

International Title Regulations of FIDE

As approved by the 1982 General Assembly and amended by the General Assemblies of 1984 to 2002.

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 Only the titles as in 0.3 are acknowledged by FIDE.
- 0.2 The following regulations can only be altered by the General Assembly following recommendation by the appropriate Committee and then by the Qualification Commission.
 - 0.21 Any such changes will only be made every fourth year, commencing from 2004 (unless Committee and Commission agree urgent action is required).
 - 0.22 Any such changes shall take effect from 1st July of the year following the decision by the General Assembly. For tournaments, such changes will apply to those starting on or after that date.
- 0.3 The International FIDE titles shall be under the umbrella of the Qualification Commission, which is the final judging unit. The titles are:
 - 0.31 Titles for over-the-board chess (as defined in 1.14), the judging unit being the FIDE Titles and Ratings Committee:
Grandmaster (GM), International Master (IM), FIDE Master (FM), Candidate Master, Woman Grandmaster (WGM), Woman International Master (WIM), Woman FIDE Master (WFM), Woman Candidate Master, Honorary Grandmaster (HGM), Honorary Master (HM).
 - 0.32 International Arbiter (IA) the judging unit being the FIDE Arbiters Council.
 - 0.33 International Organizer (IO) the judging unit being the FIDE Organizer's Committee.
 - 0.34 Titles for chess composition, the judging unit being the FIDE Permanent Commission for Chess Compositions: Grandmaster of Solving (GS), International Master of Solving (IMS), FIDE Master of Solving (FMS); Grandmaster of Composing (GMC), International Master of Composing (IMC), FIDE Master of Composing (FMC); International Judge of Chess Composition (IJCC).
 - 0.35 Titles for correspondence chess, the judging unit being the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF).
 - 0.36 Chess Instructor Title, the judging unit being the FIDE Trainer's Committee.
 - 0.37 Titles awarded for meritorious activity other than practical play. Normally these have the object of bestowing honours. Such titles shall be awarded by the General Assembly.
- 0.4 The titles are valid for life from the date awarded or registered.

0.41 Use of a FIDE title or rating to subvert the ethical principles of the title or rating system may subject a person to revocation of his title upon recommendation by the Qualification Commission and final action by the General Assembly.

0.5 The Award of Titles.

0.51 Titles in 0.31 are awarded for specific results in specific Championship events;

Or are awarded on achieving a rating as laid down in these regulations. Such titles are registered by the Chairman of the Qualification Commission on advice by the FIDE Office.

Or are awarded by the General Assembly on recommendation by the Qualification Commission that the candidate meets the requirements.

0.52 The Presidential Board or Executive Board may award titles under 0.31, 0.32, 0.33 or 0.36 in clear cases only, after consultation with the appropriate Chairman.

0.53 For 0.35, the ICCF both judges and awards the titles; upon receiving the report of the award, the General Assembly shall confirm the title.

0.6 Members of the Qualification Commission are:

0.61 Elected by the General Assembly for the same period of office as the FIDE President: president or chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and 5 experts

0.62 Members due to their office:

The Presidential Board, the Zone Presidents of FIDE and the FIDE Rating System Administrator

0.63 The Commission usually makes its decisions in the sessions immediately preceding the opening of the General Assembly.

0.64 A Zone President may give his proxy to a representative

0.65 The method of the voting is as stipulated in Art. 4.7, 4.8 and 4.9 of the FIDE Statutes.

0.66 In exceptional circumstances, The Commission may recommend a title by correspondence voting.

1.0 Requirements for the titles designated in 0.31.

1.1 Administration

1.11 Play to be governed by the FIDE Laws of chess and FIDE Tournament Rules.

1.12 That there be no more than twelve hours play in one day.

1.13 That no more than two rounds be played on any one day.

1.14 In Standard Chess each player has a minimum in which to complete all the moves, based upon a game lasting 60 moves.

1.14a Examples of standard chess include:

- All the moves in 90 minutes, but for each move a player receives an extra 30 seconds added to his clock time.
- 40 moves in 75 minutes, followed by all the moves in 15 minutes, but for each move a player receives an extra 30 seconds added to his clock time.
- 40 moves in two hours, followed by all the moves in 30 minutes.
- 40 moves in two hours, 20 moves in one hour, followed by all the moves in 30 minutes. This is often referred to as ‘Classical Chess’.

1.14b All the moves in two hours is **not** acceptable.

1.15 The event must be played within a period of 90 days.

An exception may be made for leagues and national team championships.

1.16 The tournament shall be conducted by an International Arbiter. Failing that, by FIDE Arbiter. Failing that, supervised by an International Arbiter.

1.2 Titles achieved from International Championships

1.21 As indicated below, a player may gain a title from such an event or, gain a single title result (norm). The result shown is the minimum required. The term ‘norm’ is explained in 1.4.

