

AFRICAN CHESS CONFEDERATION END OF 2021 PERIOD REPORT

A: TOURNAMENTS

i. 2021 AFRICAN ONLINE INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2021 African Online Individual Chess Championships were held in the Tornado Chess Platform from January 25th to January 29th, 2021.

The event comprised the following categories:

- i. Main Open Section
- ii. Main Women's Section
- iii. Combined Seniors (Over 50) Section
- iv. Junior Open (Under 20) Section
- v. Junior Girls (Under 20) Section

A total number of 156 players from 27 African Federations took part in the event in which all the categories were played under a Rapid Time Control of 25 min plus 10 seconds per move from the first move.

The summarized medal positions for each category were as follows:

Main Open: Gold Medal- GM Ahmed Adly (EGY) 7.5/9
Silver Medal- GM Bassem Amin (EGY) 7.0/9
Bronze Medal- GM Bilel Bellahcene (ALG) 6.5/9

Main Women's: Gold Medal- WGM Amina Mezioud (ALG) 8.0/9
Silver Medal- WIM Sabrina Latreche (ALG) 7.5/9
Bronze Medal- WIM Khadidja Latreche (ALG) 7.0/9

Combined Over 50: Gold Medal-FM Charles De Villiers (RSA) 8.5/9
Silver Medal-Zoheir Slami (MAR) 6.5/9
Bronze Medal-CM John Mukabi (KEN) 5.5/9

Under 20 Open: Gold Medal- FM Lamine Brahami (ALG) 7.5/9
Silver Medal- FM Domingos Junior (ANG) 7.5/9
Bronze Medal- Taleb Mohammed Abderrahim (MTN) 7.0/9

Under 20 Girls: Gold Medal-WIM Lina Nassr (ALG) 8.0/9
Silver Medal-WFM Besa Masaiti (BOT) 7.0/9
Bronze Medal-Davida Strong (RSA) 6.5/9



GM Ahmed Adly



WGM Amina Mezioud



FM Charles De Villiers



FM Lamine Brahami



WIM Lina Nassr

ii. 2021 ARAB AFRICAN ONLINE INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following an agreement between the African Chess Confederation and the Arab Chess Federation, the 2021 Arab African Online Individual Championships were hosted from February 25 to 27, 2021 on the Lichess.com Platform.



The event was conducted under the Blitz Time Control of 3 minutes plus 2 Seconds per move from the first move.

In addition to the main prizes, there were also prizes for rating groups ranging from “Best Player Under 1200” to “Best Player Under 2000”.

A total of 2, 116 participants took part in the event, which was a real success.

iii. AFRICAN FIDE WORLD CUP 2021 QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Upon the restructuring of the Regulations for the FIDE World Cup resulting in an increase in the number of participants from 128 to 206, the African Continent was allocated a total of 15 places for the FIDE World Cup 2021.

In line with the updated FIDE World Cup Regulations, ELEVEN African Federations were selected according to the average rating of their ten highest-rated players in the December 2020 FIDE Rating List.

These African Federations selected to nominate one player each to participate in the FIDE World Cup 2021 are Egypt, Algeria, Morocco, Zambia, South Africa, Tunisia, Nigeria, Angola, Uganda, Libya, and Zimbabwe.

This process then leaves FOUR places to be selected on a Continental level.

To ensure a wider participation in the final selection process of the FOUR places at the 2021 African Individual Chess Championships, the Board of the African Chess Confederation devised a pre-qualification process to be held online and termed as the 2021 African Online World Cup Pre-Qualifying Chess Championships.

The Zonal representatives selected through the 2021 African Online World Cup Pre-Qualifying Chess Championships will be sponsored to the final selection event, the 2021 African Individual Chess Championships to be hosted in Lilongwe, Malawi from May 17 to 28, 2021.

iv. 2021 AFRICAN ONLINE WORLD CUP PRE-QUALIFYING CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2021 African Online World Cup Pre-Qualifying Chess Championships were hosted on the Tornado Chess Platform from 23rd April to 2nd May 2021.

