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OFFICIAL INVITATION, RULES & REGULATIONS

23rd Pan-American Draughts Championship – Paramaribo 2026

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1. OFFICIAL INVITATION

PAN AMERICAN DRAUGHTS AND CHECKERS CONFEDERATION (PAMDCC) - *(FMJD Continental Confederation for the Americas)*

To:
Presidents and Secretaries of PAMDCC National Federations
FMJD-Affiliated Federations of the American Continent

From:
Pan American Draughts and Checkers Confederation (PAMDCC)

Subject: Official Invitation – PAMDCC Pan-American 10×10 International Draughts Championship, Paramaribo 2026

Dear Presidents, Delegates, and Federations of the Americas,

With great honor and anticipation, the Pan-American Draughts and Checkers Confederation (PAMDCC), under the authority and auspices of the Fédération Mondiale du Jeu de Dames (FMJD), hereby extends its official invitation to participate in the **23rd Pan-American Draughts Championship – PAMDCC Paramaribo 2026**.

This championship represents the **highest level of continental competition in the Americas** and serves as the official FMJD continental qualification event toward the **FMJD World Championships 2027**, while also promoting, sustaining the continued development, and consolidating the game of draughts across the continent.

The participation of all eligible federations is strongly encouraged.

2. GENERAL ORGANIZATION

- The **23rd Pan-American Draughts Championship – PAMDCC Paramaribo 2026** has been officially allotted by PAMDCC to the **Suriname Draughts Federation (SDF)**.
- The championship will take place in **Paramaribo, Republic of Suriname**, from **18 to 26 April 2026**.
- The event is organized in full compliance with:
    - FMJD Statutes
    - FMJD Rules & Regulations
    - FMJD Annexes and the Official FMJD Handbook of the Game
- This championship is designated as the **official and mandatory FMJD Continental Qualification Tournament** for the American continent toward the **FMJD World Championship 2027**.

3. OFFICIAL TITLE

23rd Pan-American Draughts Championship – PAMDCC Paramaribo 2026

4. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- **17 April 2026 (Friday):** Arrival of delegations
- **18 April 2026 (Saturday):**
    - 10:00 – Opening & Technical Meeting
    - 19:00 – Round 1
- **19 April 2026 (Sunday):**
    - 10:00 – Round 2
    - 19:00 – Round 3
- **20 April 2026 (Monday):** Round 4
- **21 April 2026 (Tuesday):** Round 5
- **22 April 2026 (Wednesday):** Cultural excursion and sightseeing
- **23 April 2026 (Thursday):**
    - 10:00 – Round 6
    - 19:00 – Round 7
- **24 April 2026 (Friday):** Round 8
- **25 April 2026 (Saturday):**
    - 19:00 – Round 9
- **26 April 2026 (Sunday):**
    - 10:00 – Rapid (Blitz) Tournament (5+3, $20 USD)
    - Award Ceremony
- **27 April 2026 (Monday):** Departure of delegations

5. TOURNAMENT VENUE

Dalian National Mindsports Centre
Leysweg 86 (ADEK Complex)
Paramaribo, Suriname

6. PARTICIPATION RIGHTS PER FEDERATION

Each PAMDCC member federation and FMJD-affiliated national federation of the Americas may register:

- Each Member-Association/Federation can participate with
- Up to **three (3) Men**
- Up to **three (3) Women**
- Up to **two (2) Youth players (U20)**

All players: - Must be officially registered and indicated by (through) their National Federation - Must meet all FMJD eligibility requirements

7. ADDITIONAL OFFICIAL ELIGIBILITY

The following players may participate **in addition to their national quota**:

A. Former PAMDCC Champions

- GMI Makendy Saint Juste (USA)
- GMI Alexander Mogilyansky (USA)
- GMI Guno Burleson (Suriname)
- GMI Allan Igor Moreno Silva (Brazil)
- GMI Ricardo Pierre (Haiti)
- Anthony Alexandre (Haiti) *(eligible to represent Canada if participating)*

B. Wild Card Players Rated Above 2300 (GMI & Non-GMI)

- MI Miguel Almanzar (Dominican Republic – 2338)

Players in these categories are automatically eligible.