Abbreviation	Grandmaster	International	Master
World Championship	GM reaching last 16	IM qualifying by over-the-board play	
Women's World Championship	winner runner-up 9-game norm		runner-up
World U-20 Championship	gold 1 st = 9-game norm		silver, bronze
World Senior	gold		silver
Olympiad	12 game 2600+		12 game 2450+
Continental Championship	12 game 2600+ gold 9-game norm		12 game 2450+ 1 st = up to 3
Continental U-20 Championship	gold 9-game norm		1 st = up to 3
Arab Championship	gold 9-game norm		1 st = up to 3
Arab U-20 Championship	gold 9-game norm		1 st = up to 3
Centroamerican-Caribbean U-20	gold 9 game norm		1 st = up to 3
World U-18 Championship	gold 9 game norm		1 st = up to 3
World Girls' U-20 Championship	-		gold, 9-game norm
Commonwealth Championship	-		1 st = up to 3
Zonal or sub-zonal	-		1 st = up to 3 12 game 2450+ (a) 9 games of 66.66% (b)
International Braille Chess Association IBCA Championship			1 st = up to 3
International Committee of Silent Chess ICSC Championship			1 st = up to 3
International Physically Disabled Chess Association IPCA Champ.			1 st = up to 3

World U-16 Championship	gold, 9-game norm
Continental U-18 Championship	gold, 9-game norm
Continental U-16 Championship	gold, 9-game norm

Abbreviation	Woman Grandmaster	Woman International Master
World Championship	WGM winner GM title runner-up IM title reaching last 8	WIM qualifying by over-the-board play
World U-20 Championship	gold gold, 9 game IM norm <u>1st</u> = 9 game norm	silver, bronze
World Senior	gold	silver
Olympiad	12 game 2400+	12 game 2250+
Continental Championship	12 game 2400+ gold, 9-game norm	12 game 2250+ <u>1st</u> = up to 3
Continental U-20 Champ.	gold	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
Arab Championship	gold, 9-game norm	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
Arab U-20 Championship	gold	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
Centroamerican-Caribbean U-20	gold	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
World U-18 Championship	gold 9 game norm	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
Arab U-20 Championship -	-	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
Commonwealth Championship -	-	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
Zonal or sub-zonal	-	<u>1st</u> = up to 3 12 game 2250+ (a) 9games of 66.66% (b)
IBCA, ICSC, IPCA World Championships	-	<u>1st</u> = up to 3
World U-16 Championship	-	gold, 9-game norm
Continental U-18/16 Championships	-	gold, 9-game norm

Abbreviation	FIDE Master	CandidateMaster
Olympiad	FM 9 games of 66.66%	CM 7 games of 50%
Continental or World Team	7 games of 66.66%	7 games of 50%
World U-16/14/12/10 Championships	<u>1st</u> = up to 3	silver, bronze
IBCA, ICSC, IPCA World Champs.	silver	bronze
IBCA, ICSC, IPCA World U-20 Champs.	<u>1st</u> = up to 3	silver, bronze
Continental U-18/16/14/12/10 Champs.	<u>1st</u> = up to 3	silver, bronze
ASEAN U-20/18/16/14/12/10 Champs.	<u>1st</u> = up to 3	silver, bronze
Arab U-18/16/14/12/10 Champs.	<u>1st</u> = up to 3	silver, bronze
Zonal or sub-zonal	9 games of 50% (c)	9 games of 40% (c)
World Amateur Championship	gold	silver

	Woman FIDE Master	Woman Candidate Master
Abbreviation	WFM	WCM
Olympiad	9 games of 66.66%	7 games of 50%
Continental or World Team	7 games of 66.66%	7 games of 50%
World U-16/14/12/10 Championships	1 st = up to 3	silver, bronze
IBCA, ICSC, IPCA World Champs.	silver	bronze
Continental U-18/16/14/12/10 Champs.	1 st = up to 3	silver, bronze
ASEAN U-18/16/14/12/10 Champs.	1 st = up to 3	silver, bronze
Zonal or sub-zonal	9 games of 50% (c)	9 games of 40% (c)
World Amateur Championship	gold	silver

- (a) Where such an event is played with preliminaries and finals, the results shall be pooled.
 (b) Such an event must be approved by the Presidential Board. Results are pooled as in (a). Where a zonal is an open Swiss, the maximum number of such title awards shall be one.
 (c) As in (b), but where a zonal is an open Swiss, the maximum number of such title awards shall be two.

1.3 Those titles gained by achieving a published rating at some time or other:

1.31 FIDE Master	2300
1.32 Candidate Master	2200
1.33 Woman FIDE Master	2100
1.34 Woman Candidate Master	2000

1.4 The GM, IM, WGM, WIM titles can also be gained by achieving norms in internationally rated tournaments played according to the following regulations.

1.41 The number of games

- 1.41a The player must play at least 9 games, however
- 1.41b Only 7 games are required for 7 round Continental and World Team Championships.
Only 8 games are required for 8 or 9 round Continental and World Team Championships.
- 1.41c Where a player exceeds the norm requirements by one or more full points, then the length of the tournament is considered to be extended by that number of games when computing the total number of games.

1.42 Games as follows are not included:

- 1.42a against opponents who do not belong to FIDE-federations or who belong to Federations, which are temporarily excluded when the event starts
- 1.42b against computers
- 1.42c decided by forfeit, adjudication or any means other than over the board play. Other games once started, which are forfeited for whatever reason, shall however be included. However, a player may be scheduled to meet an opponent in the last round. He needs to play, but could afford to lose. Then, if the opponent forfeits, the norm shall still count.
- 1.42d against unrated players who score zero against rated opponents in round robin tournaments.

1.42e A player may ignore his game(s) against any opponents he has defeated, provided this leaves him with at least 9 games, against the required mix of opponents. Nonetheless, the full cross-table of the event must be submitted.

1.42f A player who has achieved a title result before the last round may ignore all games played subsequently.

