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To: Chess SA Members
Chess SA Executive Committee

RE: CANCELLATION OF THE 2021 SAJCC

It is with great regret that we must inform you that Chess South Africa made the difficult decision on 28th February 2022 in an Executive Board meeting to cancel the 2021 SAJCC.

Historically, the African Youth was hosted in August or December every year. Chess SA planned accordingly to host the SAJCC and the SAJCCC before these anticipated dates. For reasons beyond their control the African Chess Confederation decided to host the 2022 African Youth in June, before the scheduled date of the SAJCCC.

It is not possible for Chess SA to fit the SAJCC and the SAJCCC in before the published date of the African Youth Chess Championships and we were forced to cancel one of the tournaments. SASCOC requires that Chess SA implement proper selection procedures in order to be able to award SA Colours. We do not want to risk our players not being awarded SA Colours, thus cancelling the SAJCC is the natural choice.

We understand that this is very disappointing for our players, on top of all the disappointment already endured during the last two years of Covid. We hope Covid has run its course and we are optimistic that we will host the 2022 SAJCC in January 2023 at the Birchwood Hotel & Conference Centre.

The 2022 SAJCCC will take place at Olifants River Lodge, Middelburg Mpumalanga. All information can be found on the website: www.sajccc.co.za

The tournament organizers have made the following options available for participants who have already made payments for the 2021 SAJCC:

President: **Hendrik du Toit** ◦ Vice President: **Omar Esau** ◦ Vice President: **Judy-Marie Steenkamp** ◦ Treasurer: **Vacant** ◦ Acting Secretary: **Masiya Mfundo**
Provincial Representative: **Anne Huisamen** ◦ Provincial Representative: **Lene Koekemoer** ◦ Provincial Representative: **Vacant**
Players Commission: **Divesh Sookdeo** ◦ Schools Representative: **Vicky Magu**

1. Transfer the monies to the 2022 SAJCC. The 2021 SAJCC rates will apply instead of the 2022 SAJCC rates for these participants
2. Credit their expenses to the 2022 SAJCCC
3. Get a refund by EFT

Please fill out the Google form at <https://forms.gle/SSsXiGpAbSar8pgy8> to indicate your choice.

Regards,

Chess South Africa