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**APPENDIX D/1 – FUNDING REPORT FORM**

**1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

SUBMISSION DATE:	18 March 2025
BENEFICIARY NAME:	Jamaica Chess Federation
DEVELOPMENT LEVEL OF 2024:	4
PROJECT NAME:	Grandmaster in 10 (GM in 10)
PROJECT START DATE:	1 April 2023
PROJECT END DATE:	31 March 2033
PROJECT WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA:	To be developed*
PROJECT DESCRIPTION:	<p>Jamaica would like to become the first country in the English-speaking Caribbean to produce a home-based Grandmaster. In doing the foregoing, we intend to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a locally suited framework for the development of chess players at the highest level.</li> <li>2. Spark significant interest among all Jamaicans in the sport of chess.</li> <li>3. Use chess as a developmental tool for Jamaica.</li> </ol>
PROJECT/PROGRAMME TOTAL BUDGET (euro): (Including other income)	<b>Euro 277,000</b>
FUNDING AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM FIDE FOR THIS PROJECT/PROGRAMME (euro):	<b>Euro 5,000</b>

**2. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

	KPI	<b>BASELINE (project start)</b>	<b>TARGET (project end)</b>	<b>ACTUAL</b>
E.G	Number of schools teaching chess	<b>20</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>
1.	Average number of titled players in events hosted	3	6	5
2.	Number of affiliated clubs	0	50	75
3.	Number of chess sponsors	0	5	13
4.	Number of other strategic partners	5	10	6

- Affiliated Clubs consist largely of schools-based clubs
- Chess Sponsors – Ministry of Sport, Ministry of Finance, Sports Development Foundation, Ministry of Tourism, the Jamaica Olympic Association, Independence Park Limited, Tile City, GraceKennedy, R&D Chess Academy, Magnificent Chess Foundation, National Self-Serve Wholesale, NHG Auto and Prime Awards and Novelties.
- Strategic Partners – Ministry of Education, Department of Correctional Services, Jamaica Society for the Blind, Jamaica Observer Newspaper, Chess.com, CVM TV



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**3. PROJECTS' OUTCOMES / DELIVERABLES**

- a. Promotion and dissemination activities: list the used sources/implemented activities which covered/promoted each of your projects:

<b>Promotion and dissemination activities:</b>	<b>Your input:</b>
Official website	N/A
Other social media sources/platforms	Jamaica Chess Federation on facebook and Instagram
Newspapers, magazines	<b>Jamchess Newsletter (Quarterly)</b>
TV/Youtube shows	N/A
Streams/podcasts	N/A
Radio shows	N/A
Blogs, twitter feeds	N/A
Printed branded promotional materials	<b>GM in 10 Banners</b>

- b. Sponsors you actually involved in each of your projects.

<b>Sponsors</b>	<b>Official website</b>	<b>Involvement in the project</b>
Ministry of Finance and the Public Service (Jamaica)	www.mof.gov.jm	Conceptualizer and main funder of the Project (85%) - Represented by the Minister at the Official Launch
Ministry of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sports (Jamaica)	www.mcges.gov.jm	Government partner, who is providing oversight of the implementation. - Represented by the Minister at the Official Launch
Sports Development Foundation (Jamaica)	www.sdf.gov.jm	Holds the funding to ensure unused monies are not put back in the Consolidated Fund - Represented by the Managing Director at the Official Launch
Independence Park Limited	www.independencparkltd.gov.jm	Provided a major venue for the first tournament involving the majority of the GMin10 applicants the National Age Group Chess Championships
Ministry of Tourism	www.mot.gov.jm	Government partner, who is providing support for the implementation. - Represented at the Official Launch

- c. Strategical Partners you actually involved in each of your projects (UNESCO, National Ministries, NGOs, NOCs, etc).