1.42g Tournaments that make changes to favour one or more players (for example by altering the number of rounds, or providing particular opponents, not otherwise participating in the event).

1.43 Federations of opponents.

At least two federations other than that of the title applicant must be included, except for 1.43a-1.43e.

1.43a The finals (but not preliminaries) of national men's championships and also national women's championships. See 1.43b1.

1.43b Leagues and national team championships.

1.43b1 Title applications must include at least one tournament based on an event other than 1.43a and/or 1.43b.

1.43c Zonal tournaments.

1.43d Tournaments of other types may also be included with the prior approval of the QC Chairman.

1.43e Swiss System tournaments in which the competitors include at least 20 FIDE Rated players, not from the host federation, from at least 3 federations, at least 10 of whom hold GM, IM, WGM or WIM titles.

Otherwise:

1.44 Opponents shall be calculated using rounding up to the next whole number (for example $10 \times 22\% = 2.2 = 3$):

1.44a For host federation players, at least 40% shall be from other federations.

1.44b For players not from the host federation, at least 33% not from the player's federation and at least 22% not from one federation.

1.45 Titles of opponents:

1.45a At least 50% of the opponents shall be title-holders as in 0.31, excluding CM and WCM.

1.45b For a GM norm at least 3 of the opponents must be GMs.

1.45c For an IM norm, at least 2 GMs, 2 IMs and 1 GM, or 3 IMs.

1.45d For a WGM norm, 2 GMs, or at least 3 from the following group: GM, IM, WGM, FM.

1.45e For a WIM norm, 3 WIMs, or at least 2 from the following group: GM, IM, WGM, FM.

1.45f For multi-round tournaments, a player shall only be counted once.

1.46 Rating of opponents

For an example of percentage rounding see 1.44.

1.46a Maximum 22% of the opponents shall be unrated.

1.46b The Rating List in effect at the start of the tournament shall be used.

1.46c For the purposes of norms, the minimum rating (rating floor) for the opponents shall be as follows:

Grandmaster	2250
International Master	2100
Woman Grandmaster	2050
Woman International Master	1900

1.46c.1 No more than two opponents shall have their rating raised to this rating floor. Where more than two opponents are below the floor, the rating of the lowest two opponents shall be raised.

1.46d Unrated opponents not covered by 1.46b shall be considered to be rated at the rating floor level.

1.47 Rating Average of Opponents

1.47a This is the total of the opponents' ratings divided by the number of opponents. 1.46 shall be taken into account.

1.47b Rounding of the Rating Average is made to the nearest whole number. In this instance the fraction 0.5 is rounded upward.

1.48 Performance Rating

In order to achieve a norm, a player must perform at a level at least of that shown below:

	Minimum level prior to rounding	After rounding
GM	2600.5	2601
IM	2450.5	2451
WGM	2400.5	2401
WIM	2250.5	2251

1.49 Determining whether a result is adequate for a norm, dependent on the average rating of the opponents.

Chart 1.49a shows the rating range for tournaments up to 19 rounds.

7 rounds, including 4 title-holders, minimum 6 rated. Available only for 7 round Continental and World Team Championships

	GM	IM	WGM	WIM
	Average of opponents' ratings			
5½	2381-2442	2231-2292	2181-2242	2031-2092
5	2443-2498	2293-2348	2243-2298	2093-2148
4½	2499-2550	2349-2400	2299-2350	2149-2200
4	2551-2600	2401-2450	2351-2400	2201-2250
3½	2601-2650	2451-2500	2401-2450	2251-2300
3	2651-2702	2501-2552	2451-2502	2301-2352
2½	2703-2758	2553-2608	2503-2558	2353-2408

8 rounds, including 4 title-holders, minimum 7 rated. Available only for 8 or 9 round Continental and World Team Championships

6½	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
6	2408-2459	2258-2309	2208-2259	2058-2109

5½	2460-2505	2310-2355	2260-2305	2110-2155
5	2506-2557	2356-2407	2306-2357	2156-2207
4½	2558-2600	2408-2450	2358-2400	2208-2250
4	2601-2643	2451-2493	2401-2443	2251-2293
3½	2644-2687	2494-2537	2444-2487	2294-2337
3	2688-2742	2538-2592	2488-2542	2338-2392

9 rounds, including 5 title-holders, minimum 7 rated

7	2381-2434	2231-2284	2181-2234	2031-2084
6½	2435-2475	2285-2325	2235-2275	2085-2125
6	2476-2520	2326-2370	2276-2320	2126-2170
5½	2521-2557	2371-2407	2321-2357	2171-2207
5	2558-2600	2408-2450	2358-2400	2208-2250
4½	2601-2643	2451-2493	2401-2443	2251-2293
4	2644-2680	2494-2530	2444-2480	2294-2330
3½	2681-2725	2531-2575	2481-2525	2331-2375

10 rounds, including 5 title-holders, minimum 8 rated

8	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
7½	2408-2451	2258-2301	2208-2251	2058-2101
7	2452-2490	2302-2340	2252-2290	2102-2140
6½	2491-2528	2341-2378	2291-2328	2141-2178
6	2529-2564	2379-2414	2329-2364	2179-2214
5½	2565-2600	2415-2450	2365-2400	2215-2250
5	2601-2636	2451-2486	2401-2436	2251-2286
4½	2637-2672	2487-2522	2437-2472	2287-2322
4	2673-2710	2523-2560	2473-2525	2323-2360
3½	2711-2749	2561-2599	2511-2549	2361-2399

