

AFRICAN OPEN 2025



GAME RULES

- The official rules of FRISIAN DRAUGHTS¹ will apply.
- The classical game of Frisian Draughts (full board) will be played.
- Only legal moves are allowed; this will be checked by means of digital notation on tablets (see below) or by a referee.²
- The three-move and seven-move rules will be checked by referees.

NOTATION

- All games will be digitally notated on tablets using Toernooibase and its underlying software.
- All games can be watched live on Toernooibase and Lidraughts.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- There will be no entry fee.
- There is a prize fund of €5,000, or, when a women's finals is played, €5,850.
- Players are not allowed to have any digital devices in their possession during the games.

REGISTRATION

- The final registration deadline is at 4 p.m. on the day before the tournament starts.
- The maximum number of players will be 64.
- 36 places will be reserved for the non-finalists of the 2025 World Championships International Draughts.
- For the remaining 28 places, players can register directly with the WFD Foundation.
- All players must register first both as a player on Lidraughts.org and as a player of the Lidraughts WFD Team.
- If necessary, players will be registered on Toernooibase by the main referee.

¹ <https://frisiandraughts.com/onewebmedia/FRISIAN%20DRAUGHTS/Rules/OfficialRulesFrisianDraughts.pdf>

² When a move or capture has been executed on the draughts board and is found out to be illegal, one of the players stops the clock and calls for the referee. Then the illegal move is taken back, after which the clock is reactivated and the game continues.

THE TOURNAMENT

- The first part of the tournament will consist of 8 rounds using the Swiss system.
- All players will be listed in alphabetical order.
- The time control during the first part of the tournament will be 40 minutes + 20 seconds per move.
- After the 8th round, the top four players will play the Grandmasters Finals and the second four players will play the Masters Finals.
- If there are more than 8 female players, there will also be Women's Finals for the top four female players.
- If necessary, play-offs will be used to determine the finalists. The time control for the play-offs will be 20 minutes + 10 seconds per move.
- The finals will be in round robin format.
- The time control during the finals will be 90 minutes + 30 seconds per move.
- The highest finishing African resident of the tournament will be awarded the title of African Champion Frisian Draughts.
- The winner of the Grandmasters Finals will receive a ticket to the 2026 Fryslân Open tournament, including free board and lodging.
- If necessary, play-offs will be held to determine the winners of the finals and the African Champion Frisian Draughts. The time control for these play-offs will be 45 minutes + 15 seconds per move.

MASTER & GRANDMASTER POINTS³

- The African Open 2025 is recognized as an official WFD tournament.
- The winner of the Grandmasters Finals will receive 4 grandmaster points, second place will receive 3 grandmaster points, the third place 2 grandmaster points and the fourth place 1 grandmaster point. The Grandmasters Finals will count as an international grandmaster tournament.
- The winner of the Masters Finals will receive 4 master points, the second place will receive 3 master points, the third place 2 master points and the fourth place 1 master point. The Masters Finals will count as an international master tournament.
- In the final ranking after the 8th round of the first part of the African Open 2025, the players 1 to 10 place will receive 10 to 1 master points.
- In the case of a tie in the final ranking, these (grand)master point(s) will be divided equally.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE PRIZE FUND

Grandmasters Finals

1 st place: €800	2 nd place: €700	3 rd place: €600	4 th place: €500
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Masters Finals

1 st place: €500	2 nd place: €400	3 rd place: €300	4 th place: €200
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Women's Finals:⁴

1 st place: €250	2 nd place: €220	3 rd place: €200	4 th place: €180
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9 th place: €180	10 th place: €160	11 th place: €140	12 th place: €120
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13 th place: €100	14 th place: €90	15 th place: €80	16 th place: €70
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17th place: €60

³ The requirements for the title Master of Frisian Draughts, 25 master points and participation in 3 international master tournaments. The requirements for the title Grandmaster of Frisian Draughts, 25 grandmaster points and participation in 3 international grandmaster tournaments.

⁴ No double prizes will be awarded in case of ending on the 9th to 17th place.

SCHEDULE

DAY 1: (Monday 16 June)

- AFRICAN OPEN 2025 round 1 + 2 + 3

DAY 2: (Tuesday 17 June)

- AFRICAN OPEN 2025 round 4 + 5 + 6

DAY 3: (Wednesday 18 June)

- AFRICAN OPEN 2025 round 7 + 8
- Play-offs

DAY 4: (Friday 20 June)

- Finals round 1 + 2

DAY 5: (Saturday 21 June)

- Finals round 3
- Play-offs

REFEREES

- Tournament referees: Marten Walinga, Liuwe Westra and Jouke Algra

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