The event comprised the following categories:

- i. Zone 4.1 Open and Women's Section
- ii. Zone 4.2 Open and Women's Section
- iii. Zone 4.3 Open and Women's Section
- iv. Zone 4.4 Open and Women's Section
- v. Zone 4.5 Open and Women's Section

In addition to the Prize Money for the top five players in the Open Section in each category and the top four players in the Women's Section of each category, the Winners in each category received economy class air travel sponsorship to the 2021 African Individual Chess Championships, which were held in Lilongwe, Malawi from May 17, 2021 (arrival) to May 28, 2021 (departure).

The Winners in each category were also be entitled to free board and lodging at the official accommodation venue for the duration of 2021 African Individual Chess Championships.

A total number of 123 players from took part in the event, with 75 in the Open Section and 48 in the Women's Section.

Zone 4.3 only had one player entered in the Open Section, with no entries in the Women's Section.

The player that was entered in the Open Section was added to the Zone 4.5 Open Section participants to enable him play in the event.

The summarized prize winners in each category were as follows:

I. ZONE 4.1 OPEN

1. GM Ahmed Adly (EGY) 8/9
2. IM Ali Nassr (ALG) 7½/9
3. GM Bilel Bellahcene (ALG) 7/9
4. Mohamed Abderrahim Taleb (MTN) Mohamed 6/9
5. Aymen Ben Brahem (TUN) 6/9

II. ZONE 4.1 WOMEN

1. WIM Lina Nassr (ALG) 8/9
2. WGM Shrook Wafa (EGY) 7/9
3. WGM Shahenda Wafa (EGY) 7/9
4. WIM Ayah Moataz (EGY) 6/9

III. ZONE 4.2 OPEN

1. FM Osunfuyi Abimbola (NGR) 8½/9
2. IM Mariano Ortega Amarelle (CPV) 7½/9
3. IM Oluwafemi Balogun (NGR) 6/9
4. Ajibola Olanrewaju (NGR) 5½/9
5. FM Degondo Simplicite (CIV) 5/9

IV. ZONE 4.2 WOMEN

1. WFM Perpetual Ogbiyoyo (NGR) 7/9
2. Jessica Pelomoh (NGR) 7/9
3. Amarachi Agiri (NGR) 6½/9
4. Ofowino Toritsemuwa (NGR) 6½/9

V. ZONE 4.4 OPEN

1. IM Rakotomaharo Fy Antenaina (MAD) 8½
2. FM Patrick Kawuma (UGA) 6½/9
3. Razanadrakotoarisoa Toavina (MAD) 6½/9
4. Walter Okas (UGA) 6/9
5. FM Harold Wanyama (UGA) 5½/9

VI. ZONE 4.4 WOMEN

1. Peninah Nakabo (UGA) 6½/9
2. WCM Joyce Nyaruai Ndirangu (UGA) 6/9
3. WFM Riya Shah (KEN) 5/9
4. Safinah Mugide (UGA) 4/9

VII. ZONE 4.5 OPEN

1. IM David Silva (ANG) 7/9
2. CM Persson Abrantes (MOZ) 7/9
3. IM Dante Beukes (NAM) 6/9
4. Roy Mwadzura (ZIM) 6/9
5. Spencer Masango (ZIM) 6/9

VIII. ZONE 4.5 WOMEN

1. WCM Kudzanayi Charinda (ZIM) 8/9
2. WFM Ednasia Júnior (ANG) 6½/9
3. WFM Naledi Marape (BOT) 6/9
4. WFM Lorita Mwango (ZAM) 6/9

v. 2021 AFRICAN INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2021 African Individual Chess Championships were hosted in Lilongwe, the Capital City of Malawi from May 17 to 28, 2021.

The event comprised an Open Section and a Women's Section.

A total of 92 players from 17 African Federations took part in the 2021 African Individual Chess Championships.

58 players were entered in the Open Section, whilst 34 players played in the Women's Section.



