# BHUTAN CHESS FEDERATION Affiliated with FIDE & Bhutan Olympic Committee

**Head Office: Thimphu** 



#### BHUTAN CHESS FEDERATION END OF 2022 PERIOD REPORT

#### **A.INTRODUCTION**

The Bhutan Chess Federation was established in 2004 but was inactive due to lack of resources such as equipment and trainers. However, after eight years of inactivity, the federation has been revived and is now actively promoting chess throughout Bhutan to people of all ages and genders.

Despite the potential of Bhutanese chess players, there is limited access to the game in Bhutan. Nevertheless, Bhutanese players have achieved unexpected success at the 44th Chess Olympiad in Chennai in 2022.

The Covid-19 pandemic caused disruptions to chess events and programs worldwide, including for the Bhutan Chess Federation. The pandemic has also presented opportunities for the growth and promotion of chess in Bhutan through online programs in addition to over-the-board chess tournaments.

#### **B.TOURNAMENTS**

Due to the previously referenced onset of the global Covid-19 pandemic, the Bhutan Chess Federation only managed to host only two major over-the-board event in the 2022 calendar year.

All the other scheduled over-the-board events had to be cancelled upon the rise of the global Covid19 pandemic.

#### 1. The National Youth Chess Championship

The first national Youth Chess Championship was held in Thimphu on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022, were 13 Youth Centre all over the Bhutan attended the Championship. There were over 450 youths who took part in the training camp. Making this initiative the largest in the history of chess in Bhutan.

At the end of 3 days of training the 13 Youth Centre conducted the tournaments on the 22th August to identify the best male and female players from each youth centre with the total number of 26 participants.

The winners of the 13 youth centre's played the tournament on 9<sup>th</sup> of September in Thimphu. Further, the winners of the tournament will be declared the Bhutan National Youth Chess Champion of 2022.

Where Lhundrup Minjur Dorji from Thimphu Youth Friendly Integrated Service Center (YFISC) took home the title, Kinzang Norbu from Bajothang Youth Centre is the first runners up and Sonam Choden from Phuentsholing YFISC is the second runners up.



Winner –Lhundrup Minjur Dorji Thimphu Youth Friendly Integrated Service Center (YFISC)



1st runner up- Kinzang Norbu from Bajothang Youth Centr



2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up- Sonam Choden from Phuentsholing YFISC



Group photo of official and players

Sl.No	Particular	Amount (Nu)	Remarks
1	Banner	13367	
2	Per Diem for Arbiter	4100	1000 for 3days and 1100 for transportation
3	Per Diem for Technical	5240	4000 for 4 days and 1240 for transportation
4	Refreshment and Lunch	30000	
5	Hall Preparation and Venue	50000	
6	Voucher allowance for 2 Intern	2000	
7	Trophies and Prizes	30000	
8	Transportation charges for players and official	15000	
9	Media and Marketing	30000	
10	500 chess set and clock	169000	For the development of chess in Bhutan mainly for the education purpose.
_	Total expenditure in Ngultrum (Nu)	Nu.348707	
	Total expenditure USD (\$)	\$ 4151	1 USD= Nu.84

Budget Breakdown



## TAX INVOICE

## Sagar Sports

Mfg. International Size Set, Kit Bag, Demonstration Board with Magnetic Set, Etc.

