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Approved Selection Criteria for the South African Closed Chess Championship with the current Cycle ending on 31 August 2025

The National Selection Committee, Chess SA Executive and the General Council of Chess SA approved the qualification criteria for the Adult Closed.

1. Tournament Format & Participation

- The South African Closed Chess Championship shall consist of 12 participants
- The event will be conducted as an 11 Round Tournament
- The format will be a Round Robin.

2. Qualification Criteria

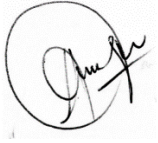
- The top 6 (Six) finishers on the Grand Prix (GPX) score shall qualify automatically.
- The next 6 highest rated players (based on the official Chess SA ratings) shall be invited to participate.
- In the event that any qualified player is unable to participate, replacements shall be selected from the GPX (Next on the list)
- All players must have attained the 40 games activity criteria. (Standard Rated Games)

3. Olympiad Selection Team

(The South African Olympiad Team shall be composed of:

- The Top 3 (Three) finishers at the South African Closed Chess Championship.
- The Top player on the Grand Prix Score.
- The top player on rating.
- All the players who qualified on GPX and Rating must participate in the SA Closed Chess Championship (This is mandatory)

4. This selection policy maintains consistency with previous selection cycles and ensures that the strongest players, determined through both competitive performance and rating are represented at National Level.



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