The Open Section Medalists at the podium

The tournament represented the final selection process of the FOUR places to represent the African Continent at the 2021 FIDE World Cup.

GM Ahmed Adly of Egypt retained his title as African Champions after fierce competition from his compatriots.

He won the event on tiebreaks from GM Amin Bassem after they both tied 8 points after 9 Rounds.



The Gold Medal Winner in the Open Section, GM Ahmed Adly

GM Fawzy Adham and GM Hesham Abdelrahman, both also from Egypt finished in third and fourth places respectively.

The final FIVE placings in both Sections were as follows:

I. OPEN SECTION

1. GM Adly Ahmed (EGY) 8/9
2. GM Amin Bassem (EGY) 8/9
3. GM Fawzy Adham (EGY) 7½/9
4. GM Hesham Abdelrahman (EGY) 6½/9
5. FM Mwale Joseph (MAW) 6/9

II. WOMEN'S SECTION

1. WIM February Jesse Nikki (RSA) 7/9
2. WIM Nassr Lina (ALG) 6½/9
3. WIM Moataz Ayah (EGY) 6½/9
4. WFM Mwango Lorita (ZAM) 6/9
5. WGM Wafa Shahenda (EGY) 6/9



The Women's Section Medalists at the podium



The Women's Section Gold Medalist WGM (elect) Jesse February

vi. 2021 AFRICAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2021 African Youth Chess Championships, which were hosted in the Ghanaian capital city of Accra from 17th to 26th September 2021, represented the continued return to Over-The-Board chess activities on the African Continent.

The event comprised the following age categories:

- Under 08 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 10 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 12 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 14 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 16 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 18 – Open and Girls Sections

Due to the Under 8 Girls Section only having SIX players, this age category was merged with the Under 10 Girls Section.

A total number of 169 players from 11 African Federations took part in this year's edition.

Players taking the first three places in each age group category were awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, respectively.

The Gold Medal winners in their respective age categories qualified for sponsorship to represent the African continent at the 2022 World Cadet Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 Chess Championships to be held in Georgia and the 2022 World Youth Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 Chess Championships to be held Greece.

The summarized medal winners in each category were as follows:

Under 8 (Open)

1. Olanrewaju Obaloluwu (NGR) 9/9
2. Driscoll Samuel (RSA) 7/9
3. Barouni Nadim (TUN) 7/9

Under 10 (Girls)

1. Quickpen Deborah (NGR) 8/9
2. Alaa Eldin Raghad (EGY) 7/9
3. Elizabeth Cassidy Maina (KEN) 6,5/9

Under 10 (Open)

1. Ekunke Odey Goodness (NGR) 8,0/9
2. Ammous Mahmoud (TUN) 6,5/9
3. Deyssel Kaleb (RSA) 6,5/9

Under 12 (Girls)

1. Romany Joy (EGY) 8,0/9
2. Ramlall Sanjana (RSA) 6,5/9
3. Ben Salem Mariem (TUN) 6,0/9

Under 12 (Open)

1. CM Mena Martin (EGY) 8,5/9
2. Amoako Philip Selikem Yao (GHA) 7,5/9
3. Wael Sabry Mina (EGY) 6,0/9

Under 14 (Girls)

1. Badenhorst Chloe (RSA) 8,5/9
2. WCM Banda Natalie Katlo (BOT) 8,0/9
3. Boshoma Chisomo (RSA) 6,5/9

Under 14 (Open)

1. Mohamed Abderrahim Taleb Mohamed (MTN) 7,5/9
2. Wafa Hamed (EGY) 7,5/9
3. Hany Kamal Mohamed (EGY) 6,5/9

Under 16 (Girls)

1. WFM Marape Naledi (BOT) 8,0/9
2. Shriyan Santosh Priyasha (MAW) 7,5/9
3. Mahmoud Youssef Noha (EGY) 6,0/9

Under 16 (Open)

1. George Micheal Kevin (EGY) 7,5/9
2. Ajili Rayen (TUN) 7,0/9
3. AIM Oosthuizen Michal Jacobus (RSA) 6,5/9

Under 18 (Girls)