8. APPLICATION & FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Registration Fees:

- A **competition fee of USD 100 per player** (men and women) is applicable. Youth $30.
- Blitz Tournament: $20 USD per player
- Membership Fee: $100 USD per country
- To ensure smooth administration and to minimize cash handling, federations are **strongly encouraged to complete payment before the end of March 2026**.
- Important. Annual federation contributions for **2024 and 2025** must be fully settled prior to participation (**USD 100 per year**).
- **Total Prize Fund:** USD **6,000**, distributed as follows:
    - Men: USD 3,500
    - Women: USD 1,500
    - Youth (U20): USD 1,000

Following a detailed payment instruction:

Financials:

Prize Money – Total $5,000:		
A. Men's Category:	**B. Women's Category:**	**C. Youth's U20 Category:**
$3,500 USD	**$1,500 USD**	**$1,000 USD**
1st place $1,500 USD	1st place $550 USD	1st place $400 USD
2nd place $1,000 US	2nd place $350 USD	2nd place $250 USD
3rd place $500 USD	3rd place $250 USD	3rd place $150 USD
4th place $300 USD	4th place $200 USD	4th place $100 USD
5th place $200 USD	5th place $150 USD	5th place $100 USD

- **Registration and Payment Procedure**
  National federations registering players (or the players themselves, where applicable) are required to **pay the applicable registration fee for all entered players within the prescribed deadlines**.

- Registration and financial administration will be conducted through the **PAMDCC online system**. For detailed information regarding fees, banking details, and payment procedures, federations are requested to contact the **PAMDCC Treasurer**:

  Mrs. Lariza Wever
  panamdcc.treasurer@gmail.com

When making payments, the **payment description must clearly include the full names of the registered players** to ensure correct allocation and confirmation.

9. OFFICIALS, ARBITRATION & FINAL AUTHORITY

- The tournament will be supervised by **PAMDCC-appointed arbiters and Chief Referee:** ir. Hensley Rondei (Curaçao)
- An **Appeal Board** will be appointed in accordance with FMJD regulations, however composed of the PAMDCC Board Members.
- If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the PAMDCC
- Appeals must be submitted **in English or French**, within **30 minutes**, and accompanied by the applicable $50 as a deposit from the signatory.
- The deposit must be handed to the main referee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately.
- The decisions of the Appeal Board are final.
- The tournament will be supervised by the main referee nominated by PMDCC.
- In The Case of Lack of Clarity in The FMJD Regulations or In These Regulations, Or in Unforeseen Circumstances, The Matter at Hand Will Be Decided by The Main Referee in Consultation With PMDCC-TD And/or Appeal Board (Depending on Case).

The PAMDCC Executive Committee retains final authority to safeguard integrity, fair play, FMJD compliance, and the reputation of continental draughts.

10. TOURNAMENT FORMAT: TIME CONTROL & RULES

- The championship will be conducted using the **FMJD Swiss System**, in full compliance with FMJD Statutes, Official Rules, Regulations, and Annexes.
- **Tournament Format:** FMJD Swiss system on Solkoff, **9 rounds**
- System depends on the number of players:
- 18 or more - 9 rounds Swiss FMJD Solkoff truncated
- 11 – 17 - 7 rounds Swiss FMJD Solkoff truncated
- The first option remains a separate tournament for women and separate for man.
- One group depends on the number of players.
- FMJD-Draughts Arbiter Pro (DAP) software for pairing
- **Official Time Control (Classic): 1 hour and 20 minutes per player**, with **1-minute incremental time per move**
- Use Of Clocks and Recording Games Is Compulsory During the Whole Game.
- Pairings will be conducted in accordance with FMJD Swiss principles and announced during the Opening Ceremony.
- All FMJD Annexes and the FMJD Handbook of the Game apply without exception.
- All games are subject to FMJD regulations on fair play, electronic devices, delays, and appeals.
- There are THEE (3) separate classifications: men, women and youths up to U20
- Conforming to the FMJD regulations players are not allowed to agree on a draw before they both made 40 moves. If they do so nevertheless, the referee is obliged to decide on a 0-0 result.
- Every player participating in the championship gets (FMJD) points,
- The Final Classification Will Be Based on The Total Points Obtained.
- If Two Or More Players Share the Same Place, The Following Factors Will Be Used to Define the Places Occupied:
  - ✓ The Largest Number of Victories
  - ✓ The Best Result Between the Tied Players
  - ✓ The Best Result Obtained in Order of The Final Classification PAMDCC
  - ✓ If The Criteria from The Previous Point Will Not Decide About Final Order:
  - ✓ For The Places 1, 2, 3 or 4th - A Deciding Tie-Break Will Be Played:
  - ✓ One Superblitz (15 Minutes And 2 Seconds Added Per Move for An Unlimited Number of Games).
  - ✓ If More Players Shared a Place, Then Round Robin Tournament with Superblitz (10 Minutes And 2 Seconds).
  - ✓ The Number of Minutes to Start with May Be Changed by The Main Referee Depending on The Number of Players Ending Ex-Aequo and The Time Available, If Necessary, After Consultation with The Tournament Director PMDCC – MF Amaury Peralta and The Organization.
  - ✓ For The Places 4- … The Places Will Be Shared.