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Bill for 500 Chess Sets

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	Norbu Kinzang	4	1	Choden S.	Zangpo K.
3	Choden Sonam	4	1	1	0
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5	Choden Karma	3.5		Final knoc	kput round
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6	Dolma Namgay	3	-6	0	1
6	Rangdol Y. Dodrul	3	-6	3	
6	Gurung Krishna	3	- W		
6	Dorji Y. Pema	3			
6	Tshering Kinga	3	-12		
ε	Ngedup Yeshey	3			
.7	Lham Chencho	2.5	113 (		
8	Rai D. Deo	2			
8	Choden Tshering	2	16		
8	Tamang C. Pema	2			
8	Pelden K. Dechen	2	-18		
8	Wangchuk Sherub	2			
9	Rai J, Ugyen	1.5			
9	Deki Sonam	1.5	12.		
g	Tshomo Sonam	1.5	- 47		
9	Chedon Sangay	1.5			
10	Lhendup Karma	1			
10	Deki Tshering	1	12		
11	Youden Pema	0	1		

Result for National Youth Chess Championship 2022

#### 2. Thimphu Dzongkhag Inter-School Invitational Team Chess Championship 2022

The Bhutan Chess Federation successfully conducted the two days Thimphu Dzongkhag InterSchool Invitational Team Chess Championship 2022 from 4-5th October, 2022 at Table Tennis Hall, Thimphu.

The winner of the first-ever aforesaid Championship is the Dr. Tobgyel school-Team one and the 1st runners-up is Team Pieces of Glory from Kuzhugchen Middle Secondary School and the 2nd runners-up is the Dr. Tobgyel-Team three, the winners received trophies and cash prizes.

Mr. Tenzin Jamtsho of Changangkha School and Mr. Jamyang Dorji from Dr. Tobgyel School were recognized as Best Team Manager in the Championship.

A total of 15 teams from six schools (Dr. Tobgyel, Zilukha MSS, Changangkha MSS, Khasadrapchu MSS, Kuzhugchen MSS and Sisina Primary school) have participated in the championship. As a sign of appreciation and to encourage more students to play chess in schools, the federation gave five chess sets each to the participating schools.

The competition aimed to encourage school cooperation and provide young chess players with an opportunity to showcase their abilities.



Winner - Team Dr. Tobgyel 1



1st runner up- Team Pieces of Glory from Kuzhugchen Middle Secondary School



2<sup>nd</sup> Runner up- Team Dr. Tobgyel three



Glimpse of participants

SI.No	Particulars	Amount	Remarks
1	Banner	6000	
2	Hall Preparation and Venue	30000	
3	Transportation Hiring for players and official	20000	
4	Prizes and trophy	45000	
5	Per Diem for 2 Technical	12000	1500 x 4days
6	Per Diem for 4 Arbiter	16000	1000 x 4 days
7	Refreshment and Lunch for 2 days	50000	
8	Voucher allowance and Per diem for 2 official	6000	1500 x 2
9	Media and Marketing	30000	2 days
10	Michellenous	15000	
	Total Expenditure in Ngultrum (Nu)	230000	
	Total Expenditure in USD (\$)	2739	1 USD=Nu. 84

Budget Breakdown

#### 3. Selection Camp for Sheikh Russell Cup Invitational Chess Team Championship

Bhutan Chess Federation successfully conducted the Open Selection for Sheikh Russell Cup Invitational Chess Team Championship on 18<sup>th</sup> September to be held at Dhaka, Bangladesh from 12th to 21st October, 2022.

Where 11 participants took part and competed in the open Selection camp 5 players were selected to represent Bhutan in the Sheikh Russell Cup Invitational Chess Team Championship in Bangladesh.

The Selection camp main outcome was to select the players to represent on behalf of Bhutan Chess Federation and Bhutan. At the end of 6<sup>th</sup> Round as per the Swiss System, 1 Female and 4 male was selected.

#### Selected players list:

Sl.No	Name	Gender	FIDE ID
1	Karma Sonam	Male	17500028
2	Sangay Nidup	Male	17500656
3	Tenzin Jigdrel	Male	17501075
4	Binod Rai	Male	17500354
5	Sonam Choden	Female	17500729



Selected Player with General Secretary of Bhutan Chess Federation

	Particulars	Amount (Nu)	Remarks
1	Banner	2000	
2	Lunch and Refreshment	10000	
3	Technical	4000	2000*2 days
4	Arbiter * 2	6000	1500* 2 days
5	Media and Marketing	10000	
6	Hall Preparation and Venue	10000	
	Total Expenditure In Ngultrum (Nu)	Nu.42000	
	Total Expenditure In USD (\$)	\$ 500	1 USD = Nu. 84

Budget Breakdown

### **4.** National Online Chess Championship 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)

Coinciding with the 67<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of His Majesty the Fourth Druk Gyalpo, the Bhutan Chess Federation (BCF) conducted the National Online Chess Championship 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) on November 11, 2022.