<b>Partners</b>	<b>Official website</b>	<b>Involvement in the project</b>
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Ministry of Education	moey.gov.jm	Was present at the official handover of the funding cheque. Has committed to assisting in the National Programme designed to unearth talent across the country.
Department of Correctional Services	dcs.gov.jm	Has a plan to implement a chess programme to develop master-level talent in 5 years, aligned to the programme.
Jamaica Observer	jamaicaobserver.com	Will provide newspaper coverage.
Chess.com	Chess.com	Proposing to be the provider of the official online platform for the programme.
CVM TV	cvmtv.com	Will provide television coverage
Jamaica Society for the Blind	jamaicasocietyfortheblind.com	Has a plan to implement a chess programme to develop master-level talent, aligned to the programme.



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4. LINKS, PHOTOS AND OTHER SUPPORTING MEDIA DOCUMENTS

1. <https://jamaica-gleaner.com/article/sports/20240710/chess-grandmaster-visit-jamaica>
2. [https://our.today/chess-grandmasters-fabiano-caruana-and-maurice-ashley-in-jamaica-to-build-up-local-talent/#google\\_vignette](https://our.today/chess-grandmasters-fabiano-caruana-and-maurice-ashley-in-jamaica-to-build-up-local-talent/#google_vignette)
3. <https://thechessdrum.net/blog/2024/09/28/maurice-ashley-discusses-new-chess-initiative/>
4. <https://www.facebook.com/jamchess/posts/it-was-an-exciting-week-in-jamaica-for-the-chess-world-we-had-the-distinct-pleas/886043630234395/>

Please see attached to this report:

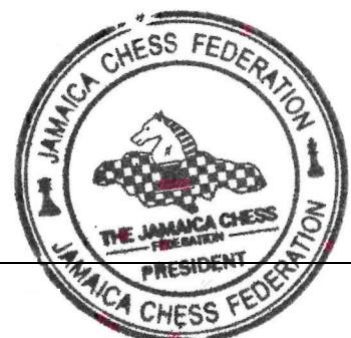
1. PowerPoint Presentation made at GM in 10 Townhall meeting held Online – May 2024
2. Pictures from GM in 10 launch and GM in 10 workshops – July 2024 (Photos1-10)
3. Summary Report on GM in 10 workshops held July 2024. (Taken from main report prepared by GM Maurice Ashley)

ATTACHMENTS TO THE REPORT

Financial Report Form specific to the activity/projects* (Appendix D/2)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Photos/videos (name the attached file as the Project Name_photos)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other supporting documents (name the attached file as Project Name_doc)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

I, the undersigned, President of the Jamaica Chess Federation, certify that the information provided in this report, including the Financial Report Form (Appendix D/2) attached, represents a true and fair summary of the activity/project noted above. At any moment, we will provide documentations and justifications related to the activity/projects/expenditures as required by FIDE or by its auditors, upon request of the FIDE.

  
Peter Myers  
President



Official Stamp / Seal

\*Financial reports (financial statements, official project report) specific to the activity/projects is required to be completed and submitted to FIDE with this report. In absence of the beneficiary's financial reports for the specific activity/projects, the FIDE financial report form is to be used.

## **Summary of Report Prepared by GM Maurice Ashley, on GM in 10 Activities**

**With GM Caruana, GM Ashley and WGM Abrahamyan (23 – 28, July 2024)**

### **1. WGM Tatev Abrahamyan's meets with women's team (7/23/24)**

As the support system for GM Caruana, WGM Tatev Abrahamyan proved to be a wonderful enhancement to the series of planned events. Though there was initially no intention on our part for her to perform any official duties, she herself kindly volunteered to help in any way we thought useful. As she was arriving a day early from Europe after playing in two tournaments in Spain, the idea was proposed that she work with the top women players. JCF National Executive Council member Ian Wilkinson agreed to arrange matters, and, from the positive words from Mr. Wilkinson and WGM Abrahamyan herself, her appearance was an unmitigated success. The fact that this happened at no additional cost was indeed a blessing.

### **2. Meet-and-Greet with GMs Caruana and Ashley (7/24/24)**

The first official event was a Meet-and-Greet highlighted by GM Caruana and GM Maurice Ashley. Along with GM-in-10 candidates, parents, coaches, press, and members of the Jamaica Chess Federation National Executive Council (JCF), three Ministers of Government were invited to attend. Two of those ministers (Finance Minister the Honorable Dr. Nigel Clarke and Minister of Culture, Gender, Entertainment and Sport the Honorable Olivia Grange) were able to find time in their busy schedules to grace us with their presence, while Minister of Tourism Edmund Bartlett sent a representative.