1. WFM Miladi Amen (TUN) 7,5/9
2. Van Jaarsveld Anje (RSA) 7,0/9
3. Haouas Zeineb (TUN) 5,0/9

Under 18 (Open)

1. Okeke Isaac (NGR) 8,0/9
2. George Samir David (EGY) 6,5/9
3. CM Tamer Ahmed (EGY) 6,0/9

vii. 2021 AFRICAN SCHOOLS INDIVIDUAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2021 African Schools Individual Chess Championships were hosted in the Kenyan capital city of Nairobi from 12th to 20th December 2021.



The event comprised the following age categories:

- Under 7 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 9 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 11 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 13 – Open and Girls Sections
- Under 15– Open and Girls Sections
- Under 17 – Open and Girls Sections

Due to the low number of entries in the Under 7 and Under 9 Girls Sections, these age categories were merged to provide for a 10 players Round Robin event.

A total number of 166 players from 9 African Federations took part in this year's edition.



Players taking the first three places in each age group category were awarded Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals, respectively.

The Gold Medal winners in their respective age categories qualified for sponsorship to represent the African continent at the 2022 World Schools Individual Championships to be held in Panama.

The summarized medal winners in each category were as follows:

Under 7 (Open)

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| 1. Jeshurun Obiri Yeboah Pryce-Tandoh | GHA | 8,0/9 |
| 2. Acheampong Jedidiah Nana Osei | GHA | 7,0/9 |
| 3. Badenhorst Daniel Caleb | RSA | 7,0/9 |

Under 7 &9 (Girls)

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|-------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Zoey Mungal | RSA | 8,5/9 |
| 2. Budhram Kaylee Grace | RSA | 8,5/9 |
| 3. Melinda Chepengat | KEN | 7,0/9 |

Under 9 (Open)

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|----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Acheampong Dave Quansah Chief | GHA | 9,0/9 |
| 2. Mubiru Jayden | UGA | 8,0/9 |
| 3. Harry Kags | KEN | 6,0/9 |

Under 11 (Open)

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|-----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Mungal Ethan | RSA | 7,5/9 |
| 2. Muiruri Don Kamami | KEN | 7,0/9 |
| 3. Kiwanuka Ssubi | UGA | 6,0/9 |

Under 11 (Girls)

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|----------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Elizabeth Cassidy Maina | KEN | 9,0/9 |
| 2. Naidoo Kajol | RSA | 7,0/9 |
| 3. Wambui Bernice | KEN | 6,5/9 |

Under 13 Open

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|------------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. Mawuli Richardson | GHA | 8,0/9 |
| 2. Soojay Jorah | RSA | 7,0/9 |
| 3. Jamie Obora Kanango | KEN | 6,5/9 |

Under 13 Girls

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| 1. Dutt Lakshita | MAW | 8,0/9 |
| 2. WCM Shah Devashri | KEN | 7,0/9 |
| 3. WCM Moshoboro Laone Phoebe | BOT | 6,5/9 |

Under 15 Open

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| 1. Pido Edwin | UGA | 8,5/9 |
| 2. CM Lwanga Aguda | KEN | 7,5/9 |
| 3. Ajiri Nygaard | UGA | 6,5/9 |

Under 15 Girls

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| 1. Boshoma Chisomo | RSA 7,5/9 |
| 2. Badenhorst Chloe | RSA 6,5/9 |
| 3. WCM Moshoboro Arona | BOT 6,0/9 |

Under 17 Open

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| 1. Mnyasta Tezihano | RSA 7,5/9 |
| 2. Lefyedi Thatego | RSA 6,5/9 |
| 3. Oluca Robert Mcligeyo | KEN 6,0/9 |

Under 17 Girls

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| 1. Ingado Mercy | KEN 7,5/9 |
| 2. Shriyan Priyasha Santosh | MAW 7,5/9 |
| 3. WCM Gabatshwarwe Refilwe Tsutsu | BOT 6,5/9 |

viii. **2021 AFRICAN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The 2021 African Junior Chess Championships were hosted in the City of Monrovia in Liberia from 28th December 2021 to 5th January 2022.