The championship attracted 59 chess players from across the country. The 59 individuals were divided among two categories: Category A (Lichess rating above 600) and Category B (Lichess rating below 1600). The division of the categories was based on the individual's Lichess rating upon registration. 10 individuals were in Category A, and the remaining 49 players were in Category B.

Karma Sonam, Bhakta Bdr. Monger and Mahendra Gurung begged first, second and third position respectively in Category A. On the other hand, Top 3 for the Category B are Lhundrup Minju Dorji, Pema Tshering and Jigme Younten Wangdi respectively.

The tournament was conducted on an online chess platform, Lichess.org, and all the participants (59 individuals) were strictly monitored via Zoom.







Category A Winner-Karma Sonam

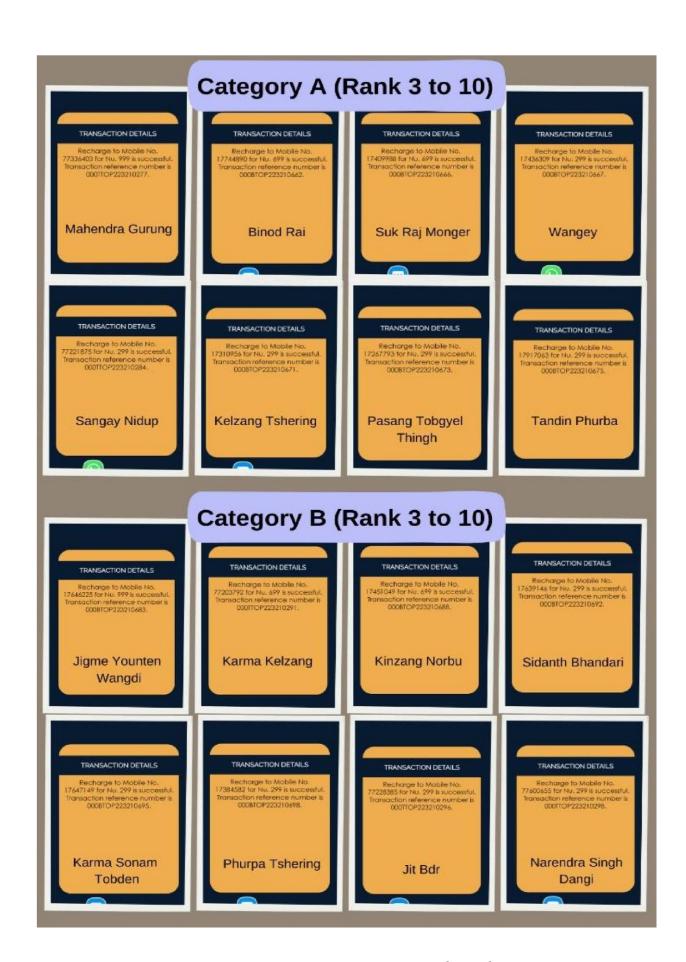
Category A 1st Runner up -Bhakta Monger





Category B Winner-Lhundrup Minjur Dorji

Catergory B 1st Runner up -Pemba Tshering



Transaction Record for Data Package for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> winner

