations must submit a list of qualifying tournaments to the General Secretary no later than **08 August 2025.**
3. Upon approval, the General Secretary will notify the Ratings Officer of all tournaments exempt from Chess South Africa registration fees.

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We strongly encourage all provinces to take full advantage of this opportunity and to host impactful women's events as part of our broader Women's Month activities.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact my office directly.

Together, let us continue to build a more inclusive and empowering chess community for all.

Yours sincerely,

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