



***Confederation of Chess of the Americas  
&  
Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association***

***CCA – TTCA***

***SUBZONAL 2.3.5 ABSOLUTE***

***March 26<sup>th</sup> to April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014***



## Welcome

Welcome to the twin-island republic of Trinidad and Tobago! Bursting with spirit and a heady mix of cultural activities, eco adventure and culinary delights, there is no place in the world quite like our tiny twin-island republic of 1.3 million ethnically diverse people. Our country presents a dual experience – from the cosmopolitan, bustling towns of Trinidad, to lazy days sunbathing on pristine beaches in Tobago.<sup>1</sup> For more please visit:

<http://www.gotrinidadandtobago.com>

## Invitation

The Confederation of Chess for the Americas (CCA) and The Trinidad & Tobago Chess Association (TTCA), are pleased to invite all National Federations of the CAC Sub-Zone 2.3.5 to participate in the Sub-Zonal 2.3.5 Championships Absolute event, to be held at: Ambassador Hotel , Port Of Spain, Trinidad, from 26<sup>th</sup> March through 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014.

The tournament will be held under the following general conditions:



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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.gotrinidadandtobago.com/system/creatives/694/original/TrinidadTDCOct25.pdf>

## I. GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. The Championships will be according to the FIDE Rules of Chess, the “REGULATIONS FOR THE SUBZONALS” and the following General Conditions.
2. Open to all players from Sub-Zone 2.3.5 who have a FIDE Rating.
3. Registration closes **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 20:00 hrs**
4. Each National Chess Federation can register any number of rated players. All players must provide the authorization of their Federation.
5. The Participating categories: Absolute
6. The Game will be a Swiss System of **nine (9) rounds** or Round Robin depending on the number of players and at the discretion of the Chief Arbiter.
7. The rhythm of play will be **ninety (90) minutes** for all the moves plus an increment of **thirty (30) seconds** per move from the initial move. The tournament will be Internationally Rated and will be reported to FIDE.
8. Tie-Breaks

The final placings will be decided by the points obtained by each player. The player who obtains the most points will be declared the Champion. In the case of ties, the winners will be decided by the implementation of the following tie-break systems in the order mentioned:

1. The result between the players if they have played each other
2. Bulcholz
3. Sonnenberger
4. Most wins
5. Games with Black
6. Play off at the arbiter’s discretion

In the event of a round-robin tournament, the following tie break system will be applied:

1. The result between the players if they have played each other.
2. Sonnenberger
3. Koya System
4. Most Wins
5. Games with black

## 8. Pairings & Results

Before the beginning of the First Round of the Championship, a list with all the names of participants will be published at the playing hall. The Pairings will be published at least one hour after the last game of each round at the tournament's Official webpage or Chess-results.com and at the venue's hall.

## 9. Discipline

- a. The Championship Organizers expects the highest standards of behavior and fair play by the participants.
- b. Default Time The player who has not made a move **thirty (30) minutes** after the official start of the rounds shall lose his game.

## 10. Individual Prizes

The first five (5) places shall be awarded the following prizes:

Place	Prize US\$
1 <sup>st</sup>	1200.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	900.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	600.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	500.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	400.00

## 11. Titles and Norms

Titles and Norms shall be awarded as per Fide Regulations.

## II. The Event Time Table

Date	Time	Activity
March 26, 2014	17.00-20.00	Arrival & Registration
March 27, 2014	10.30	Technical Meeting
March 27, 2014	17.00	Opening Ceremony
March 27, 2014	18.00	Round 1
March 28, 2014	10.00	Round 2
March 28, 2014	17.00	Round 3
March 29, 2014	10.00	Round 4
March 29, 2014	17.00	Round 5
March 30, 2014	10.00	Round 6
March 31, 2014	10:00	Round 7
March 31, 2014	17.00	Round 8
April 1, 2014	17.00	Round 9
April 1, 2014	22.00	Closing Ceremony
April 2, 2014	11:00	Check-Out

## III. PARTICIPANTS' COSTS

### 1. Covered costs

The Organization will cover the costs for accommodation and meals for the previous Sub-Zonal Champion 2012 and also the Zonal Champion 2013. Additionally, costs will be covered for one official player from each federation belonging to the Sub-Zone.

