2nd World Championship of Italian Draughts

The Italian Draughts Federation, with the shared aim of promoting Italian draughts worldwide, in collaboration with the Confédération Africaine du Jeu de Dames (CAJD), is organising the 2nd World Championship of Italian Draughts, entrusting its organisation to the Confédération Africaine du Jeu de Dames (CAJD) and the Ethiopian Draughts Federation. The event will take place at the "Grand Eliana Hotel", Wawel Street, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 7 to 13 December 2026. The event will form part of the Ethiopian Draughts Festival, which also includes the "21st African Senior Individual Championship", the "5th African 100 Senior Individual Blitz Championship"; the 1st African 64-square Senior Individual Draughts Championship (CAJD) (classic version); the 1st African 100-square Senior Individual Championship in Frisian; and the 1st African 100-square Senior Individual Championship in Frysk".

The Championship will be played according to the 'Open' format set out in the FID Technical Regulations.

Each player must be a fully registered member of their respective Federation.

There will be approximately 7 rounds in a round robin format in an Italian-Swiss group, using the same opening with reversed colours.

The openings will be drawn at random from those listed in the FID "General Table of Openings", excluding those with a 4N rating.

All matches will be played using different randomly selected openings, thereby ensuring that no opening is repeated throughout the Championship; consequently, the Tournament Director will remove from the bag of openings those that are drawn on each occasion. Should this not be possible, due to a large number of players, a different opening will be drawn for each table (match) in every round; in this case, the same opening may be drawn in different rounds, but not for the same player – that is, each participant will always play different openings.

For each match there shall be 4 points at stake, two for each game. 2 points shall be awarded for each game won, 1 point for each game drawn and 0 points for each game lost.

In the event of an odd number of participants, Article 9 shall apply, ensuring that everyone plays the same number of matches. Should this not be possible, the player who wins by forfeit shall be awarded 3 points.

The method laid down in the Technical Regulations of the Italian Draughts Federation shall be used to determine the pairings. Whoever is assigned White shall play the first game with White.

It will only be possible to propose a draw if there are no more than six men each on the draughtsboard.

If two or more players end up in a tie, a tie-breaking score ("quotient") shall be calculated to determine the ranking by assigning to each player, for each game, double the points achieved by the opponents they won with, the points achieved by the opponents they drew with, and zero points with the opponents they lost with. If this procedure also results in a tie, the following procedure shall be followed:

A tie between two players
The following factors are taken in consideration, in the order listed:
1) the result of any head-to-head match;
2) the highest number of wins;
3) the head-to-head results they achieved against any competitors they both faced, in order of ranking

A tie between more than two players
The following will be taken into account:
1) the result of any head-to-head matches, provided that all such matches have taken place; if not all matches have taken place, proceed to the next point;

2) the highest number of wins; if all the teams are tied on the number of wins, the next criterion is applied;
3) the head-to-head results they have achieved against any competitors faced by all those tied for the same position, in order of merit. The procedure is similar to that set out in the previous points.

The title of World Champion will be awarded to the player with the highest ranking based on their total score; in the event of a tie, it will go to the player with the best Quotient. In the event of a tie in both points and Quotient, the above procedure will be followed; if it is still not possible to determine a winner, tie-break matches with a reduced time limit will be played, in accordance with the rules set out below.

To determine the other positions in the rankings, the points scored will always be used and, where necessary, the Quotient. In the event of a tie on points and Quotient, the players will be considered ex-aequo and divisible prizes will be shared, whilst non-divisible prizes will be allocated by draw.

The Fisher system will be used for the reflection time, with an initial time of 1 hour and an additional 30 seconds for each move.

A match transcript is mandatory.

For anything not covered in these regulations, the provisions of the FID Technical Regulations shall apply.

The Tournament Director will be appointed by the Italian Draughts Federation and will have the authority to make any changes deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the Championship, in accordance with the Technical Regulations.

All participants in the championship are strictly prohibited from bringing the following items to the competition venue: tablets, mobile phones, smartphones and other electronic devices, even if switched off. Only in cases of extreme necessity may such devices be left on the referee's table, subject to prior agreement with the Tournament Director. Before the start of each round, the Tournament Director will remind all participants of this rule and has the right to check at any time that it is being complied with. Any participant found in possession of such a device at the competition venue will be awarded a forfeit.

Possible play-off matches
In the event of a tie in terms of points and "quotients", if it is necessary to proceed to play-off matches for the award of the title, the procedure shall be as follows:

- the colour shall be drawn between the two contenders and the alternation of colours shall be as follows: whoever plays the first game with White shall play all the first games with White;
- for each play-off match the opening shall be different;
- play-off match will be played with a return game on the same opening and with the reflection time of 5' + 3";
- in case of a new tie a second play-off match shall be arranged with a return game on the same opening and with the reflection time of 5' + 3";
- In case of a new tie a new round of matches will be established, alternating colours on the same opening and changing opening every two games. The matches start with the time of 5' + 3" recharge per move, but the time is not reset for each game (the next game will be played with the remaining time). The first one to win a game will have won or the first one whose time runs out will have lost.
- If there are more than two players with equal points and quotient, the Main Referee will proceed, in analogy with the above formula, by pairwise challenges.