11 rounds, including 6 title-holders, minimum 9 rated

9	2381-2389	2231-2239	2181-2189	2031-2039
8½	2390-2425	2240-2275	2190-2225	2040-2075
8	2426-2467	2276-2317	2226-2267	2076-2117
7½	2468-2498	2318-2348	2268-2298	2118-2148
7	2499-2535	2349-2385	2299-2335	2149-2185
6½	2536-2564	2386-2414	2336-2364	2186-2214
6	2565-2600	2415-2450	2365-2400	2215-2250
5½	2601-2636	2451-2486	2401-2436	2251-2286
5	2637-2665	2487-2515	2437-2465	2287-2315
4½	2666-2702	2516-2552	2466-2502	2316-2352
4	2703-2733	2553-2583	2503-2533	2353-2383

12 rounds, including 6 title-holders, minimum 10 rated

9½	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
9	2408-2442	2258-2292	2208-2242	2058-2092

8½	2443-2475	2293-2325	2243-2275	2093-2125
8	2476-2505	2326-2355	2276-2305	2126-2155
7½	2506-2543	2356-2393	2306-2343	2156-2193
7	2544-2571	2394-2421	2344-2371	2194-2221
6½	2572-2600	2422-2450	2372-2400	2222-2250
6	2601-2629	2451-2479	2401-2429	2251-2279
5½	2630-2657	2480-2507	2430-2457	2280-2307
5	2658-2687	2508-2537	2458-2487	2308-2337
4½	2688-2725	2538-2575	2488-2525	2338-2375

13 rounds, including 7 title-holders, minimum 11 rated

10½	2381-2389	2231-2239	2181-2189	2031-2039
10	2390-2425	2240-2275	2190-2225	2040-2075
9½	2426-2459	2276-2309	2226-2259	2076-2109
9	2460-2490	2310-2340	2260-2290	2110-2140
8½	2491-2513	2341-2363	2291-2313	2141-2163
8	2514-2543	2364-2393	2314-2343	2164-2193
7½	2544-2571	2394-2421	2344-2371	2194-2221
7	2572-2600	2422-2450	2372-2400	2222-2250
6½	2601-2629	2451-2479	2401-2429	2251-2279
6	2630-2657	2480-2507	2430-2457	2280-2307
5½	2658-2687	2508-2537	2458-2487	2308-2337
5	2688-2710	2538-2560	2488-2510	2338-2360

14 rounds, including 7 title-holders, minimum 11 rated

11	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
10½	2408-2442	2258-2292	2208-2242	2058-2092
10	2443-2467	2293-2317	2243-2267	2093-2117
9½	2468-2498	2318-2348	2268-2298	2118-2148
9	2499-2520	2349-2370	2299-2320	2149-2170
8½	2521-2550	2371-2400	2321-2350	2171-2200
8	2551-2571	2401-2421	2351-2371	2201-2221
7½	2572-2600	2422-2450	2372-2400	2222-2250
7	2601-2629	2451-2479	2401-2429	2251-2279
6½	2630-2650	2480-2500	2430-2450	2280-2300
6	2651-2680	2501-2530	2451-2480	2301-2330
5½	2681-2702	2531-2552	2481-2502	2331-2352
5	2703-2733	2553-2583	2503-2533	2353-2583

15 rounds, including 8 title-holders, minimum 12 rated

12	2381-2389	2231-2239	2181-2189	2031-2039
11½	2390-2425	2240-2275	2190-2225	2040-2075
11	2426-2451	2276-2301	2226-2251	2076-2101
10½	2452-2475	2302-2325	2252-2275	2102-2125
10	2476-2505	2326-2355	2276-2305	2126-2155

9½	2506-2528	2356-2378	2306-2328	2156-2178
9	2529-2550	2379-2400	2329-2350	2179-2200
8½	2551-2579	2401-2429	2351-2379	2201-2229
8	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
7½	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
7	2622-2650	2472-2500	2422-2450	2272-2300
6½	2651-2672	2501-2522	2451-2472	2301-2322
6	2673-2695	2523-2545	2473-2495	2323-2345
5½	2696-2725	2546-2575	2496-2525	2346-2375

16 rounds, including 8 title-holders, minimum 13 rated

12½	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
12	2408-2434	2258-2284	2208-2234	2058-2084
11½	2435-2459	2285-2309	2235-2259	2085-2109
11	2460-2483	2310-2333	2260-2283	2110-2133
10½	2484-2505	2334-2355	2284-2305	2134-2155
10	2506-2535	2356-2385	2306-2335	2156-2185
9½	2536-2557	2386-2407	2336-2357	2186-2207
9	2558-2579	2408-2429	2358-2379	2208-2229
8½	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
8	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
7½	2622-2643	2472-2493	2422-2443	2272-2293
7	2644-2665	2494-2515	2444-2465	2294-2315
6½	2666-2687	2516-2537	2466-2487	2316-2337
6	2688-2717	2538-2567	2488-2517	2338-2367