### **3. Council Lunch at Tracks and Records with special guests (7/24/24)**

The JCF members treated all the foreign guests with grace and aplomb, leaving all involved on a wonderful high from the proceedings. It was a wonderful feel-good moment, and it showed the hospitality and diplomacy that Jamaica is famous for. The meal there was one of the reasons why Tatev, upon leaving, exclaimed: "I haven't had a bad meal yet!" The kind gifts and cordial atmosphere went a long way to the good vibes the guests felt about Jamaican chess and Jamaica as a whole.

### **4. GM Caruana Workshop and Q and A (7/24/24)**

The workshop with GM Caruana provided important insights on the various approaches to reaching a prominent level in chess.

### **5. Meeting with the Olympiad teams (7/25/24)**

Though requested at a late hour, the idea proposed by JCF Executive IM Pitterson for Caruana and Abrahamyan to meet with the Olympiad teams the morning before his simultaneous exhibition was a brilliant one. The opportunity to get advice and motivation from such top players shortly before heading off to Budapest was inspiring.

#### **6. GM Caruana simultaneous exhibition (7/25/24)**

It is not every day that one gets to play against the third highest rated chess player of all time! Since six of the GM-in-10 Candidates were not in attendance, several members of the Olympiad team were graced with the chance to play against the legend. In the end, Caruana played against thirty-five opponents, ceding four draws. Afterwards, Caruana had commendable words to say about the players (he cited Rhea Gardner, Emilia-Rose Leaky and Khaleel Bartlett as youngsters to watch).

#### **7. GM Ashley meeting with coaches (7/25/24)**

Once Caruana and Abrahamyan had departed, GM Ashley was able to meet with coaches to discuss the future plans of the GM-in-10 program and the workshop that would be held in the subsequent days. The questions and comments were far-reaching, and, in the end, GM Ashley indicated that he was impressed with the dedication, expertise and passion of the educators who hold the keys to the continued growth and development of Jamaica's chess youth.

#### **8. GM Ashley workshop series (7/26-28/24)**

Initially, the workshop was intended to be training for the core players. However, since the core players had not yet been established, the workshop pivoted into an opportunity to see, work with, and analyze the candidates in-person in an effort to see who had the skills, talent, work ethic, and behaviour to warrant being chosen as one of the finalists. The methodology chosen had a dual purpose: to show the coaches many potentially innovative techniques for teaching the greater chess community and to throw original challenges at the players that they could not possibly have prepared for. It was an arduous three days with several players revealing that they were not quite yet ready for the kind of rigorous and intense training that it will take to attain the highest levels in chess. In the end, after approximately twenty-one hours of exposure to some of the finest young players on the island, the coaches and GM Ashley were able to have a good idea of those players who they thought were at a good state of readiness. The process was a success, with the next one planned for the beginning of January 2025.

Below is a list of the activities and lectures conducted during the three days:

7/26/24

Session 1: Beginner's Mind and Disaggregated Learning (Using non-chess positions and goals as practice)

1. Fox and the Farmer
2. QuiBs
3. QK vs K (Lazy King)s
4. QK vs KN
5. 2Rs vs N
6. RK vs N
7. 2Bs + K vs N
8. QRRBB vs R
9. QRRBBNN vs Q

Session 2: Material Imbalance (Entering the Dark Forest)

1. Q vs 3 minors with 3 kingside pawns
2. Q vs 3 minors with 3 kingside and queenside pawns
3. Q vs 3 minors with all pawns and two rooks
4. 3 minors against two rooks and all pawns
5. 3 minors against two rooks and all pawns (queens added)

7/27/24

Session 1: More Dark Forest; Discussion on the Relative Value of Material; The 3Fs of Trading and other points of trading; No Trade game; Visualization

