CHESS SA

CHESS SOUTH AFRICA · NATIONAL COACHING

Coach Certification Weekend

Your Train-the-Trainers Programme

SATURDAY 9:00–17:00 · SUNDAY 9:00–12:00

Opened & closed by Lindokuhle Ngubane · Vice President, Chess South Africa

Welcome! Over this weekend you'll learn how to teach chess well and earn an official Chess SA coaching certificate. You don't need to be a strong player — just willing to learn, teach, and care about your learners. Everything is hands-on: you'll watch, you'll try, and you'll get friendly feedback.

SATURDAY

Learning day · 9:00 – 17:00

Time	What's happening
from 08:30	**Arrive & breakfast** Sign in, set up your online account, and have breakfast before we start.
09:00	**Welcome & official opening** Opening address by Vice President Lindokuhle Ngubane, then how the weekend works.
09:30	**Session 1 — Being a great coach** Your role as a coach, and the rules for keeping children safe.
10:30	**Tea break** Stretch, refill, and chat.
10:45	**Session 2 — How people learn** Why lessons stick or fail, and how to read a learner's mood.
12:15	**Lunch** A proper break and a hot meal.
13:00	**Session 3 — Planning a lesson** The simple 4-step lesson that works every time. You'll build one yourself.
14:00	**Session 4 — Your turn to teach** You teach a short lesson to the group — friendly, low-pressure practice.
15:00	**Tea break** Quick breather.
15:15	**Session 5 — Tools & keeping kids keen** Free apps that help you teach, and how to keep a class motivated.
16:00	**Session 6 — Setting goals that work** How to turn a learner's dream into clear weekly steps.
16:45	**Wrap-up & tonight's task** Finish your short online test and prepare your 5-minute lesson. Day 1 ends at 17:00.

SUNDAY

Assessment & certificates · 9:00 – 12:00

Time	What's happening
from 08:30	**Arrive & breakfast** Light breakfast, coffee, and a calm start before assessment.
09:00	**Session 7 — Running a club & a tournament** How to start a chess club and run a simple, fair tournament.
09:30	**Session 8 — Talking to parents** How to give honest feedback without over-promising.
10:00	**Tea break** Last refill before your demo.
10:15	**Your assessment** Teach your 5-minute lesson to an assessor, and finish your online test. Calm and supportive.
11:30	**Results, certificates & closing** Find out your level, get your certificate, and join the coach directory. Closing address by Vice President Lindokuhle Ngubane. Ends at 12:00.

GOOD TO KNOW

What to bring

- Yourself, ready to take part — you'll be teaching, not just listening.
- A phone or laptop for the online test (we'll have wifi).
- A pen and notebook, and smart-casual clothes for your teaching demo.

Meals & breaks

Breakfast, lunch, and tea are all provided. Please tell us in advance about any allergies or dietary needs so we can cater for you.

We can't wait to coach the coaches — see you there. **Reuben Salimu**, Head Coach, Chess SA