11. ACCOMMODATION, LOGISTICS & VISA

- Official accommodation (hotels and apartments) will be announced by SDF
- **Accommodation, Food, Visa:** Free package - hotel, breakfast, lunch, and dinner for the period April 18th till upon April 26th – for all players qualified and 1 Coach. Accompanying persons are out of organizers' budgets. Extra days and accompanying persons are at own expense
- Airport transfers will be provided if flight details are submitted before **14 April 2026**

The hotel can be reserved independently or with support from the Organizing Committee. **Connect with the Organizers Committee:** For any questions, including visa inquiries, reach out to:

SDF Contact (Hospitality & Visa):
Email: rudibns@gmail.com
WhatsApp: +597 892 5374

12. TITLES, QUALIFICATION & AWARDS

- Continental titles and official trophies will be awarded in the categories of **Men**, **Women**, and **Youth (U20)**.
- The **Champion** shall receive the official title:
  "PAMDCC Champion International Draughts 2026."
- The **Champion and Vice-Champion** (Men's and Women's) qualify directly for the **FMJD World Championships 2027**, in accordance with FMJD qualification regulations.
- Medals, diplomas, and official PAMDCC recognition awards will be presented to top finishers.
- All participants will receive an official **Certificate of Participation** issued by PAMDCC.

13. MISCELLANEOUS / FINAL PROVISIONS

13.1 Technical & Regulatory Matters

All technical, regulatory, and procedural matters shall be addressed exclusively to the **PAMDCC Tournament Director**:

Mr. Amaury Peralta
Email: peraltapelu@hotmail.com

The Tournament Director acts in coordination with the Chief Referee, the PAMDCC Executive, and the FMJD Tournament Director where applicable.

13.2 Interpretation of Rules & Exceptional Situations

Any ambiguity or exceptional circumstance shall be decided by the **Chief Referee** and, where required, by the **Appeal Board**. Decisions are final and binding.

13.3 Appeals Procedure

Appeals must be written (English or French), submitted within **30 minutes**, and accompanied by the prescribed deposit.

13.4 Prize Money

The total prize fund of **USD 6,000** is **fully sponsored** and guaranteed by the Organizing Committee in cooperation with SDF. PAMDCC oversees distribution in accordance with the published structure.

13.5 First PAMDCC Continental Title Match Initiative

The PAMDCC Champion 2026 earns the right to contest the **PAMDCC Continental Title Match 2027** against the Former Champion, unless otherwise determined by regulation. This framework applies equally to the Women's category.

13.6 Responsibilities of the Organizing Federation

The Suriname Draughts Federation is responsible for accommodation, catering, player safety, local transport, venue readiness, and FMJD compliance.

13.7 Participant Recognition

The Champion receives the official title. The top three players in each category receive medals and official PAMDCC titles and diplomas. All participants receive certificates. Final standings first 2 places will determine: - Qualification places for the **FMJD World Championships 2027** (Men's and Women's).

13.8 Youth Category (U20)

One unified Youth category up to U20 will be played. Recognition will be awarded accordingly, with medals and official PAMDCC diplomas.

13.9 Other:

- It Is Forbidden to Smoke in The Playing Hall.
- It Is Forbidden for The Player During the Game to Carry with Him And/or Use Any Kind of Electronic Devices (Mobile Phones, Handheld Computers, Pocket Computers, Wireless Communication Devices, Etc.). When The Referee Sees It – The Game Will Be Declared Lost.
- The Player Must Be at Her Board at The Scheduled Starting Time of The Game. The Consequences Will Be an Official Warning for The Player Who Is Not Present for The First Time and All Next Times a Fine Of $100 USD.

14. OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE

All official correspondence must be addressed to:

Pan American Draughts and Checkers Confederation (PAMDCC)
President: **Mr. Clifton R. Agata**

15. DECLARED STATEMENT

The **23rd Pan-American Draughts Championship – Paramaribo 2026** is declared a landmark continental event, governed to the highest competitive, ethical, and organizational standards of the FMJD. It stands as a unified expression of Pan-American excellence, fair play, transparency, and sporting integrity.

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