Gert Sibande Chess

Affiliate of Mpumalanga Chess

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Welcome to Gert Sibande Chess!

This is your guide to joining our regional chess structure, affiliated with Mpumalanga Chess and Chess South Africa (Chess S.A.).

Why Join Gert Sibande Chess?

Becoming a member comes with a range of benefits for both players and clubs:

Compete and Earn Recognition

Qualify for regional trials and represent Gert Sibande Chess at prestigious tournaments like the Club Championships, Inter-Region Championships, and even the South African Junior Chess Championship! Outstanding performance can lead to the South African Closed Championship, where you could represent South Africa internationally and earn national colours.

Sharpen Your Skills

Gert Sibande Chess provides high-level training for players representing the region, helping them improve their game.

Develop Your Coaching Expertise

Registered club coaches gain access to training seminars and opportunities to acquire coaching qualifications.

Support for Club Management

We offer administrative support through committee inductions and role preparation workshops, empowering your club leadership.

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Tournament Assistance

Registered clubs can receive help running at least one rated tournament. We'll provide essential equipment like clocks and chess sets if needed.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Top players (seniors and juniors) from registered clubs who have participated in at least 4 Gert Sibande tournaments can be assisted with sponsorship applications for national or international tournaments (based on a ranking system).

How to Join

Becoming a member is simple! Here's what your club needs to do:

Complete the Club Registration Form

This form provides Gert Sibande Chess with essential information about your club.

Submit Your Club Constitution

A signed constitution outlines the structure and rules of your club. Don't worry, if you don't have one, we can provide a sample.

Both the form and the constitution must be emailed to the secretary on naommpofu7@gmail.com

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Hold an Elective AGM

This process ensures your club has a management committee elected by its members.

Form an Executive Committee

Your club must have at least 5 office-bearers forming its EXCO. It's okay for someone to take on some multiple roles (e.g., chairperson and coach).

Chess South Africa Annual Registration

All players who wish to compete in rated(official) tournaments need to register as a member with Chess S.A. This allows players to get official ratings (for first time players) or improve their existing ratings as they participate in tournaments. Chess S.A. determines the registration fee, which can be paid upfront or as part of the first tournament or at any time later. The amounts for this year are R200 for Adults and R100 for Juniors.

Contact

For further information, please don't hesitate to contact our secretary Ms. Naom Mpofu on the details as provided on the letterhead.