The Gold Medalists WIM Lina Nassr and IM (elect) Lamine Brahami, from Algeria

The event comprised an Open Section and a Girls' Section with a total of turn out of a total of twenty-eight players from nine federations.

The Open Section had eighteen players whilst the Girls' Section had ten players.

The summarized medal winners in each section were as follows:

Open Section

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| 1. FM Lamine Brahami | ALG | 8,0/9 |
| 2. Callistus Eyetonghan Denyefa | NGR | 7,0/9 |
| 3. Mohamed Abderrahim Taleb Mohamed | MTN | 7,0/9 |

Girls Section

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|----------------------|-----|-------|
| 1. WIM Lina Nassr | ALG | 9,0/9 |
| 2. WCM Manel Nassr | ALG | 8,0/9 |
| 3. WFM Naledi Marape | BOT | 7,0/9 |



2021 African Junior Chess Championships

ix. POSTPONEMENT OF OTHER OTB EVENTS

The African Chess Confederation had to postpone other Over-The-Board events due to the second and third waves of the Covid-19 pandemic in the prospective host Federations, where more stringent health protocols were put in place by the respective Governments.

The affected events were the following:

- a) The 2021 African Amateur Individual Chess Championships
- b) All the five 2021 Zonal Individual Chess Championships
- c) All the five 2021 Zonal Under 16 Youth Team Championships

B. OBSERVATIONS

- i. The global Covid-19 pandemic affected African Federations both as a unitary Continent as well as individually.

The previously planned capacity building projects were put on hold in many Federations as well as at Continental level.

- ii. No Zonal events were hosted, whilst the hosting of three youth Continental events coupled with the Continental Championship that was also a FIDE World Cup Qualifier signaled a potential return to full time over-the-board chess activities in 2022.

- iii. The declaration of 2022 as the Year for Women in Chess should provide a focus for building on the improving numbers of women participating chess activities. The African Continent needs to put in place intensified programmes for the encouragement of more women to participate chess activities, with appropriate incentives also being offered to Federations making the necessary to build on this initiative.
- iv. Continental Commission activities will need to be enhanced with appropriate funding mechanisms.

C: GOING FORWARD WITH ACC 2020 AND BEYOND

i. FOCUS ON PREPARATION OF TEACHERS SEMINARS

Following the overwhelming response and ultimate success of the FIDE Chess in Education Preparation of Teachers Seminar held on the sidelines of the 2021 African Schools Individual Chess Championships in the Kenya Capital of Nairobi, the African Chess Confederation intends to focus on hosting more such high-quality seminars to enhance the accelerated capacity building process on the African Continent.

ii. MEMBERSHIP OF THE AFRICAN UNION SPORTS COUNCIL

Following the alignment of the African FIDE Zones to the administrative regions of the African Union Sports Council to facilitate the African Chess Confederation application for full membership of the African Union Sports Council as approved by the 2019 First Quarter FIDE Presidential Board Meeting of March 15, 2019, the African Union Sports Council has confirmed the recognition of the African Chess Confederation.

Sports Development activities under the African Union Sports Council are conducted and funded through the administrative regions to which the African FIDE Zones are aligned.

Some of the African FIDE Zones had already started the Regional alignment process that will lead to chess being included amongst the Sport Codes in the Regional Games of the African Union Sports Council.

Ultimately, chess will also now qualify to automatically be included amongst the sport codes at the African Games starting with the 2023 African Games to be held in Ghana.

The African Zones will also now qualify for support from other African Union resources and funding opportunities through the Regional Development structures they are aligned to.

The Board of the African Chess Confederation will build on the foregoing and initiate other medium and long-term development programmes designed to keep African Federations focused on achieving the best in the available opportunities.

Gens Una Sumus!

On behalf of AFRICA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be a stylized name or set of initials, enclosed in a light blue rectangular box.

Continental President

Date: 31/12/2022