



African Individual Draughts Online League (AIDOL)

Introduction

Africa has strong Draughts athletes most of whom play online during this COVID19 pandemic period. With the current status of the pandemic it is likely that it will take a bit of time for athletes to come together and have high profile physical match like as expected with the 3rd Series of African Championship. It is for this reason that ADF with guidance from IDF would wish to introduce an online individual league for Athletes from African countries which will carry an acronym of **AIDOL**. The objective is to keep Africa active and sharp for tough global competitions in this this pandemic period. This will first series of AIDOL and its success will invite more good things for Africa as promised by big potential sponsors.

Participants

1. Participants of AIDOL are athletes from African Countries, these players may be selected and sponsored by their national federations or may be self-sponsored athletes
2. This is the first series as such a country does not have a limit of athletes to feature however the anticipation is that national federation will select their best athletes to represent their respective countries
3. It is a crash of giants

System of Play

1. It is envisaged that participating players will play in a round robin format where a player will play any other participating player.
2. In each meeting players will play 4 sets, with a swap of seats after second set
3. A win will be 2 points, a draw will be 1 point and a loss is 0 point
4. 4 random sets has 8 single games thus to identify a top goal scorer at the end of the league, after each match these 8 single games will be scanned to derive the actual scores which will be recorded on the result table
5. The league will use random opening with 3+2-time control
6. The league will have 2 rounds
7. The player that will have more points will be declared champion at the end of the league

8. The league will be played on playok platform, Russian Draughts in **Salatov** room that starts with **#600** tables. This is for athletes to be secluded from the general room of **#100** tables
9. League games to be played on Wednesdays and Sundays from 18:30 PM CAT depending on the number of registered athletes, organizers will from time to time assess the games to see if additional play days may be required to finish the league on time.
10. Fixtures will be drawn in advance and will be communicated to players in time and will be accessed online
11. Results will be posted on all ADF platforms thus the website, Facebook and whatapp for the general public to follow
12. It is envisaged that the league period will be determined as below schedule depending on the number of registered players
 - a. 8 -10 players = 4 weeks
 - b. 11-16 players = 6 weeks
 - c. Above 16 players = 8 weeks (match days will be increased)
13. Players that will not fulfil their fixtures due to other pressing issues will be required to report to the organizers 4 hours before the match, failing to do so will end up losing points to the opponent who will avail himself during the match.
14. A player that will abandon the league will not be allowed to play in any other ADF and IDF organized tournaments for a period of 1 year.

Registration and Entry Fees

1. The league is not for free as winners will get prizes at the end of the league as such those players that are interested to take part, will be required to pay a minimum of **15 USD** as entry fees for the league, those that would wish to pay more are welcome to do so (This will be the first series and the intention is to accommodate as many interested athletes as possible in this COVID Pandemic)
2. Entry fees will be paid directly to ADF representatives in players' respective countries to ease the burden of international money transfer (As shown in the table below), and for those countries that do not have ADF representatives, they will be required to deposit the entry fees into ADF **EcoBank** Account Number **5415000007939 – Blantyre Branch - Malawi** which will be used to send prizes to winners across Africa as Ecobank is almost in every African Country

Country	ADF Representative
Uganda	Dr Dan Isabirye
Zambia	Mr Mwaaza Sakala
South Africa	Mr Leonard Loftus
Ghana	Mr Samuel Otoo
Malawi	Mr Suzgo Alpha Nkhoma

3. Registration starts at the release of this document (Today 27/08/2020) and closing date is on 6 September 2020. The League is planned to start on 9th September 2020
4. Registration is complete only after receipt of participation fees payment and names of registered players will be published on all ADF platforms including whatsapp group

An Appeal to Well-Wishers

1. ADF wishes to request well wishers to financially assist the league with any amount to support the in addition to player contributions. This will make the league competitive and great.
2. Those wishing to assist can inbox ADF President or any any ADF representative or write an email to afridf64@gmail.com for logistics

Arbitration

1. Arbitration will be done by ADF Executive
2. Complaints should be directed to afridf64@gmail.com
3. It is the Arbitration team that will be publishing the official results
4. All games will be analyzed before result publication

Prizes

1. Prizes for winners will be published soon after receiving sponsorships and participation fees, ADF will sit down and work on the prize allocation and will announce prizes before the league kicks off
2. The pattern percentage proposed is as follows in order of the position

Position	Prize
1	40% of League Fund
2	25% of League Fund
3	15% of League Fund
4	7% of League Fund
5	3% of League Fund
Administration	10% of League Fund

3. Prizes will be sent to winners through Ecobank or ADF representatives soon after winding down the league

Code of Ethics

1. Any player found cheating will be disqualified and removed from the league immediately
2. Accusations of cheating without evidence will not be condoned, and anybody doing it will be disqualified
3. There will be an Ethics Committee that will handle any cheating related issues (any cheating related issues should be directed to the Committee not to the group via email afridf64@gmail.com)
4. If an Ethics Committee (EC) receives complaints of cheating on the same player for 3 different matches, it may cause an investigation on the 3 matches to be done. If that player is found guilty, he will be disqualified.