



Johannesburg Metro Chess (JMC)
Player selection criteria
for participation in the SAJCC Team event



1. Mandatory Criteria	
1.1.	Players must be registered through an affiliated club as a JHB Metro Chess Player ("GJM") on the Chess SA database.
1.2.	Player membership with Chess SA and JHB Metro Chess must be paid up. Proof of payment must be provided by the Player upon request.
1.3.	Age groups under 10 to under 16 must play a minimum of 20 games (activity as defined in the Chess SA database) in a standard rated tournament between JMC Closed of the previous year and up to the time of 3 weeks prior to the JMC Closed in the current year.
1.4.	Under 8, under 18 and under 20 age group must play a minimum of 10 games (activity as defined in the Chess SA database) in a standard rated tournament between JMC Closed of the previous year and up to the time of 3 weeks prior to the JMC Closed in the current year.
2. Player rankings	
2.1.	Tournament performance from the Chess SA rated database will be used in the JMC rankings calculation.
2.2.	The tournament performance of the best three (3) standard rated tournaments from JMC Closed of the previous year and up to the time of 3 weeks prior to the JMC Closed event, plus performance rating of the JMC Closed will be added together to determine the ranking table. e.g. Tournament 1 : 1,250 Tournament 2 : 1,330 Tournament 3 : 1,110 Total : 3,690 JMC Closed : 1,250 Total ranking : 4,940
2.3.	Should a player have played less than three (3) standard rated tournaments up to 3 weeks prior to the JMC Closed event or not participate in the JMC Closed in the prescribed period then only those played standard rated tournaments will count. e.g. Tournament 1 : 1,250 Tournament 2 : 1,330 Tournament 3 : 0 Total : 2,580 JMC Closed : 1,110 Total ranking : 3,690

2.4.	<p>The tournament performance rating of any standard rated tournament played in South Africa and/or Internationally will be included in determining the players ranking.</p> <p>However the tournament performance rating has to be available on the Chess SA data base 14 days before the JMC Closed.</p>
2.5.	The rankings will be published and updated on the JMC web site on a monthly basis.
3.	JMC Closed
3.1	Participation in the JMC Closed is compulsory to be eligible for SAJCC team selection.
3.2.	<p>The purpose of the JMC Closed is to expose players to national tournament circumstances and assess the players performance where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players participate in appropriate age groups, • Player strength and chess quality is measured, • Players are exposed to the same playing environment (i.e. venue, arbiters, notation, clocks and other circumstances).
3.3.	Participation in the JMC Closed will be on an invitational basis only. Players that complied with section 1 Mandatory criteria will be invited.
3.4.	Age groups may be combined at the discretion of the selection committee depending on the number of registered players. The under 18 and under 20 sections will be combined with the JMC Open section.
3.5.	<p>Exemption from the JMC Closed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If a player cannot participate in the JMC Closed event, they should for apply for exemption. Any player can forward a written request to the Regional Director Youth or JMC President at least 3 weeks before the start of the tournament. This request must explain the circumstances and contain documentary proof where possible. The JMC Executive will notify the player of the outcome within 7 days. The exemptions shall be granted to the following, but not limited to, categories <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Representing South Africa in any international event b. A school event, which is compulsory in nature c. Representation of school/district in any sport d. Academic Examination/selection test (like SAT) e. A holiday that has been booked prior to the announcement of the JMC Closed tournament. JMC Tournament Calendar was published end February with 24-27 August as dates for JMC Closed thus only bookings made prior to March will be considered. 2. No late submissions under any circumstances will be considered and decisions are final.

	<p>3. Any player who entered but due to unforeseen circumstances could not play, can forward a written request to the Regional Director Youth or JMC President within 5 days after the end of the tournament. This request must explain the circumstances and contain documentary proof where possible. The JMC Executive will notify the player of the outcome within 7 days of receipt of the request.</p> <p>All players with valid exemption according to the committee headed by the President of JMC will be allowed to participate in the SAJCC event according to their 4 best performances (section 2.2 and 2.3).</p>
3.5.	Top 3 players on the ranking list (based on position 14 days before the start of the JMC Closed) may apply in writing to play in the Open Section. Permission will be at the discretion of the JMC executive.
4.	Participation and team selection
4.1.	Selection of teams will be based on the player ranking table immediately after the JMC Closed and taking approved JMC Closed exemptions (point 3.4) and discretion into account.

4.2.	The rankings will determine the first eight(8) players that will be selected for the A team (e.g. Ranking 1 to 8 will be placed in Team A for under 10 to under 18 or 1 to 4 for under 8 and under 20 teams).
4.3.	The remaining two open positions will be selected through a process whereby the coaching committee nominates players for selection from the ranking list. The nominations will be assessed by the selection committee and approved at their discretion. The Selection Committee's decision is final. In the event that the nomination is declined. The next player on the players ranking list will be selected. The rules in 4.2 and 4.3 are only applicable to the selection of A teams.
4.4.	If the ranking above is not in compliance with Chess SA participation policies (e.g. minimum number of girls). Then the player with the lowest ranking will be demoted to the next team and the next player on the ranking list that meets the Chess SA criteria will be promoted.
4.5.	Should a player withdraw, then the next highest ranked player from the team below will move up.
4.6.	Once the team selections have been announced, the teams are final.
4.7.	The players ranking will however not determine the board order of the team. This will be determined by the Coaching Committee in conjunction with the Selection Committee. Any decisions regarding board order will be final.
4.8.	Players selected for JMC teams will be required to be active until the nominated event. Activity is defined as participation in both: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JMC or affiliated club tournament(s) and • Other arrangements (e.g. coaching)
5.	Administration
5.1.	The number of teams selected to represent JHB Metro Chess will be determined by the strength and availability of the players in the specific age group and available resources (i.e. coaches, managers and funding) to participate in the event. JHB Metro will enter a minimum of two (2) teams per age group, depending the availability of players on the players ranking list.
5.2.	The number of teams selected for JHB Metro Chess to represent the region will be determined by the JHB Metro Chess Selection Committee.
5.3.	Any player that does not qualify for a team or where there are an inadequate number of players available to make up a team, then these players shall be accommodated in the All Stars section. Participating in the All Stars section will take place on the same terms and conditions (e.g. coaching, funding and entry fees) as if participating in the JMC team.

6. Selection Committee	
6.1.	The JHB Metro Selection Committee shall comprise of at least the following people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President • Vice-president • Regional Director (Youth or Adult depending on purpose of selection) • Regional Development Director • Head Coach
6.2.	All movement of players between teams will be performed at the discretion of the selection committee. Any such decision will be final.
6.3.	The President (or his/her delegated alternative) will hold the casting selection vote, when necessary.
7. Note	
7.1.	The selection criteria may vary on occasion in conjunction with meeting specific tournament requirements applicable, however, the general criteria set out above will be applied as the governing criteria of the region.
7.2.	Any player selected to represent JHB Metro at the SAJCC who is not a South African citizen will be eligible to participate however such player will not qualify for the SAJCCC (Junior closed).
7.3.	Only players that have participated in the SAJCC and have obtained permission from Johannesburg Metro Chess may participate in the Wildcard event.
7.4.	This selection criteria will also be applied to the selection of the Inter Regional Team, with the only exception that the ranking will be calculated by adding the performance rating of the best three (3) tournaments and the UJ Open (other similar JMC tournament).