Sl. No	Particulars	Quantit y	Rate	Amount (Nu)	Remarks
1	Telcast P80 X	2	8000	16000	Winner of Category A and B
2	Telcast P80	2	6100	12200	1st Runner up of Category A and B
3	Data Package of 999	2	999	1998	2nd Runner up for Category A and B
4	Data Package of 699	4	699	2796	4th and 5th for catergory A and B
5	Data Package of 299	10	299	2990	Consolation prize for 10 players from Both the Category A and B
6	Media and Marketing			5000	Livestreaming
7	Data allowance to official	5	500	2500	Nu.500 was given to official to conduct and monitor the game
8	Zoom Purchased	1 month	\$14.99	1229.18	To monitor the players and game
То	Total expenditure in Ngultrum (Nu)			Nu. 44713.18	
Total expenditure in USD (\$)		\$ 532.3	1 USD = Nu. 84		

Budget Breakdown

## 5. Selection Camp for 44th Chess Olympiad

Bhutan Chess Federation successfully conducted the open selection for the 44th Chess Olympiad which was held at Chennai, India from 28th July to 10th August, 2022. A total of 40 chess enthusiast participated in the open selection camp and the top ten participants from the selection camp were selected and they were further trained for the period of two months before the Chess tournament.



Glimpse of picture from the selection for the 44th Chess Olympiad



Sl.No	Name	Gender	FIDE ID
1	Ugyen Wangchuk	Male	17500702
2	Bhakta Bdr. Monger	Male	17500737
3	Suk Raj Monger	Male	17500680
4	Kelzang Tshering	Male	17501180
5	Lhundrup Minjur Dorji	Male	17500664
6	Sonam Choden	Female	17500729
7	Pema Yangsel Dorji	Female	17500621
8	Namgay Dolma	Female	17500770
9	Karma Gyelmo	Female	17500800
10	Asha huang Limboo	Female	17500753

Team Bhutan Participants Name list for the 44th Chess Olympiad

Bhutan's Open Team is ranked 172th out of 188 countries at the Chess Olympiad in India. Despite having minimum experience, training and coaching, both the teams performed extremely well in the tournament.

Bhutan got the new rated players after 13 years. The Women's Team had three Fide rated opponents. Karma Gyelmo and Asha Huang Limboo smoothly defeated their FIDE rated players. On the other hand, Sonam Choden 8th win from the 10 matches that she played in the tournament.

In the Open team, it didn't take long for Bhakta Bhadur Monger and Ugyen Wangchuk to check mate their opponents. Lhendrup Minjur Dorji, the youngest from the Open Team gave a tough match to his opponent until the very end of the game and defeated him.



Participants who got the their rating in 44th Chess Olympiad

#### **C. CAPACITY BUILDING SEMINARS**

#### Day 1

The first-ever National C Grade Trainers Program was conducted online by the Bhutan Chess Federation (BCF) in collaboration with the Bangladesh Chess Federation which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The primary goal of the program is to produce qualified trainers and arbiters in Bhutan.

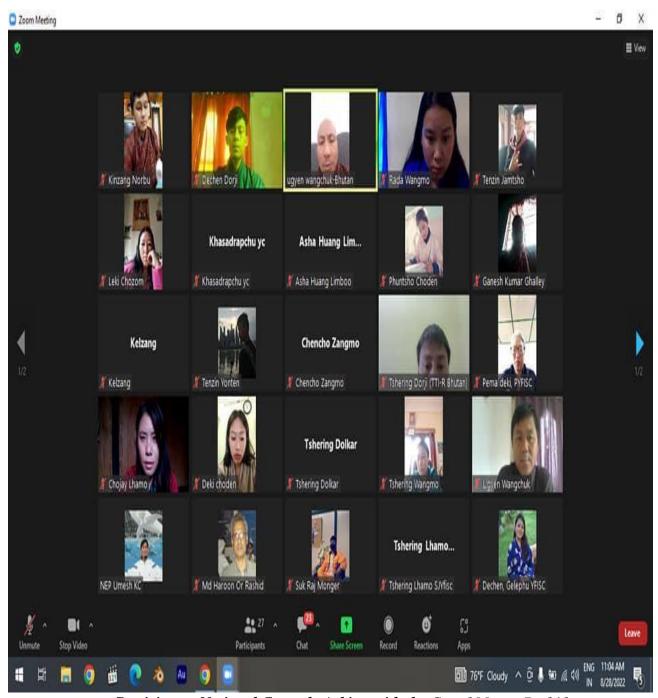
The session was led by Grand Master Enamul Hossain of the Bangladesh Chess Federation, a trainer for the International Chess Federation (FIDE). Grand Master emphasized the significance of interest and the trainers' duty to foster the children's growing enthusiasm for the game of chess. Although 57 people signed up for the training, only 33 could make it to today's session.