17 rounds, including 9 title-holders, minimum 14 rated

13½	2381-2398	2231-2248	2181-2198	2031-2048
13	2399-2416	2249-2266	2199-2216	2049-2066
12½	2417-2442	2267-2292	2217-2242	2067-2092
12	2443-2467	2293-2317	2243-2267	2093-2117
11½	2468-2490	2318-2340	2268-2290	2118-2140
11	2491-2513	2341-2363	2291-2313	2141-2163
10½	2514-2535	2364-2385	2314-2335	2164-2185
10	2536-2557	2386-2407	2336-2357	2186-2207
9½	2558-2579	2408-2429	2358-2379	2208-2229
9	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
8½	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
8	2622-2643	2472-2493	2422-2443	2272-2293
7½	2644-2665	2494-2515	2444-2465	2294-2315
7	2666-2687	2516-2537	2466-2487	2316-2337
6½	2688-2710	2538-2560	2488-2510	2338-2360

18 rounds, including 9 title-holders, minimum 15 rated

14	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
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13½	2408-2434	2258-2284	2208-2234	2058-2084
13	2435-2459	2285-2309	2235-2259	2085-2109
12½	2460-2475	2310-2325	2260-2275	2110-2125
12	2476-2498	2326-2348	2276-2298	2126-2148
11½	2499-2520	2349-2370	2299-2320	2149-2170
11	2521-2543	2371-2393	2321-2343	2171-2193
10½	2544-2557	2394-2407	2344-2357	2194-2207
10	2558-2579	2408-2429	2358-2379	2208-2229
9½	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
9	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
8½	2622-2643	2472-2493	2422-2443	2272-2293
8	2644-2657	2494-2507	2444-2457	2294-2307
7½	2658-2680	2508-2530	2458-2480	2308-2330
7	2681-2702	2531-2552	2481-2502	2331-2352
6½	2703-2725	2553-2575	2502-2325	2353-2375

19 rounds, including 10 title-holders, minimum 15 rated

15	2381-2398	2231-2248	2181-2198	2031-2048
14½	2399-2416	2249-2266	2199-2216	2049-2166
14	2417-2442	2267-2292	2217-2242	2167-2192
13½	2443-2467	2293-2317	2243-2267	2193-2217
13	2468-2483	2318-2333	2268-2283	2218-2133
12½	2484-2505	2334-2355	2284-2305	2134-2155
12	2506-2520	2356-2370	2306-2320	2156-2170
11½	2521-2543	2371-2393	2321-2343	2171-2193
11	2544-2564	2394-2414	2344-2364	2194-2214
10½	2565-2579	2415-2429	2365-2379	2215-2229
10	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
9½	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
9	2622-2636	2472-2486	2422-2436	2272-2286
8½	2637-2657	2487-2507	2437-2457	2287-2307
8	2658-2680	2508-2530	2458-2480	2308-2330
7½	2681-2695	2531-2545	2481-2495	2331-2345
7	2696-2717	2546-2567	2496-2517	2346-2367

1.50 Requirements for award of the title, having achieved norms

1.50a Two or more norms in events covering at least 27 games

1.50b If a norm is sufficient for more than one title, then it may be used as part of the application for both.

1.50c To have achieved at some time or other a rating as follows:

GM	2500
IM	2400
WGM	2300
WIM	2200

- 1.50c1 Such a rating need not be published. It can be obtained in the middle of a rating period, or even in the middle of a tournament. The player may then disregard subsequent results for the purpose of their title application. However the burden of proof then rests with the federation of the title applicant. It is recommended that players receive a certificate from the Chief Arbiter where they achieve the rating level during an event. Title applications based on unpublished ratings shall only be accepted by FIDE after agreement with the Rating Administrator.
- 1.50d A title result shall be valid if it was obtained in accordance with the International Title Regulations prevailing at the time of the tournament where the norm was obtained.
- 1.50e Title results remain valid for life. Thus there is no time restriction imposed on obtaining norms.

1.6 Summary of Title Tournaments Requirements

	Notes
Number of games per day	not more than two
Total thinking time	minimum 2+ hours
Period for the whole event	1.14 within 90 days
Administrators in charge	1.15 International Arbiter
Number of games	1.16 minimum 9
Type of event	1.41b-c no individual single matches
Games not included	1.42 ... against computers adjudicated forfeited before play starts. against players who do not belong to a FIDE Federation. against players from Federations temporarily excluded.
Number of GMs, for GM	1.45b minimum 3 GMs
Number of IMs, for IM	1.45c minimum 3, or 2 GMs
Number of title-holders for WGM	1.45d minimum 3 of GM/IM/WGM/FM
Number of WIMs for WIM	1.45e minimum 3, or 2 GM/IM/WGM/FM
Minimum performance rating	GM 2601, IM 2451 WGM 2401, WIM 2251

1.7 Summary of Requirements for Opponents

- a** refers to the minimum number of title-holders among the player's opponents.
- b** refers to the minimum number of rated opponents of the player
- c** refers to the minimum number of federations required apart from that of the player
- d** refers to the minimum number of opponents *not* from the player's federation, where the player *is* from the host federation

e refers to the minimum number of opponents *not* from the player's federation, where the player *is not* from the host federation

f refers to the minimum number of opponents who are not solely from one federation

Number of games	a	b	c	d	e	f	
9	5	7	2	4	3	2	
10	5	8	2	4	4	3	
11	6	9	2	5	4	3	
12	6	10	2	5	4	3	
13	7	11	2	6	5	3	
14	7	11	2	6	5	4	
15	8	12	2	6	5	4	
16	8	13	2	7	6	4	
17	9	14	2	7	6	4	
18	9	15	2	8	6	4	
19	10	15	2	8	7	5	

1.8 Title Tournament Certificates

The Chief Arbiter must prepare in quadruplicate certificates of title results achieved. These copies must be provided to the player, the player's federation, the organizing federation and the FIDE Office. The player is recommended to ask the Chief Arbiter for the certificate before leaving the tournament.