1. Play on colorless board
2. Play with no board
3. Opposite side chess
4. Progressive Chess
5. Choice Chess
6. Not Chess

Session 2:

1. What is the rationale behind the material values?
2. Are bishops better than knights?
3. The Geometry of the Chessboard

7/28/24

### Session 3: Morning: Thinking about others

1. Warm-up: a. QuiBs b. 2Rs vs 2Bs c. 2Rs vs B+N d. Q vs 3 pieces with full board
2. Tandem chess
3. Hand and Brain

### Session 2: Afternoon

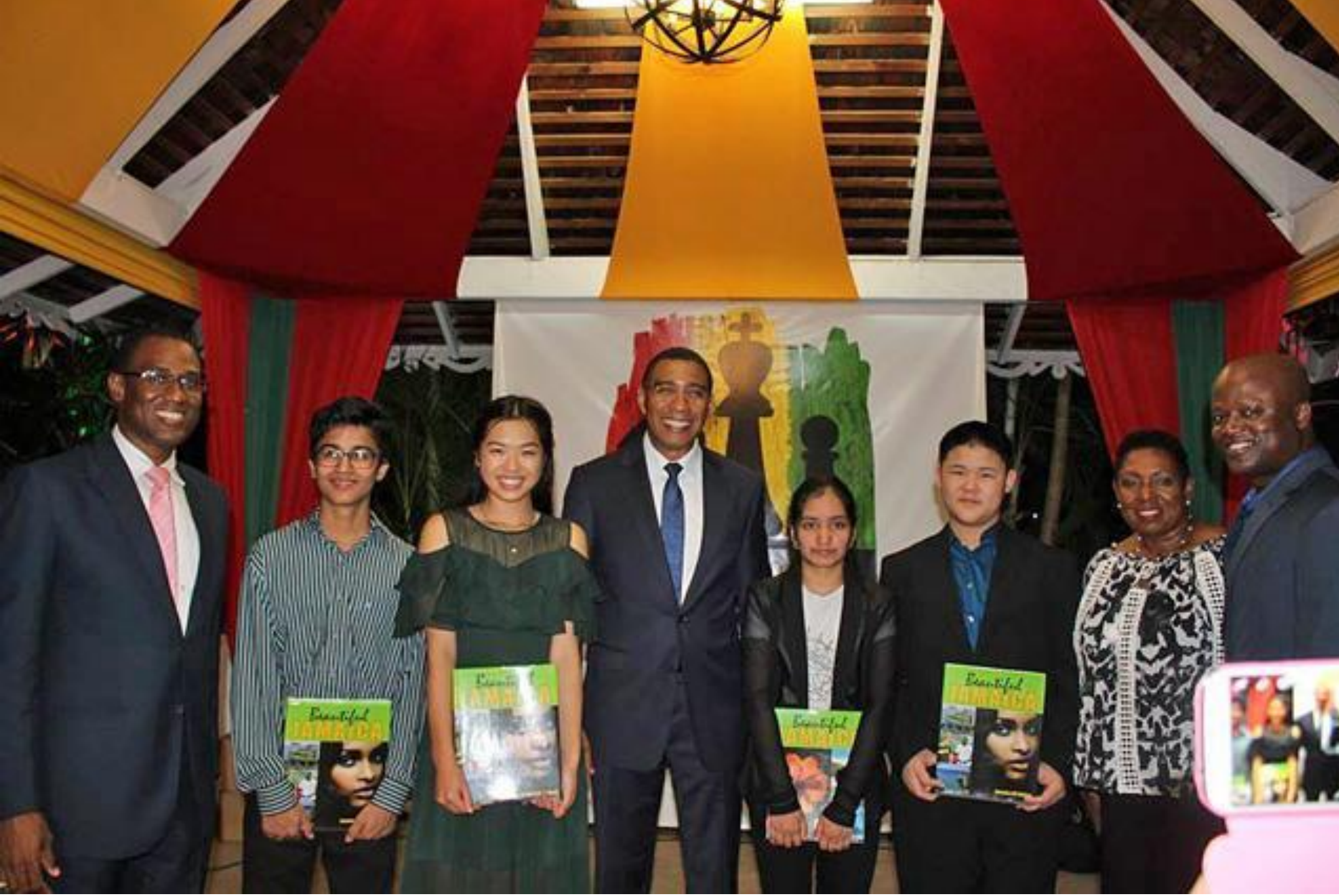
1. 4Bs vs 4Ns
2. 4Bs vs 3Rs
3. The Pawn Game a. Just Pawns b. With King c. Add rooks

