

NATIONAL CHESS FEDERATION (NCF): Jamaica Chess Federation CONTINENT: North America DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 3 PERIOD: 1 April 2020 – 31 January 2021

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)¹ are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. The NCF is expected to complete both the **Baseline** and **End of Period-target** values. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the 'Comments' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes.

When the NCF is preparing its final report for the end of the reporting period, the actual values of the KPIs need to be completed for each KPI identified.

Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)	Baseline- 2019 ²	End of Period Target	End of Period Actual	Comments
FIDE-rated players	261	270	274	Changes resulted mainly from FIDE rated national championships that were staged right before the pandemic closed down over- the-board play.
Players on FIDE List	160	170	163	Target will not be met due to restrictions on over-the- board play by Jamaica's Ministry of Health.

¹ https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics

² NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.



FIDE				
Female Chess Players on FIDE List	23	25	22	Decline due to restrictions on over-the-board play by Jamaica's Ministry of Health.
Certified Arbiters	2	4	1	With the death of one of our International Arbiters and the restrictions brought on by the pandemic, and the scarcity of online arbiter training in English, we are now left with only one (1) international arbiter. Arbiter norm reports submitted for approximately 4 arbiters.
Certified Trainers	1	2	1	Difficult to identify online training courses in English.
Average rating of top 10 players	2114	2120	2130.7	We were on target to significantly surpass the target set.
Average Rating of top 10 female players	1605.7	1615	1638.7	Changes resulted mainly from FIDE rated national championships that were staged right before the pandemic closed down over- the-board play.
Participants in international chess tournaments	42	20	N/A	Due to the pandemic, travel overseas was not possible.
Affiliated clubs	0	7	0	Affiliation process is yet to be developed. But should be in place by 31 March 2021.
School Chess Teachers	Not Available	100	N/A	Due to closure of schools from March 2020 to the present, it was not possible to make an assessment.
Schools with chess programmes	Not Available	100	N/A	Due to closure of schools from March 2020 to the present, it was not possible to make an assessment.
Students in chess in school programmes	Not Available	1000	N/A	Due to closure of schools from March 2020 to the present, it was not possible to make an assessment.



Positive or neutral articles & media coverage incl. social media	Not Available	24	18	Articles were mainly on the performance of players in online tournaments.
Chess sponsors	5	8	5	Due to the effects of the pandemic, new sponsors were not willing to discuss expenditure during the period.
Strategic Partners e.g. NOC	4	6	4	Strategic partners continue to provide support, particularly in terms of encouraging the Ministry of Health to allow the return of over the board chess.
FIDE-rated players Playing Online	N/A	50	199	The ease with which players were able to access tournaments was underestimated.
Female Chess Players on FIDE List Playing Online	N/A	50	49	The ease with which female players were able to access tournaments was underestimated.
Affiliated Clubs conducting activities online	N/A	7	7	All seven affiliated clubs were forced to conduct activities online in order to survive.
Participants in International online chess tournaments.	N/A	30	52	The ease with which players and clubs were able to access tournaments was underestimated.

On behalf of FEDERATION

President – Jamaica Chess Federation

Date: 9 February 2021





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CONTINENT: Americas

DEVELOPMENT LEVEL: 3

Please complete ALL requested fields in this report.

1. Programme/Project Name:

Junior Chess Development Programme

2. Programme/Project Dates:

1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021

3. Summary of Project Outcomes:

- 1. Due to the pandemic and the subsequent closing of schools in Jamaica from April 2020 to the present, the National Schools Chess Championships were not held. A National Online Chess Championship for schools is being planned for March 2021.
- 2. Successfully staged five (5) open online tournaments with sections targeting junior players. The funding from FIDE was used to cover costs in relation to the promotional items, prizes and arbiters. All tournament flyers can be found on the JCF facebook page and some flyers are on the front page of the JCF website jamchess.com.

a. IA FM John Powell Memorial Open Online: 24 January 2021:

- i. See results at https://chess-results.com/tnr547296.aspx?lan=1
 ii. See flyer on our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/a.1945247909099921/2654950531462985
- iii. See newspaper coverage at: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/sports/training-partnersfinish-1-2-in-chess-competition_213315?profile=0
- iv. See pics of online entrants attached to this Report.
 - b. CM Neil Fairclouigh Rapid Chess Championship: 27 December 2020:
- i. See results at: https://chess-results.com/tnr544341.aspx?lan=1
- See flyer on our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2636824616608910
- iii. There was no newspaper coverage
- iv. Iv. There were no online pics.