1.9 Submission of Reports on Title Tournaments

- 1.91 Such tournaments must be registered as in B.03.
- 1.92 (EB '99) The Chief Arbiter of a FIDE registered tournament or the Federation Rating Officer shall send a rating report on the tournament by registered post to arrive at the FIDE Secretariat not later than 30 days after the end of the event. This must be certified by him as a correct report. The report must comply with the reporting procedures described in Article 11 of B.02. An additional compulsory requirement for all tournament reports is the submission of data as required by the Qualification Commission detailed in forms 5 and 6 to these Regulations (B.02).
- 1.93 For a tournament that was not registered in advance with FIDE only the Federation of the country where the tournament was held shall send in the result.
- 1.94 The end of a tournament is the date of the last round and the posting date shall be determined by the postmark on the cover.
- 1.95 If the Rating Administrator finds that the report is defective to the extent that it has to be returned for correction, the corrected report must be mailed to the Secretariat within four weeks of the date indicated by the Rating Administrator. Failure to do this will mean that the event was not reported for rating.

- 1.96 Reports sent in more than six months late will not be accepted for rating or title purposes.
- 1.97 (GA '96) Federations submitting rating reports for tournaments with a rating average over 2400 must submit all the games played in the tournament together with the report. The games may be submitted either on paper or, preferably, in a standard chess database electronic format.

2.0 Requirements for the titles in 0.32 , 0.33 and 0.36.

- 2.1 Requirements for the title of International Arbiter. All of the following:
 - 2.11 Thorough knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the FIDE Regulations for chess competitions.
 - 2.12 Absolute objectivity, demonstrated at all times during his activity as an arbiter.
 - 2.13 Sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE language. In the case that the Arbiter's native language is one of the official FIDE languages, the knowledge of another official FIDE language is required
 - 2.13 Experience as chief or deputy arbiter in at least four FIDE rated events such as the following:
 - (a) The final of the National Individual Adult Championship (not more than two).
 - (b) All official FIDE tournaments and matches.
 - (c) International title tournaments and matches
 - (d) International chess festivals with at least 100 contestants.
 - (e) All official World and Continental Rapid Championships (maximum one norm).
 - 2.15 The norm reports supporting an IA title application must be for at least two different types of tournaments or for at least one international event according to 2.14 (d) and achieved in events with starting dates that fall within a six-year period. The application must be submitted not later than the second FIDE Congress after the date of the latest event listed.
 - 2.16 The title of the International Arbiter for each of the IBCA, ICSC, OPCA shall be equivalent to one IA norm.
 - 2.17 Being a match arbiter in an Olympiad is equivalent to one IA norm. No more than one such norm will be considered for the title.
 - 2.18 Applicants for the title of IA must be at least 21 years old. Norms can be achieved before this age.
- 2.2 Requirements for the title of FIDE Arbiter. All of the following:
 - 2.21 As in 2.11.
 - 2.22 As in 2.12.
 - 2.23 Sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE language.

- 2.24 Experience as chief or deputy arbiter in at least four FIDE Rated events. These can be either national or international.
- 2.24a Applicants from federations which are unable to organize any tournaments valid for titles or rating, may be awarded the title on passing an examination set by the Arbiters' Council.
- 2.25 The norm reports supporting an FA title application must be for at least two different types of tournament, or at least one international rated event, and achieved in events with starting dates that fall within a six-year period. The application must be submitted not later than the second FIDE Congress after the date of the latest event listed.
- 2.26 The title of FIDE Arbiter for each of the IBCA, ICSC, IPCA shall each be equivalent to one FA norm.
- 2.27 Being a match arbiter in an Olympiad is equivalent to one FA norm. No more than one such norm will be considered for the title.
- 2.28 Applicants for the title of FA must be at least 21 years old. Norms can be achieved before this age.
- 2.3 Requirements for the title of International Organizer. All of the following:
- 2.31 Expertise in the organization of chess events.
- 2.32 Sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE language.
- 2.33 Experience as organizer of at least five tournaments of a minimum of two different types, which have been registered with FIDE in accordance with B.03; or experience as organizer of at least two different types of FIDE events.
- 2.4 Requirements for the title of FIDE Instructor. All of the following:
- 2.41 The Candidate's application must be supported by a national federation.
Curriculum vitae with evidence of practical experience on the field.
Certification of present activity for not less than three years work (from national or local federation).
Two of the following three:
International Rating of at least 2000.
2nd level education.
Certificates of attendance at not less than three FIDE (or national registered with FIDE) suitable seminars, congresses or equivalent.
- 3.0 Requirements for Chess Composition Titles:**
as established by the regulations of FIDE PCCC.
- 4.0 Requirements for Correspondence Chess Titles:**
as established by the regulations of ICCF.