All official players will receive meals from dinner on **26<sup>th</sup> March** to breakfast on **2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2014**.

## 2. Registration

It is recommended that Pre-Registration of the participants be made by their Federation in writing to the host Federation by **March 7<sup>th</sup> , 2014**.

a. Pre-Registrations must be formalized by each Federation by email with all details of the participants: Names, FIDE Title, FIDE Code, FIDE Elo, Date of birth and Fed name, before March 7<sup>th</sup> 2014 to the following email address:  
**subzonal2014@gmail.com**

b. All players, without exception, must pay the CCA registration fees of **seventy-five United States dollars (US\$ 75.00)** and **thirty United States Dollars (US\$ 30.00)** for the Organisers. This Fee must be paid in cash on site or before. Players who have not paid by the beginning of the tournament will not be paired.

Participants who pre-register after **March 7<sup>th</sup> 2014** will be penalized by paying an additional **US\$100.00** which represents the late registration fee. The rationale being that the organisers need sufficient lead time to confirm the hotel reservations for the participants and accompanying persons.

c. On the day of registration, each player must show their original passport or ID and deliver a photocopy of the same.

d. The Organization will only accept Registrations sent by their respective Federations.

e. The onsite registrations will closes **26<sup>th</sup> March 2014, at 20:00 hours**.

## 3. Credentials

For all participants and accompanying persons in the championship, the credentials (ID) will cost **Ten US Dollars (USD 10.00)**.

#### **IV. ACCOMMODATION\***

The following accommodation shall be made available to players, coaches, delegates, accompanying persons etc..

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Single US\$/night</b>	<b>Double US\$/night</b>	<b>Triple US\$/night</b>	<b>Quadruple US\$/night</b>
<b>Ambassador Hotel</b>	<b>\$95</b>	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$60</b>	<b>\$55</b>

**\* Additional options may be made available once confirmed.**

Prices are **per person** and are inclusive of breakfast. Lunch and Dinner can be made available at an additional cost of **USD25.00** per person per day.

**\* Important:** The Organizers are not responsible for any Participants (chess players, parents, coaches, trainers and delegates) who choose to stay outside the official hotels of the organization. Participants who stay out of the official hotel shall pay an exoneration fee of **US\$100.00**.

Any arrangements other than what is displayed above will be determined on a case by case basis by the tournament organizers.

#### **V. TRANSPORTATION**

Transportation expenses of the participating delegations, from their place of origin to Trinidad (and vice versa), are the responsibility of each federation.

Transfers from the airport-hotel and hotel-venue (round trip) will be **forty US dollars (US\$ 40.00)** per person. Federations must inform the organizers about their participants' schedules in advance of arrival.

### **N.B. Transport via Ferry from Güiria, Venezuela**

Operator: Acosta y Asociados

Address: Centro Empresarial Acosta ,1 Calle Paria – Güiria, Venezuela

Tel. +58 0294-9820058/9820169 / 9821556

Ferry is available from Guiria to Port Of Spain on Wednesdays only as follows:

Departure: Guiria to POS 3:00 pm 26 March 2014

Departure: POS to Guiria 8:00 am 02 April 2014

## **VI. ORGANISING COMMITTEE**

- Russell Smith IA, Chief Arbiter
- Erick Hernandez IA, Deputy Chief Arbiter, Zonal President
- Sonja Johnson, Organising Committee Chairperson, PRO-TTCA
- Trevor Flower, Second Vice President- TTCA
- Mala Agostini, Treasurer-TTCA
- Debra Walcott
- Roderick Noel
- Coreen Cabralis

### **Appeals Committee**

At the Technical Congress, the appeals committee will be constituted by seven (7) representatives of the Federations, five (5) principals and two (2) replacements. No member of the appeals committee shall adjudicate on matters involving his federation.

### **Communication**

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