## Conclusions

GM Ashley indicated that while it was impossible to be completely objective about matters in which he is directly involved, in his professional opinion, the six days of activities that comprised the first GM-in-10 workshop were an unquestionable success. The response from the children, the players, the coaches, the Ministers of Government and the greater chess community seem to indicate that there was an excitement and a passion to know that the quest to create grandmasters in Jamaica was truly and finally on.

Since the announcement of the GM-in-10 Programme in March of 2023, there has been a noticeable increase in participation by juniors in certain key events. Of particular note is the National Age Group Chess Championships, held in March of 2025, which had over 430 participants, surpassing the record set prior to COVID-19.





## GM in 10 Programme

# Town Hall Meeting Agenda 05/07/24:

- Welcome - 3 mins.
- General Programme Introduction & Background - 3-5 mins.
- Committee Introduction - 5 mins.
- Programme Details & Participant Qualification - 10 mins.
- Question & Answer - 30 mins.

# Programme Introduction:

Jamaican-born GM Maurice Ashley, the first black person to become a Grandmaster (GM) had a dream. His dream was for Jamaica to produce a home-grown GM.

He went to Minister of Finance and Public Service Minister Dr. Nigel Clarke with his dream and together established the goal, sponsored by a pilot of \$40M.

Dr. Clarke declared, “ With the bright minds all over Jamaica, the next area ripe for competitive conquest is the prestigious game of chess.”

The vision is for the Jamaica Chess Federation (JCF) to establish a system that will produce FIDE Masters (FMs), International Masters (IMs), Grandmasters (GMs) and Champions on a consistent basis. The GM in 10 Committee was formed, tasked with this responsibility.

For our generation, this will be our legacy! With our energy, focus, determination and execution, we will get the job done.

However, it takes all of you. It takes all of us working together as one unit to create this success.



# GM in 10 Programme

## Vision

The programme initiated by Jamaican- born, American chess player, author, and commentator, Chess Grandmaster (GM) Maurice Ashley is to deliver on creating a Jamaican Grandmaster in a 10-year period

## Approach

Execute two (2) GM led workshops per year, with a schedule of the workshops being six (6) months apart

Have ongoing training by local (players') coaches and GM online training between the two (2) workshops

Participation in key international and local tournaments to provide the opportunity for players to excel



# Good, Better, Best Model

3 simple measures of accomplishment

## GOOD

**Good.**

- Develop a pool of FMs, 12 years of age and under
- Establish a base of young talent from which to develop IMs
- Commence chess awareness across Jamaica

## BETTER



- Develop a pool of IMs, 16 years of age and under
- Establish a base of young talent from which to develop GMs
- Expand chess awareness across Jamaica

## BEST



- Develop a pool of GMs, 21 years of age and under
- Establish a base of young talent from which to develop strong GMs
- Establish chess awareness across Jamaica

10 Years

# Organization & Governance

## Predict, Transform, Add Differentiated Capabilities to Achieve FMs, IMs & GMs

Executive Sponsor- Dr. Nigel Clarke, Sponsor – MCGE&S, Mgmt. Sponsor – NM Peter Myers, Governance – CM Mark Cameron

### Innovate & Expand - Performance & Transformation

### Build & Communicate - Structure



#### Selection/ Interviews

IM Jomo Pitterson

- Finalize process to identify & screen candidate players
- Interview players, parents & coaches
- Promote Core Players



#### Coaching

IM Shane Matthews

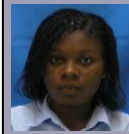
- Analyze games for strengths/weaknesses
- Develop coaching plans
- Identify tournaments for core players
- Discuss best practices w/ coaches