5.0 Application Procedure:

- 5.1 Application forms for the titles listed in 0.31, 0.32 and 0.33 are annexed hereto. They are:

	Norm Forms	Application Forms
Certificate of Title Result	IT1	Title Application Form
IA Norm Report	IA1	International Arbiter
FIDE Arbiter Norm Report	FA1	FIDE Arbiter
International Organizer	IO1	International Organizer
		Chess Instructor
	Report Forms	
Tournament Report Form	IT3	

- 5.2 Applications for these titles must be prepared on these forms and all the information required supplied together with the application:

GM	IT2, IT1s each with crosstable
IM	IT2, IT1s each with crosstable
WGM	IT2, IT1s each with crosstable
WIM	IT2, IT1s each with crosstable
IA	IA2, IA1s each with IT3, crosstable and appeals decisions
FA	FA2, FA1s each with IT3, crosstable and appeals decisions
IO	IO2, IO1s
CI	CI2

- 5.3 Applications must be submitted to the appropriate judging unit by the federation of the applicant. The national federation is responsible for the fee.

5.3a There is a 60-day deadline in order for applications to be considered properly. There is a 50% surcharge for applications to be considered in a shorter time-scale than this. Those arriving during the FIDE Congress shall be charged a 100% supplement.

5.3b All title applications together with full details must be posted on the FIDE website for a minimum of 60 days prior to finalisation. This is in order for any objections to be lodged.

CERTIFICATE OF TITLE RESULT GM.... IM... WGM... WIM.... IT1

last name..... first name.....

FIDE code.....date of birth.....place of birth..... Federation.....

event.....start.....close.....

chief or supervising arbiter..... number of games.....

rate of play..... number of federations

number players **not** from title applicant's federation.....number rated opponents.....

number players from host federation..... Total number titled opponents

numbers of: GM..... IM..... WGM..... WIM..... FM.....WFM.....

Where applying 1.43e:	number of federations:.....
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number of rated players not from host federation:.....

number of players not from host federation holding GM, IM, WGM, WIM titles.....
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special remarks.....

Rd.	Name of Opponent	FIDE ID.	Fed	Actual Rating	Rating by 1.46c	Title	Result 1, ½, 0
1							
2							
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11							
Number of games: _____						Total: _____	

Norm sought Rating Average (1.46c)

Score required Score achieved

(exceeding norm by)(points) arbiter's signature.....

Federation confirming the result.....Name of federation official.....

Signature of federation official.....date.....

notes: unrated count as 1800 but see 1.46c.

The organizer must provide this certificate to: each player who has achieved a title result; the organizing federation, the player's federation and the FIDE Office.

TITLE APPLICATION**IT2**

The following federation..... hereby applies for the title of:
 Grandmaster (minimum level 2500)..... International Master (2400)

Woman Grandmaster (2300) Woman International Master (2200).....

To be awarded to: family name first name.....

FIDE ID Number date of birth..... place of birth.....

Date necessary rating gained level of highest rating.....

Titles can be awarded conditional on reaching the required rating at a later date

(see Title Regulations 1.50c for the procedure to be followed in this case)

Herewith certificates (IT1s) and crosstables for the following norms

1. name of event.....location.....

dates.....tournament system.....

average rating of opponents..... total number of games played

points required points scored

number of games to be counted (if not all)

(after dropping games: points required points scored))

number from host federation number not from own federation

number of opponents: Total titled..... GMs..... IMs..... FMs..... WGMs.... WIMs.....

WFMs..... rated..... unrated.....

2. name of event.....location.....

dates.....tournament system.....

average rating of opponents..... total number of games played

points required points scored

number of games to be counted (if not all)

(after dropping games: points required points scored))

number from host federation number not from own federation

number of opponents: Total titled..... GMs..... IMs..... FMs..... WGMs.... WIMs.....

WFMs..... rated..... unrated.....

3. name of event.....location.....

dates.....tournament system.....

average rating of opponents..... total number of games played

points required points scored

number of games to be counted (if not all)

(after dropping games: points required points scored))

number from host federation number not from own federation

number of opponents: Total titled..... GMs..... IMs..... FMs..... WGMs.... WIMs.....

WFMs..... rated..... unrated.....

Attach another form IT2 if there are more supporting norms.

total number of games..... (minimum **27**) special comments.....

.....name of Federation official.....date.....

signature.....

International Arbiter Norm Report Form**IA1**

Arbiter's last name.....first name.....Code (if any).....
date of birth.....place of birth.....federation.....
federation where event took place.....name of event.....
dates.....venue.....type of event.....
number of players.....number of FIDE Rated players.....number of rounds.....
number of federations represented.....

Confidential Report: (Comments of Chief Arbiter, failing that Organizer)

These should refer to the Arbiter's knowledge of the Laws, the Pairing Rules used and other regulations. Also his/her objectivity, ability to cope with any incidents that arose and consideration for the protection of players from disturbance and distraction.

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Recommendation: (Delete one of the following statements). The Arbiter's performance
(1) was of the required standard for an International Arbiter.
(2) was fairly good but s/he still needs to gain more experience.

Name.....signature.....

Position.....Federation.....date.....

name of Authenticating Federation official

signature.....date.....

The organizer is responsible for providing the above certificate to each Arbiter who in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter has qualified for an International Arbiter norm and who requests it before the end of the tournament. If the certificate is for the Chief Arbiter it should be based on the judgement of a previously authorised official who should, if possible, be an International Arbiter.

When applying for the IA title, the applicant's federation must attach to this form the Tournament Report form (IT3) and a copy of any appeals decisions.

Application for the award of the title of International Arbiter**IA2**

The..... federation herewith applies for the title of International Arbiter for

last name.....first name.....Code (if any).....

date of birth.....place of birth.....federation.....

Address.....

Tel.....Fax.....e mail address.....

