

## **Regulations for FIDE team competitions for Men's and Women's National Teams**

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### **Basic Regulations**

#### **1. General**

##### **1.1 Types of competitions**

The team competitions comprise the following events, listed in order of their occurrence in the competition cycle:

- the Continental Chess Championships
- the Chess Olympiad
- the World Chess Team Championship

##### **1.1.1 Participants**

The Chess Olympiad is for Men's and Women's teams.

The Continental Chess Championships and the World Chess Team Championship are at present for men's teams only.

##### **1.1.2 Schedule**

- and in the same recurring sequence thereafter.

##### **1.1.3 The Continental Championships**

These contests are held

- for the area of the African continent.
- for the area of the American continents.
- for the area of the continent of Asia, including the continent of Australia.
- for the area of the European continent.

Rules for these contests are in Annexes D.II.02-06.

Organizing body: FIDE, represented by the FIDE Continental President of the individual continent.

##### **1.1.4 The Chess Olympiad**

Annex D.II.07 contains the specific regulations for this competition.

Organizing body: FIDE, represented by the FIDE President.

##### **1.1.5 The World Chess Team Championship**

The rules for this championship are laid down in Annex D.II.08.

Organizing body: FIDE, represented by the FIDE President.

##### **1.1.6 Responsibility of organizers**

With respect to paragraphs 1.13 to 1.15, the FIDE President and Continental Presidents are personally and officially responsible for

the entire contest, including its preparation and conclusion. For the execution of their tasks, an "administrator" will be appointed for each separate event. The selection of administrators is governed by the specific rules for each type of team competition.

#### 1.1.7 Deputies

In exceptional cases only, when the President is unable to fulfil in person the duties specified in these regulations, he may appoint a FIDE Continental President to carry out such functions in his place. In that case, decisions of this Continental President are final.

In a case of short-term absence from the contest, the President may nominate another person as his (temporary) representative.

In the case of a total incapacitation of the President, the Executive Council shall appoint his deputy.

If a FIDE Continental President is unable to fulfil his functions at the Continental Championship, the FIDE President shall appoint a Zonal President from the continent in question to take over the Continental President's tasks.

#### 1.2 General stipulation

In situations where the demands are difficult or conflicting, the FIDE President or Continental President are empowered to carry out such measures or take such decisions as they consider necessary in the interests of FIDE and of the worldwide development of chess.

#### 1.3 Provisions for currency conversion

Any money prize, stipends or fees are to be paid in the currency recognized by FIDE (Swiss Francs), or else in an exchangeable (convertible) currency desired by the recipient or acceptable to him, at the current exchange rate of the Schweizerische Kreditanstalt, Lucerne (bankers to FIDE).

## **Overall Regulations for the Continental Chess Championships**

### **1. General**

- 1.1 Frequency: once every four years.
- 1.2 Commencement: 1983.
- 1.3 Provisionally for men's teams only, with the exception of the European (Women's) Team Championship.
- 1.4 Responsibility for drawing up rules and implementing them rests with the FIDE Continental Presidents of the Continents), in cooperation with the Zonal Presidents and Federations.
- 1.5 The playing regulations and conditions shall be separately determined according to the circumstances for each continent.
- 1.6 Each match between teams must be played over a minimum of four boards.
- 1.7 The winning team in a Continental Championship shall represent its continent at the next World Team Championship cf. D.II.08 Art. 1.62.  
In special circumstances, upon application from the Continental President, the FIDE President may, for a stipulated period, permit a continent to be represented by a combined continental team (instead of a national team).

### **2. Specific regulations**

are contained in

Annex D.II.03 for Africa;  
Annex D.II.04 for the Americas;  
Annex D.II.05 for Asia; and  
Annex D.II.06 for Europe.



## **Regulations for the African Team Championship**

Approved by the 1993 General Assembly.

### **1. Frequency**

- 1.1 A tournament for the African Team Championship shall be organized once in two years (odd) by one of the affiliated chess Federations in any of the African Zones either acting on its own or in co-operation with sponsors to be designated by the General Assembly, if possible two years before the event is to take place.

### **2. Participation**

- 2.1 All Chess Federations in the African Zones shall have the right to participate in the African Team Championship.
- 2.2 Each Federation shall have the right to be represented by a team of four players, two reserves and a chief of delegation. The organizing federation shall hold in reserve a second team, which shall take part in the competition if there is an odd number of teams in the first round and the results of the two host teams which ever is lower on the overall team results shall not be included in the final ranking table but only for rating purposes.
  - 2.2.1 The team captain may be one of the players or any of the reserves.
  - 2.2.2 All the players including the reserves are required to have been members of their national teams as stipulated under the FIDE Regulations.
  - 2.2.3 Chief of Delegation represents the federation and takes, full responsibility for the conduct of the players, including the administrative supervision of the team and liaison with the organizing federation.
  - 2.2.4 The FIDE Continental President is to be invited at least one week to the commencement, to attend the championship and shall be officially responsible on behalf of FIDE for the entire championships including its preparation and conclusion. He shall be adequately briefed and shall approve all protocol and ceremonial arrangements in relation to the Championships. The briefing should inter alia, cover program of events, attendance of public figures and leading corporate sponsors, list of speakers, the playing of the FIDE Anthem immediately after the National Anthem of the Host Country at the Opening and Closing Ceremonies and arrangements made for the

players comfort at the playing venue and hotel in keeping with FIDE Regulations.