#### Workshops / Methods

GM Maurice Ashley

- GM Mikhail Botvinnik approach
- Innovative Materials for Coaching
- Core team and Coaches training
- Gameplan for each core team player



#### Tournaments

WIM Deborah Richards Porter

- International Tournaments Communication Plan
- Scheduling of participation in International Tournaments
- Participation in Tournaments ( Local )



#### Marketing/ Public Relations

FM Warren Elliott

- GM in 10 Banner
- Website & Email
- Publications
- Networking
- Social Media
- Printed Material
- Reach out to JCF Members
- Workshops



#### Rules/ Protocols

CM Mark Holness

- Council vs. Committee responsibilities
- Committee Governance Rules
- Budget, payment & invoice processes
- GM in 10 System Protocols



#### MOC/ Alignment

CM Mark Cameron

- Align/ Update Council and Committee on Programme Activities/Status
- Align/Update JCF Members on Programme Activities/Status
- Include Management of Change Planning in Programme

**Finance:** IM Jomo Pitterson

Budget & Expenditure

**Strategic Planning:** Mr. Richard Shaw

Governance

**JCF Administration:** Mrs. Maxine Brown

Parents/ Member Coordination

**Fundraising:** Ms. Sheryl Hyde

Activities/ Sponsorship/ Fundraising

## Key Stakeholders:

**Sponsors:** Jamaica Chess Federation Council

**Governance:** Strategic Planning Committee

**Programme Manager:** IM Jomo Pitterson

### GM in 10

CM Mark Cameron -  
Chair

GM Maurice Ashley

IM Jomo Pitterson

WIM Deborah  
Richards-Porter

FM Warren Elliott

IM Shane Matthews

CM Mark Holness

### Women's

IPP Ian Wilkinson  
KC - Chair

IM Shane  
Matthews

### County

CM Mark Holness  
- Cornwall - Chair

WIM Deborah  
Richards-Porter  
- Surrey

Howard Wilson  
Chair  
- Middlesex

### National Squad

IM Jomo Pitterson  
Chair

IM Shane  
Matthews

FM Warren Elliott

FM Mala Lorne

### JCF

FM Warren  
Elliott Chair

IM Jomo  
Pitterson

IM Shane Matthews

Core  
Team



## National Coaching Programme Governance Pillars

# GM in 10 Player and Coach Application Forms

## Player Application

The application form is as follows:

<https://bit.ly/GMin10player>

## Coach Application

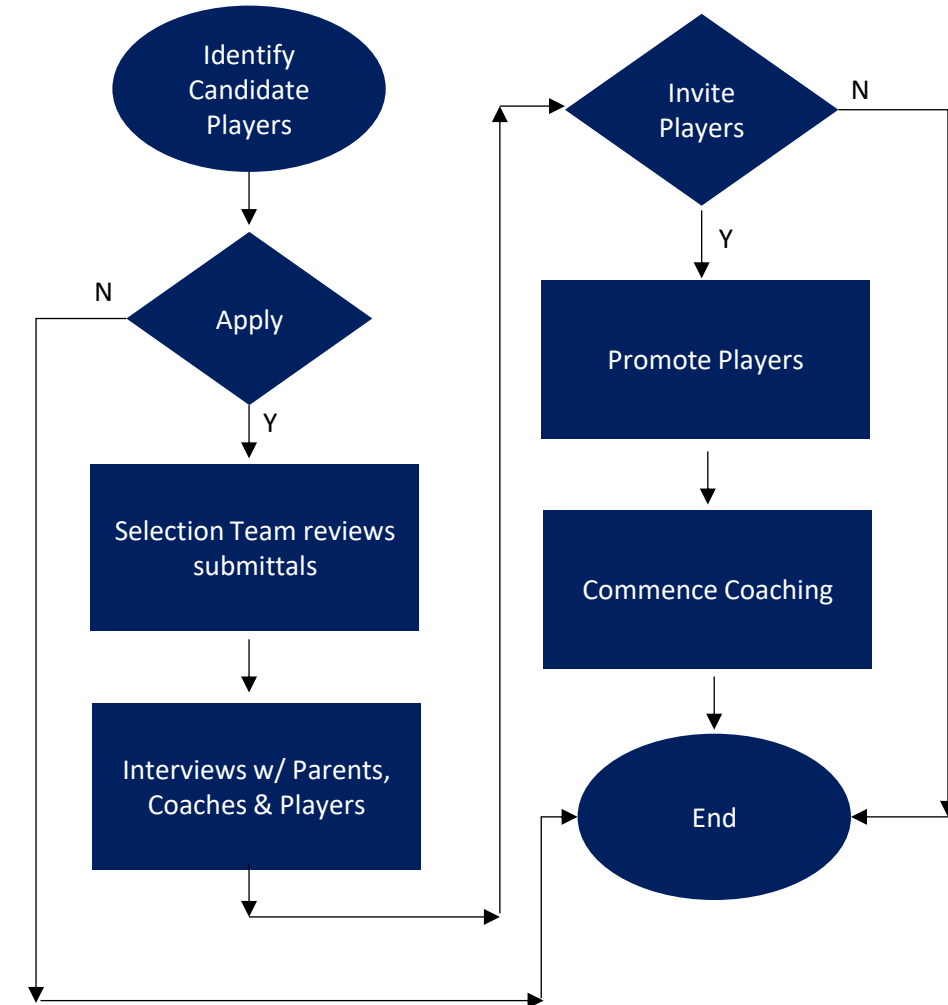
The application form is as follows:

<https://bit.ly/GMin10coach>



# Core Player Selection Process

1. Identify Candidate Players < 12 years old
2. Complete applications to GM in 10 Program
3. Selection Team reviews applications
4. Conversation with Coach ( If applicable)
5. Interviews with Parents, Coaches and Players
6. Invite Players to join Core Team
7. Promote Players
8. Commence Coaching



# Next Steps:

1. Complete application form.
2. Email or send to [jamchessfed.public.relations@gmail.com](mailto:jamchessfed.public.relations@gmail.com)
3. Receive feedback.

For this round of applications, please send the form by May 31, 2024.





