Participants for the National C-Grade Trainers with the GM Enamul Hossain

#### Day 2

The Bhutan Chess Federation (BCF) completed a two-day online training course for National C-Grade Arbiters on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022. The session was attended by 28 individuals from across the country. The online session aimed to equip the participants with enhanced skills to function as arbiters for future chess tournaments. The virtual training was led by Grand Master Rashid, the International Chess Federation (FIDE) arbiter trainer and a member of the Bangladesh Chess Federation.



Participants National C- grade Arbiter with the Grand Master Rashid

#### **D.** Development of Chess in Bhutan

#### 1. Miscellaneous (Office Infrastructure development)

The total amount of Nu. 150000/- is used for the office set up and purchase of office equipment. The Miscellaneous includes office table, chair, steel cupboards to keep the chess sets and clocks and other office needs.

#### 2. Payment to contract Intern

There is no full time employee due to lack of budget and we are able to give the payment to the two intern who has been working with the federation since August 2022. On the other hand, the federation will be very grateful if the FIDE could provide us with additional budget of USD \$5000 to recruit 2 permanent members. This will help in promoting and development of chess in the country more effectively.

#### i. Mrs. Rada Wangmo -Intern as a Program Coordinator

Citizen Identity Card -11407002099

Month	Amount (Nu)	Cheque Number	Date of Issue
August	5000/-	989913	24/08/2022
September	5000/-	989917	10/10/2022
October	5000/-	989925	07/11/2022
November	5000/-	989925	07/11/2022
December	5000/-	989933	16/12/2022

#### ii. Mr.Dechen Dorji-Intern as a Media and Marketing Citizen

Identity Card -11214001796

Month	Amount (Nu)	Cheque Number	Date of Issue
August	5000/-	989913	24/08/2022
September	5000/-	989917	10/10/2022
October	5000/-	989926	10/11/2022
November	5000/-	989932	06/12//2022
December	5000/-	989933	16/12/2022

#### **E.** Future Improvement

The Federation will try to engage more teams in the future from various districts since this times championship acted as a pilot program for the development of chess in Bhutan and was particularly focused on only one district (Thimphu).

Moreover, it was the first time for the federation conducting a big event such as the aforementioned tournament. Though, there were challenges, the team managed to bring out a successful outcome. Due to limited Budget, the prizes for the championship were less than the team's and individual's expectations. So, the federation would like to increase the prize money for future events to attract more participants and encourage the players to play more.

Due to country's weak internet connectivity, participants had a hard time connecting to the online game and seminar .Moreover, due to the lack technical expert especially in the field of online platform like Lichess.org website the team had to get aid from Master Ziga Volf (a chess coach in Shanghai, China). Though, there were technical and connectivity challenges, during the online game and seminars the team managed to bring out a smooth and a successful outcome.