The candidate possesses an exact knowledge of the Laws of Chess and other FIDE regulations to be observed in chess competitions.

He (She) speaks the following languages (see Title Regulations 2.13)

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The candidate has worked as Chief or Deputy Arbiter in the following four competitions as in 2.14 (*which must be of at least two different types. The application must also be submitted not more than eight years after the first event.*). The undersigned encloses, for each competition, an International Arbiter Norm Report Form (IA1), which is signed by an appropriate qualified person.

1. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

2. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

3. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

4. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

In his (her) activity as an Arbiter s/he has shown at all times absolute objectivity.

Name of Federation official.....date.....

Signature.....

FIDE Arbiter Norm Report Form**FA1**

Arbiter's last name.....first name.....Code (if any).....
date of birth.....place of birth.....federation.....
federation where event took place.....name of event.....
dates.....venue.....type of event.....
number of players.....number of FIDE Rated players.....number of rounds.....
number of federations represented.....

Confidential Report: (Comments of Chief Arbiter, failing that Organizer)

These should refer to the Arbiter's knowledge of the Laws, the Pairing Rules used and other regulations. Also his/her objectivity, ability to cope with any incidents that arose and consideration for the protection of players from disturbance and distraction.

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Recommendation: (Delete one of the following statements). The Arbiter's performance
(1) was of the required standard for a FIDE Arbiter.
(2) was fairly good but s/he still needs to gain more experience.

Name.....signature.....

Position.....Federation.....date.....

name of Authenticating Federation official

signature.....date.....

The organizer is responsible for providing the above certificate to each Arbiter who in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter has qualified for a FIDE Arbiter norm and who requests it before the end of the tournament. If the certificate is for the Chief Arbiter it should be based on the judgement of a previously authorised official who should, if possible, be an International Arbiter, failing that a FIDE Arbiter.

When applying for the FA title, the applicant's federation must attach to this form the Tournament Report form (IT3) and a copy of any appeals decisions.

Application for award of the title of FIDE Arbiter**FA2**

The..... federation herewith applies for the title of FIDE Arbiter for

last name.....first name.....Code (if any).....

date of birth.....place of birth.....federation.....

Address.....

Tel.....Fax.....e mail address.....

The candidate possesses an exact knowledge of the Laws of Chess and other FIDE regulations to be observed in chess competitions.

He (She) speaks the following languages (this must include sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE Language)

The candidate has worked as Chief or Deputy Arbiter in the following four competitions (which must be of at least two different types. See Title Regulations 2.24 and 2.24a. The application must also be submitted not more than eight years after the first event.). The undersigned encloses, for each competition, a FIDE Arbiter Norm Report Form (FA1), which is signed by an appropriate qualified person.

3. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

2. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

3. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

4. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

Suitable examination passed if necessary.....

In his (her) activity as an Arbiter s/he has shown at all times absolute objectivity.

Name of Federation official..... date.....
signature.....

International Organizer Norm Report Form**IO1**

Organizer's last name.....first name.....Code (if any).....
date of birth.....place of birth.....federation.....
federation where event took place.....name of event.....
dates.....venue.....type of event.....
number of players.....number of FIDE Rated players.....number of rounds.....
number of federations represented.....

Confidential Report: (Comments of Chief Arbiter. Should this be inappropriate, the form should be signed by a suitable person who is qualified. These comments should refer to the Organizer's conduct of the event in accordance with FIDE standards.

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Recommendation: The organizer's standard was that required of an International Organizer.

name.....position.....date.....
signature.....

Application for the award of the title of International Organizer IO2

The..... federation herewith applies for the title of FIDE Organizer for
 last name.....first name.....Code (if any).....

date of birth.....place of birth.....federation.....

Address.....

Tel.....Fax.....e mail address.....

The candidate speaks the following languages, including knowledge of at least one official FIDE language:.....

The candidate has organized the following five events, or alternatively two International Championships as in 1.2. These must be of at least two different types and have been rated by FIDE:

4. 1. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

5. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

6. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

7. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

8. Event..... dates.....

location..... date included in FIDE Rating List.....

Type of event: (round robin, Swiss, Scheveningen, match, and so on)

The tournaments s/he organized were in accordance with FIDE standards.

Name of Federation Official.....date.....

signature.....

Tournament Report Form**IT3**

Federation	Name of Tournament								
Country and Place of Tournament		Starting date	Ending date						
Organizer of the Tournament									
Contact Information (Address, phone, fax, E-mail) of the person responsible for information: 									
Number of Rounds	Schedule (number of rounds/day)	Rate(s) of play							
Tournament Type		Pairing System of a Swiss System Tournament _____ Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Person responsible _____ Computerized <input type="checkbox"/> Program used _____							
Special Remarks (exceptions in pairing, restart option,...) 									
Type	Number	Number of feds	host fed players	other fed players	Type	Number	Number of feds	host fed players	other fed players
Rated					Unrated				
GM					WGM				
IM					WIM				
FM					WFM				
Chief Arbiter and contact information for Chief Arbiter (address, phone, fax, Email) 									
1st Deputy Chief Arbiter									
If more than 20 players									
2nd Deputy Chief Arbiter									
If more than 70 players									
3rd Deputy Chief Arbiter									
If more than 120 players									
4th Deputy Chief Arbiter									

The organizer must provide this report form to each arbiter who has achieved a norm, his/her federation, the organizing federation and the FIDE Secretariat.