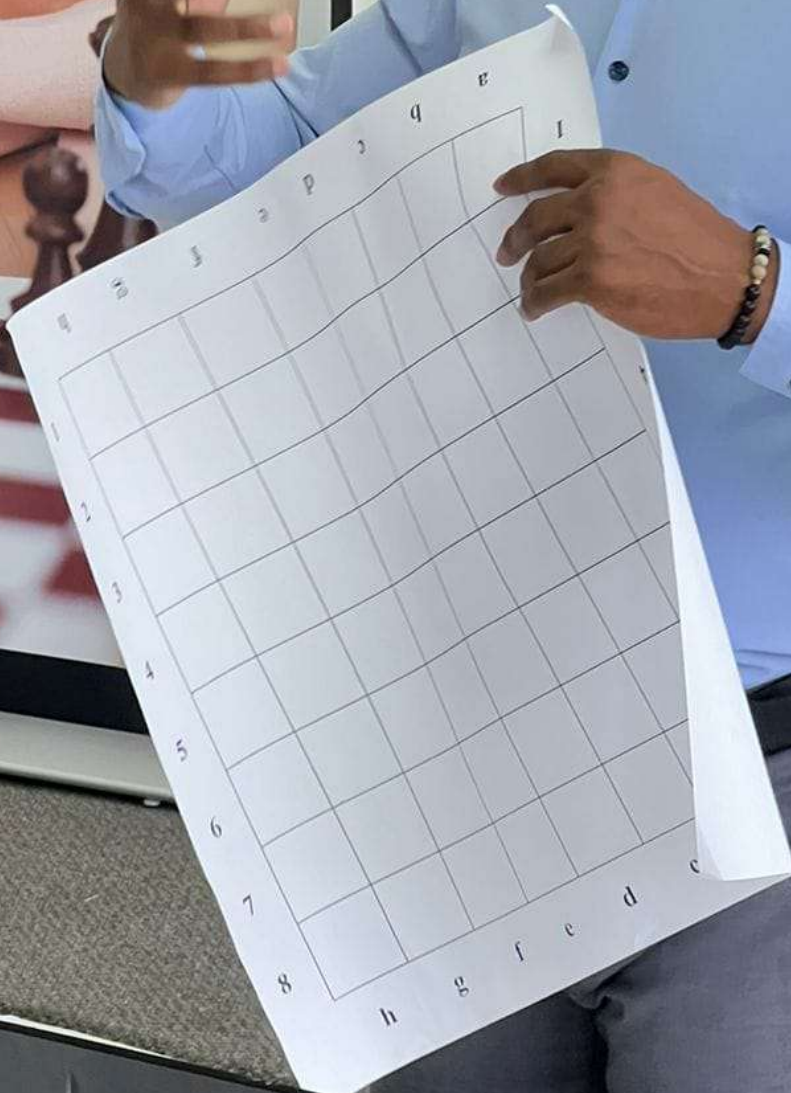
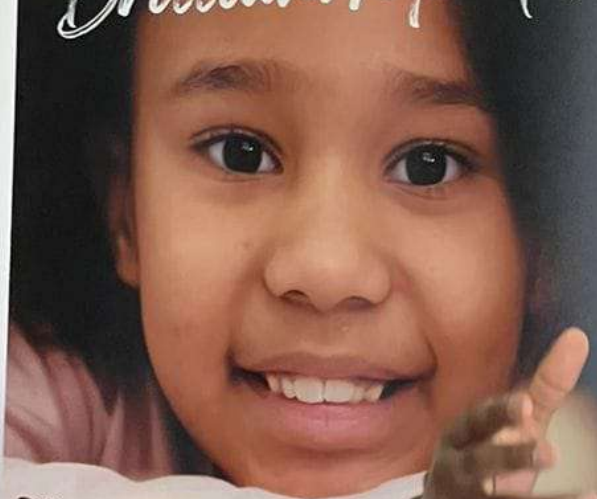


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Brilliant Minds!*













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APPENDIX D/2 - FINANCIAL REPORT FORM

FIDE DF beneficiary to complete and submit to the fedfun

Together with Appendix D/1 - FUNDING REPORT FORM

BENEFICIARY NAME:	Jamaica Chess Federation
DEVELOPMENT LEVEL:	4
PROJECT NAME:	Grandmaster in 10 Years (GM in 10)
PROJECT START DATE:	01.anp.23
PROJECT END DATE:	31.map.33
YEAR OF CONTRIBUTION:	2024/2025

FIDE DEVELOPMENT FUND



Currency
EUR

ACTIVITY/PROJECT EXPENDITURES DETAILS

Date	EXPENSES  - Supplier/Beneficiary Name - Invoice No. (if not available any identification no.) - Type of expense, period, etc.	Covered?  Mark Yes for expenses covered by FIDE DF	Amount in original currency	
			Currency	Amount
30/07/2024	GM Fabiano Caruana - Meet and Greet press conference; Workshop with Candidates to GM-in-10 programme Meeting with Jamaican Olympiad Teams; Simultaneous Exhibition	Yes	USD	4 373
02.05.2025	GM Maurice Ashley - Chess lessons for GM-in-10 Selectee - Aaron McCoy	Yes	JMD	85 580
03.10.2025	GM Maurice Ashley - Chess lessons for GM-in-10 Selectee - Aaron McCoy	Yes	JMD	85 580
Total expenditures (in currency of FIDE DF)			EUR	

We certify that the information provided in this report is accurate and represents a true and fair summary of the expenditures related to the above

At any moment, we will provide documentations and justifications related to the project/activities/expenditures as required by FIDE or by its requests of FIDE

<b>President</b> Signature   Function: President Name: Peter Myers	<b>Treasurer</b> Signature   Function: Treasurer Name: Jomo Pitterson
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Place: Jamaica

Date: 18/03/2025

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Amount
5 000

Amount in currency of FIDE DF
EUR
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5 000

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