APPENDIX D – REPORT ON FUNDING

c. Thomas Figueroa Memorial Blitz Online: 26 December 2020:

- i. See results at: https://chess-results.com/tnr544337.aspx?lan=1&art=0ii. See flyer on our facebook page:
- https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2636824616608910
- iii. See newspaper coverage at: http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/sports/pair-of-twinsmakes-history-in-local-chess_211426?profile=1498
- iv. See pictures on our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2636824806608891

d. Frederick Cameron Open Online: 20 December 2020:

- i. See results at: https://chess-results.com/tnr544185.aspx?lan=1&art=0
- ii. See flyer on our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2632498177041554
- iii. There was no newspaper coverage.
- iv. See pics of online entrants on our facebook page at: https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2632543397037032

e. Robert Wheeler Open Online: 30 May 2020:

- i. See results at: https://chess-results.com/tnr527779.aspx?lan=1
- ii. See flyer on our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2441818566109517
- iii. See Newspaper coverage: <u>http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/sports/covid-19-forces-</u> robert-wheeler-chess-open-to-move-online_194591
- iv. There were no pics of online entrants.
- Due to the onset of the pandemic, the Junior Training Programmes and Overseas representation by Junior Players did not take place. However, junior training did take place and online representation was facilitated as Jamaica participated in a number of official online events including the FIDE Online Chess Olympiad 2020, the FIDE Online World Cadets & Youth Rapid Chess Championships and the Regional Youth Online Chess Championships staged by Trinidad and Tobago.
- 4. One online seminar intended to attract new players to the sport online was staged 19 December 2020. It was called the **Online Learn to Play Chess Workshop** and was attended by over 300 participants.
- i. See flyer: https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2628002210824484
- 5. One online Coaching Seminar was staged 25 July 2020 called Chess Coaches Webinar.
 - i. See flyer: <u>https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/photos/2501677926790247</u>



4. Breakdown of Funding Usage (Please provide supporting documents as far as possible):

- 1. Successfully staged five (5) open online tournaments locally with sections targeting junior players. An amount of approximately U\$350.00 has been spent on each, totaling **US\$1,750.00**. See 2(a-e) above.
- 2. Approximately **US\$1400.00** was spent on participation by juniors in the FIDE Online Chess Olympiad, the FIDE Online World Cadets and Youth Rapid Championships and the Regional Youth Online Championships.
- 3. The online seminar which attracted over 300 participants was staged at a cost of **US\$1,600.00.**
- 4. The online coaching seminar was staged at a cost of **US\$300.00**.
- 5. Any funds not yet used? Yes _____ No ____

If No, please provide reasons and details on how and when the funds will be utilised:

I will assume this should read "If Yes, please provide reasons..."

6. Lessons Learned/Future Improvements:

- 1. Online chess is not the same as over the board play. The players who qualify for each are different and have differing skills.
- 2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the potential of online chess is great.
- 3. With the pandemic, three times more chess is being played.
- 4. During and after the pandemic, greater focus will be needed on online chess, to develop all spheres of the sport.

On behalf of the Jamaica Chess Federation

Peter/Myers President Jamaica Chess Federation (876-425-5939)

Date: 8 February 2021

ONLINE SEMINARS HELD BY THE JAMAICA CHESS FEDERATION 2020/2021

1. <u>Jamaica Chess Federation - Online Learn to Play Chess</u> <u>Workshop 2020</u>

- Topic: Learn to Play Chess
- Seminar Schedule: 3 hrs
- Lecturers: WIM Deborah Richards Porter, FM Warren Elliott, FM Malaku Lorne, NM Ryan Blackwood, Mr. Odane Hall, Mr. Troy Leachman
- Language: English
- Agenda: There was no set agenda as each coach used his/her own techniques to teach the game of chess
- Participant information: There were more than 350 participants registered to participate in five (5) age categories each at the beginner and intermediate level (7-10, 11-13, 14-17, 18-35 and 36 & over). 51% of registrants were female and all parishes in the country were represented.
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- 3. Increase the number of chess players across the island and lay a foundation for future JCF online "learn to play chess" workshops.

Through the use of several marketing platforms (tv, radio, social media) we were able to reach a diverse group of Jamaicans ranging from kids to adults to notable celebrities. Eight (8) coaches were contracted to teach on the day and by all indications, the three main objectives were met. Below are some of the post workshop comments sent in whatsapp.

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2. Coaches Webinar

- Topic: Improving Coaching
- Seminar Schedule: 4.5 hrs
- Lecturers: IM Shane Matthews, FI, IM Jomo Pitterson, FT, IA Donald Miller, NA, IO, Terence Lindo, NM Geoffrey Byfield
- Language: English
- Agenda: Operating in the COVID-19 environment The Psychology of Chess Openings, Middle Games, and End Games • How coaches should improve on their Technical Skills • The rudiments of the Game • The Laws that governs Chess (FIDE)
- Participant information: There were approximately 15 participants
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