Last minute absences and substitutions
In the event of last-minute absences at roll call or renunciations, the CAJD will make replacements (as far as possible, reserving the right to reduce the number of final participants) by analogy with qualification and timely availability.

Accommodation
All players and the referees will be accommodated (full board lodging) at the organization's expense at the Grand Eliana Hotel (https://elianahotel.com/) – Wawel St. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from the evening of 7 December to the morning of 13 December 2026, in twin rooms.
For any companions or officials accompanying the participants, the hotel costs will be as follows:
- 70 € per day, per person in a double room, full board;
- 80 € per day, per person in a single room, full board.

Travel: to be paid by the participants or their federations.

Visa

The African Draughts confederation CAJD and/or Mr DEMISSIE WOLDEGEORGIS EPHRAME, President of Addis Ababa Draughts Sport Association are responsible and should be contacted for invitation letter and visa application process.

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The visa application, only online, on www.evisa.gov.et/visa.
The Organizational Committee might provide delegations with a reference code necessary for the visa application.

Invitation letter for Visa:

Copy of all passports to be sent to CAJD General Secretary via WhatsApp or by email for the invitation letter (visa purpose).

Online Visa application process:

We have 2 options for visa fee and application process:

- **Option1**- CAJD will do all the online process and pay for the visa fee online (about 80 euro/per delegate). Usually, the visa is approved and available within 48 hours to CAJD.
  The federation/player need to transfer in advance all the visa fees to CAJD in one transaction, by bank or by western or by moneygram to the General Secretary.

- **Option2**- invitation will be sent to each player/federation along with the immigration code, and the player/federation will go through the online process (take about 20 to 25mn) and do online payment with an approved bank card (about 80 euro). Player/federation need to inform CAJD after visa application and approval for the hotel reservation.

Prize fund: €10,000 will be covered by the CAJD and the local organizers; the allocation will be announced in the next section.
Players who finish on the podium will be awarded a trophy or a medal, but all participants will receive a certificate of participation from the CAJD and the organizing committee

Refereeing and technical organization: The Tournament Director will be appointed by the Italian Draughts Federation no later than 10 days before the start of the event. The other referees will be agreed with the local organizers. The technical and material organization are guarantee by the CAJD in collaboration with Italian Draughts Federation and Addis Ababa Draughts Association. CAJD and Addis Ababa Draughts Association will provide all necessary material for 2nd World Italian Draughts Championship. CAJD will appoint a second referee working with the Tournament Director. All referees will be received a stipend from the organizing committee and/or Italian Draughts federation.
The organization committee and or Italian Draughts Federation will have a separate agreement with CAJD for an estimate cost of technical and material organization.

The Main Referee will be designated by the FID, which will cover travel costs and the daily fees, while one or more assistant referees will be appointed by the CAJD, which will cover any associated travel costs and daily allowances.

Registrations

The registration fee is set at €105.00 (one hundred and five) and must be paid by 2nd December 2026.
For information on the method of payment, please contact: General Secretariat of the CAJD: whatsapp (+226 70882168) sawadogoguibi@yahoo.fr

Complaints

Any complaints must be promptly presented in writing to the Main Referee accompanied by the fee of € 50 (fifty), refundable if the complaint is accepted.
An Appeal Jury will be announced before the Second roll call of players and World Championship opening ceremony.

Schedule

Monday 7 December 2026

- Arrival of the participants
- 9:00 pm: First roll call of players

Tuesday 8 December

- 8:30 am: Second roll call of players and World Championship opening ceremony
- 9:00 am: 1st round (one match, two games)
- 3:00 pm: 2nd round

Wednesday 9 December

- 9:00 am: 3rd round
- 3:00 pm: 4th round

Thursday 10 December – Rest day no game

Friday 11 December

- 9:00 am: 5th round
- 3:00 pm: 6th round

Saturday 12 December

- 9:00 am: 7th round
- 4:00 pm: Closing and Award ceremony

Sunday13 December
Departure

Prizes (10.000 Euros)
1st 3500 euros
2nd 2500 euros
3rd 2000 euros
4th 1500 euros
5th 500 euros

Other Special Provisions

In accordance with the rule adopted at the 1996 Abidjan General Assembly, smoking is prohibited in the gaming room.

Draughts boards, clocks, and pieces for the tournament will be provided by the CAJD.

Delegations travelling from Addis Ababa must communicate their arrival plan to the organiser in advance (at least 72 hours), for protocol arrangements for reception at the place of disembarkation.

Aspects not mentioned in this particular regulation will be dealt with in accordance with the Technical Regulations of the FID for what concerns the rules of games and tournaments, and for the rest in force of the FMJD and in the absence of these, the decision will be taken by the main referee in collaboration with the members of the Appeals Jury and/or the organization.

Signed online, on 29th September 2026

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