#### **Budget Summary**

Sl. No	Program	Budget (Ngultrum)	Budget (\$)	Date
1	National Youth Chess Championship	348707	4151	9 <sup>th</sup> September 2022
2	Thimphu Dzongkhag Inter-School Invitational Team Chess Championship 2022	230000	2739	4-5th October, 2022
3	Selection Camp for Sheikh Russell Cup Invitational Chess Team Championship	42000	500	18th September 2022
4	. National Online Chess Championship 2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Edition)	44713.18	532.3	11th November 2022
5	Michellonous (Office Infrastructure development	150000	1785	-
6	Payment for 2 Intern (Nu. 5000 per month)	50000	596	August - December 2022
	Grand Total Budget	Nu. 865420.18	\$ 10303.3	

Key Performance		End of	End of Period	Comments
Indicators	Baseline	Period		
(KPIs)	- 2022¹	Target	Actual	
CORE		ranget		
Active FIDE-rated players				
• Female			4	
• All	0	1	14	
Active players on FIDE List				
<ul><li>Female</li><li>All</li></ul>			28	
All	0	45	122	
Certified Arbiters-Active				
Female				
• All	1	2	0	
	1	2	3	
Certified Trainers-Active				
☐ Female				
□ All	0	1	3	
Average rating of top 10 players				
• Female			1230	
• All				
	1400	2000	1614	
FIDE-rated tournaments organised	0	0	0	
• Classic ☐ Hybrid				
• Blitz				
• Rapid				
Other tournaments-Participation	1	2		Online
			2	1. 2 <sup>nd</sup> National Online open
<ul><li>Online/Hybrid events</li><li>Local events</li></ul>			2	chess championship
			4	
☐ International chess			3	2. Asia-Oceania University
tournaments				Chess Championship 2022 (Online)
Affiliated clubs	0	2	2	Thimphu Chess Club
				Bumthang Chess Club
COCIAL (CDECIAL				3.40
SOCIAL/SPECIAL				

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.

Programmes  (Females, Education, Prisons, refugees etc)	0	2	2	National Youth Chess Championship     Thimphu Dzongkhag invitational team chess championship
Participants in each programme	10	25	58	National Youth Chess Championship (26 -13 F and 13M) Thimphu Dzongkhag Invitational Team Chess Championship (32-10 F and 22M)
PROMOTION				
Positive or neutral coverage in:  Mainstream media Social Media/Websites Other	0	1	3	<ol> <li>Bhutan broadcasting service</li> <li>Kuensel</li> <li>Bhutan today</li> </ol>
PARTNERSHIPS				
Chess sponsors	1	1	2	Bhutan Telecom Limited     Bhutan National Bank
Other Strategic Partners e.g. NOC, Media, government organisations, NGOs	1	1	4	1.Bhutan Broadcasting     Service     2. Bhutan Telecom Limited     3.Bhutan National Bank     4.Kuensel

General Secretary

**Bhutan Chess Federation** 



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#### Bhutan Chess Federation Affiliated with FIDE & Bhutan Olympic Committee Head Office: Thmphu



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Date: 3rd February, 2023

To.

The President

**FIDE** 

Subject: Annual Report of year 2022

Respected Mr. President,

I am writing on behalf of the Bhutan Chess Federation to express our deep gratitude for your generous grant towards promoting chess in Bhutan. This grant has been a critical factor in our efforts to develop and grow the game of chess in our country, and we are truly appreciative of your support.

With the funds received from your development grant budget, we have been able to organize numerous chess events and tournaments, as well as training programs for both young and aspiring chess players. These initiatives have helped to raise awareness about chess and encourage more people to take up the game, which has resulted in a significant increase in the number of chess players in Bhutan.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks once again for your support and request your continued assistance in our efforts to promote chess in Bhutan. With the growth and success we have achieved to date, we believe there is a continued need for additional funding to help us sustain and grow these efforts

We hope that you will consider our request for the additional funding, as this would go a long way in helping us achieve our goals of promoting chess and providing opportunities for the chess players in Bhutan

Thank you once again for your unwavering support, and we look forward to our continued support in promoting the game of chess in Bhutan.

Thanking You

Yours Sincerely,

Ugyen Wangchuk

General Secretary

