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For Attention: Provincial Chess Association
Subject: New Chess South Africa Committees and Commissions

Dear Presidents and Secretariats

We are excited to inform you that Chess South Africa is in the process of forming new Commissions and Committees, as outlined in our constitution. This initiative aims to enhance the management and promotion of chess across various disciplines in our country. We also request experience members in chess to be nominated to add value and grow this organisation.

Overview of the Process

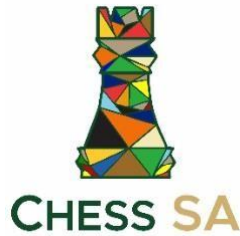
In line with Chapter 6 of our constitution, we are committed to fostering collaboration and inclusivity within the chess community. Here is an outline of our nomination and election process for the new Commissions and Committees.

Commissions

In recognition of the different chess disciplines in South Africa, the following commissions are established:

1. Youth Chess
2. Women's Chess
3. Adult Chess
4. Physically Challenged Chess
5. Arbiters and Organisers
6. Trainers and Managers

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Formation of Commissions

1. Election of Management Committees:

Each Commission will have its own management committee, consisting of a chairperson, secretary, treasurer, and additional members to handle necessary portfolios for effective administration within the Commission's jurisdiction.

2. Eligibility and Nomination:

Members of the management committee will be elected by registered individuals within their respective spheres of chess. All voters and nominees must be separately registered members of the Commission concerned.

3. Timing of Elections:

Elections for the management committees of the Commissions will occur within one month after the biennial elections of Chess South Africa.

4. Term of Office:

The term of office for members of these committees shall be two years.

Technical Committees

In recognition that specific expertise is required for various duties performed by Chess South Africa, the following standing committees are established:

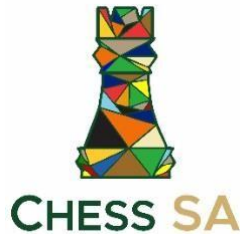
1. Finance Committee

2. Constitutional Committee

3. Ethics Committee

4. Grievances Committee

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5. National Selections Committee
6. Ratings & Registrations Committee
7. Development Committee
8. Events Committee
9. Public Relations Committee

Committee Formation and Governance

1. Membership:

The convenors and members of each committee will be appointed by the Executive Board (Exbo) and ratified by the National Council. Exbo will ensure representation from each discipline and a balance between male and female members.

2. Reporting:

All committees will report to the Executive Board.

3. Rules and Procedures:

Committees may formulate their own rules and procedures, subject to Exbo's approval.

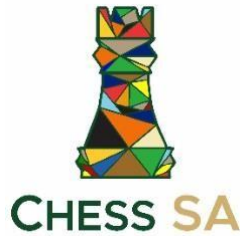
4. Nominations:

Each Ordinary and Special Member may nominate individuals to serve on the various Technical Committees.

5. Roles and Responsibilities:

The roles and responsibilities of Committee Members will be defined in Part 2 of the Rules and Regulations of Chess South Africa.

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6. Powers and Authority:

Each committee will perform duties as set out in the bylaws, rules, and regulations of Chess South Africa, with the Executive Board having the authority to amend these as needed.

Responsibilities and Governance

Each Commission and Committee will work within its designated area of responsibility and report to the Chess South Africa Board.

Timeline

Nominations Deadline: to Please submit your nomination on or before the 20th of March 2026.

Election Process: Elections will be conducted in the following week, with specific dates to be confirmed.

We encourage all Provincial Associations to actively participate in this process by submitting nominations and ensuring that your voices are represented in the new structure. This is an opportunity to contribute to the growth and development of chess in South Africa.

Should you have any queries feel free to contact the 1st Vice President Mr Lindokuhle Ngubane on lindokuhlesports@gmail.com.


Thank you for your cooperation and enthusiasm in strengthening our community.

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