### **3. Organization**

- 3.1 At least 6 months before the beginning of the tournament the organizing federation shall submit to the Continental President for Africa a draft invitation and any special regulations/conditions for approval.
- 3.2 Registration - On receipt of such approval, the organizing Federation shall apply to the FIDE secretariat for registration of the tournament and pay the necessary fees due to FIDE.
- 3.3 Invitation - At least four months before the start of the tournament the organizing Federation shall send invitations together with the regulations which have been approved by the Continental President for Africa to all affiliated federations in the African Zones.
- 3.4 Copies of the invitation are to be sent to the FIDE President, Continental President for Africa and to the Presidents of the African Zones.
- 3.5 Confirmation of Entry - At least two months before the beginning of the tournament each Federation accepting the invitation will send its entry to the organizing Federation with copies to the Continental President and Zone President concerned.
- 3.6 Entry fees - Each participating Federation shall pay the Stipulated entry Fee as contained in the Financial Regulations direct to FIDE.
- 3.7 Expenses
  - 3.7.1 The travelling expenses of the teams are to be paid by their Federations
  - 3.7.2 The organizing Federation is responsible for the living expenses of the participating teams during the days of arrival, play and departure.
  - 3.7.3 The organizing Federation is also responsible for the chief Arbiter including travel costs and full accommodation.
  - 3.7.4 The FIDE Continental President shall be invited to attend the Championships at the organizing federation's expense for hotel, meals and internal transport.

- 3.8 The Chief Arbiter shall be appointed by the FIDE Continental President in consultation with the organizing Federation.
- 3.9 Duration of Championships - Not exceeding 14 days including days of arrival and departure.
- 3.10 Submission of team lists - At least one month before the start of the tournament, every participating Federation must notify the organizers of the following details:
- Name and initial of the Chief of Delegation
  - Name and initial of the team captains
  - Name and initial of each player
  - FIDE ratings of each player (most recent FIDE Rating list)
  - Any information required in connection with visas
  - Biodata/photograph of all team members, if possible.

#### **4. Tournament Regulations**

- 4.1 The matches shall be played under FIDE rules. The first session of each round shall be six hours with two time controls. 40 moves in the first two hours and 20 moves per hour there after, before adjourning.
- 4.2 The playing conditions shall conform to the recommendations for the organization of top-level tournaments, as approved by the FIDE Congress.
- 4.3 If the number of participating teams is ten or less the tournament shall be run on all-play-all basis where each team shall play one match against every other team.
- If the number of participating teams exceed ten, the tournament shall be held on the Swiss system in nine rounds, on the model of the Olympiads.
- 4.4 Each match between teams shall be played over 4 boards.

#### **5. Team Captains**

- 5.1 The basic duties and rights of a team captain are defined in the FIDE Tournament Rules.
- 5.2 The team captain must list the players of his team in a fixed board order (board 1-6), upon the time appointed by the Chief Arbiter before the start of the first round. The board order cannot be changed during the tournament.

- 5.3 Before the start of a round, the team captain must deliver to the Chief Arbiter a sealed envelope containing a list of his players who are to take part in the round in question. If this is not delivered by the appointed time, the team may only use its top four players.
- 5.4 In the exercise of his functions, the team captain has the right to access to the area reserved for the players.
- 5.5 At the end of the playing session, the captain is responsible for reporting the result to the arbiters and delivering to them legibly written scoresheets of the finished games.
- 5.6 During the games, the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. He is, however, entitled to advise his players to make or accept an offer of a draw. He should not comment on the actual position on the chess board and confine himself to giving brief information which can in no way be construed as an opinion on the progress of the game. The exchange of information should be done in the presence of the Arbiter.

## **6. Committee of appeal**

- 6.1 Before the beginning of the tournament an Appeals committee shall be selected to adjudicate on such matters as protests of decisions of the Chief Arbiter or any of his assistants, complaints of improper conduct by participants in the tournament and any other relevant matter worth debating.
- 6.2 The committee shall consist of a chairman and four members from five different Federations elected by the team captains. Likewise two reserves from separate Federations from those of the regular members shall also be elected and shall participate whenever the occasion warrants it.
- 6.3 The Appeals Committee shall decide on protests provided such protests from Captain or Chief's of delegation are submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Committee or any member of the Committee within two hours after completion of the playing session.
- 6.4 The protest shall be submitted to the Chairman with an accompanying fee of 100 Swiss Francs or its equivalent in any convertible currency that can be remitted to FIDE.
- 6.5 Request to the Appeals Committee may be made without payment.

