

BPU Club Championship League 2021



3. Bd3

Nxh5

8. Bg6#

e8=Q#

7. gxh7+

Bb7

1. e4

b6

e5#

2. d4

e8=Q#

g6

f5

6. fxg6

Nf6

4. exf5

Rxc5++



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BPU CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP LEAGUE 2021 GUIDELINES

A. Team Sheets

1. Each team has a team sheet of 8 or more registered league players.
2. It is R200 per player to register.
3. All registration fees must be paid through the club.
4. A league match consists of 8 players versus 8.
5. Any 8 players from a team's team sheet can be selected to compete in a league match.
6. Each team must field at least one local female player in every league match.
7. Each team must field at least two local junior (under the age of 18 at the start of the league) players in every league match.
8. The two junior players and one female player are in addition to one another.
9. A team can add a player to their team sheet at any time during the season, subject to such player having complied with all registration requirements and not having played for any other team during the season.
10. Any player who has not played a game during the season, is eligible to play for any team, even if they are currently on another team's team sheet.
11. The BPU Club League uses the most recent Chess SA ratings, or FIDE ratings where applicable.

B. Eligibility

1. Only Bojanala Member Clubs may participate in the BPU Club Championships League 2021.
2. A member club is defined as a Club that has met all the requirements as set out in the [Bojanala Member Club Affiliation Guidelines](#), and has registered as a Member Club via the [BPU Registration Link](#)
3. Each team comprises of Local (*Bojanala Registered*) Players and Free Agent Players.
4. No team may field more than two Free Agent Players in a league match.
5. A Free Agent can be from anywhere in the world and requires no connection at all to your team.
6. The definition of a Local, Bojanala registered player, is a player that has registered for Bojanala via <https://forms.gle/uc6Tr17WFCUUFDWG8> and paid their registration fees.



7. In cases where a player has registered as a Bojanala player but for whatever reason, is indicated by Chess SA as playing for another region, Bojanala Exco will decide on the status of such player, judging each case on its own merits.

C. Weekly Lineups

1. Each team chooses 8 players to play for their team in each match.
2. Players are ranked in order of rating (Board 1 will be the highest rated player, Board 8 will be the lowest rated player)
3. Lineups are due on Friday at midday, six days before the matches are held.
4. Any team that changes their lineup or are late in submitting it, forfeits 1 point in the league standings to their opponents of that week.
5. Notwithstanding, any team that change their lineup within 24 hours of the match starting time, forfeits 2 points in the standings to their opponent.
6. Multiple lineup changes will be met by multiple penalty points, but while a team can lose more than 2 points, no opponent will gain more than 2 total points in any given week.
7. Extremely last second substitutions, may result in larger penalties at the Championship Arbiter's discretion, who will consider all significant factors.
8. In the case that a team makes an emergency substitution that includes a much lower rated player than the player they are replacing, the Championship Arbiter may consider not granting a bonus point to the opposing team, but only penalize the team that makes the lineup change.

D. Scoring and Match Format

1. The matches are a one-on-one format. This means that each player plays one game against the opposing team's player with the same board number.
2. A match win gives a team 1 point in the standings (5 wins required for a match win).
3. A drawn match gives each team $\frac{1}{2}$ a point in the standings.
4. Any match win with a winning margin of 6 wins or more, scores the winning team a bonus point of $\frac{1}{2}$.
5. The time control and platform will be set out in the BPU Club Championship League 2021 Rules of Play

E. League Structure

1. This being year one of the BPU Club Championship League, we will only have one division.
2. For this reason, member clubs will only be allowed to submit one team sheet, i.e., enter one team.



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3. Each team will be playing all other teams once in the league.
4. At the end of the season, the top four teams will be invited to an Over-The-Board (OTB) playoff at a venue, arranged by Bojanala Chess.
5. The number of total points determines which team finishes ahead of other teams in the standings. The top ranked team will play number four and number two will play number three, after which the winning teams will face off in the final.
6. There will be a tiebreaker in every playoff match that ends in a draw. The tiebreaker is an elimination match in which Board 8 from one team plays Board 8 from the opposing team. The loser of that game is replaced by Board 7 of their team. This continues until one team eliminates the other team's first board. Both players are eliminated on a draw, with the only exception that if the match between both team's first board is drawn, they continue to play with the colours reversed. The first game will start with opposite colours from the match, and the colours will reverse each game. The time control is 3 minutes start time with a 1 second increment.
7. Detailed Playoff rules will be published during the season.
8. A player must play at least two matches for your team during the Regular Season to represent your team in the playoffs. This restriction does not apply to players rated under 1500 Chess SA.

F. Fair Play

1. Fair Play requirements will be detailed in the BPU Club Championship League 2021 Rules of Play, which in turn will refer to those guidelines as set out by the online platform e.g., Lichess; Tornelo; etc; which we will be making use of.
2. That being said, we expect all our players to play with integrity and respect the game.
3. All players will be required to set up a second screen, in order to be monitored via webcam.
4. Any player or team who is caught cheating jeopardizes their standing in the league and runs the risk of being removed/banned from the BPU Championship Chess League.
5. The Championship Arbiter has full discretion if something occurs that does not fall under the scope of these rules.

G. PRIZES

1. The BPU Club Championship League winners will win the following:

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| 1 st Placed Team | <p>Rated Tournament, in the name of the Club organized by Bojanala Chess, in consultation with the Club.</p> <p>The Club receives 100% of all income in cash generated by tournament minus direct cost.</p> |
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| | <p>League Trophy (Floating)</p> <p>Trophies for the 8 club players with the most league games</p> <p>Gold Medals for each of the club's registered league players</p> |
| 2 nd Placed Team | <p>Rated Tournament, in the name of the Club organized by Bojanala Chess, in consultation with the Club.</p> <p>The Club receives 50% of all income in cash generated by tournament minus direct cost.</p> <p>Silver Medals for each of the club's registered league players</p> |
| 3 rd Place Team | <p>R500 for each of the 8 club players with the most league games</p> <p>Bronze Medals for each of the club's registered league players.</p> |