- 6.6 The Chief Arbiter and one or more of his assistants, or any individual, involved in the case under discussion shall be invited to the meeting of the Appeals Committee in order to explain what happened and give reasons for the decision(s) or conduct.
- 6.7 No member of the Appeals Committee shall have the right to vote on any matter concerning his own Federation. However every member is entitled to participate in the discussion.
- 6.8 If the protest is rejected by the Appeals Committee the protest fee paid shall be forfeited to FIDE. If upheld the fee shall be returned.
- 6.9 A decision of the Appeals Committee is final, and takes immediate effect.
- 6.10 The Appeals Committee shall keep a record of all proceedings and submit a final report to the Continental President at the end of the tournament.

## **7. Classification**

- 7.1 The final positions of the teams shall be established by the number of game points scored by each team.
- 7.2 When the Swiss System is used, the position of teams that finish with the same number of game points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures, in sequence:
  - a) By the game scores of all the team's opponents;
  - b) By the match points;
  - c) By the result of the matches between teams in contention for first place, these teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per player for the entire game).
  - d) By lot.
- 7.3 When the round robin system is used, the following tie-breaking apply, in sequence:
  - a) The match points;
  - b) The match result between themselves;
  - c) The Sonnenborn-Berger points;
  - d) If a tie still results between teams in contention for first place, these teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per player for the entire game).
  - e) By lot.

## **8. Prizes**

- 8.1 Both the winning and the team finishing second shall receive trophies.
- 8.2 Every member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. Similarly, members of the team finishing second and of the team finishing third shall receive silver and bronze medals, respectively.
- 8.3 The players who obtained the best individual results on their respective boards shall receive gold medals. To be eligible, players numbered 1 to 4 should play at least 60% of the games while reserves (numbers 5 and 6) should play at least 50% of the games.
- 8.4 Additional prizes may be offered by the organizer or by the sponsors. Conditions of their award shall be announced to the participants before the start of the tournament.
- 8.5 The winning team shall be declared the African Chess Team Champion until the next event and where the championship falls within the selection schedule by FIDE for the World Team Championship, the winning team shall represent Africa at the Championships<\$Fcf. D.II.08 Art. 1.62>.

## **9. Qualification for Rating**

An unrated player who scored at least 4.5 points and at least 50% in the games he played, shall be awarded a FIDE rating of 2205 or his performance rating if this is higher.

## **10. Reports**

- 10.1 On Completion of the tournament, the Chief Arbiter and the Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall deliver to the FIDE Continental President an official written report on the course of the contest with support documents. Copies of these reports are to be extended to the organizing Federation.
- 10.2 Within two weeks after the closing ceremony the organizing federation shall submit a rating report to FIDE.

## **Regulations for the Panamerican Team Championship**

Approved by the 1992 General Assembly. Amended by 1993 General Assembly.

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 The Panamerican Team Championship shall be organized by one of the affiliated chess federations in Zones 2.1 to 2.5 to be designated by the General Assembly.

### **2. Participation**

- 2.1 Each federation affiliated to FIDE in Zones 2.1 to 2.5 shall be entitled to participate with a national team of four players and two reserves.
  - 2.1.1 The players must be entitled by birth, citizenship or naturalization to represent their Federation. Detailed eligibility rules are in Reg. C.05.
  - 2.1.2 A player who has resided for at least three years in a country of which he or she is not a citizen after the date on which FIDE shall have received notification of change of Federation and who proves that he or she has applied for citizenship in that country or intends to do so as soon as the legal requirements are fulfilled may become a team member of a Federation after a thorough examination and clearance of the case by the FIDE President.
  - 2.1.3 A player with dual citizenship may only represent one Federation and is eligible by citizenship to participate in the Panamerican Team Championship on condition that he or she has not represented any other Federation in any FIDE team or individual competition at any time in the preceding year.
- 2.2 The organizing federation may hold in reserve a second team ("B" team), which shall take part in the competition only if the number of federations present is nine or more.
  - 2.2.1 Once the reserve team has played the first round it shall remain in the competition even if the number of participating teams is uneven.
  - 2.2.2 When the organizing federation is represented by two teams, only the results of one team shall be counted for ranking purposes.
- 2.3 Every participating team must play through the entire tournament. However, if a team is forced by circumstances beyond its control to withdraw from the tournament, the treatment of any unplayed matches for scoring shall be settled by the Chief Arbiter and the Tournament Director. Any further measures shall be taken later by the FIDE President.

- 2.4 Every team shall be headed by a captain (in matters related to play) and a chief of delegation (in administrative matters). The tournament organizer shall incur no expenses for any captain or chief of delegation who is not one of the persons listed under 2.1.

### **3. Organization**

- 3.1 At least five months before the beginning of the Championship, the organizing federation shall submit to the FIDE Continental President for the Americas the draft of the invitation, according to Article 2 of FIDE Tournament Rules C.07.
- 3.2 Upon receiving this draft invitation, the FIDE Continental President for the Americas will inform the organizing federation whether he approves the draft, informing him of any modifications he may think necessary.
- 3.3 The organizing federation shall send the invitation letter in its final form to all national federations affiliated to FIDE in the Zones 2.1 to 2.5 not later than three months before the competition. Copies of the invitation letter shall be sent to the FIDE President, to the Continental President for the Americas and to the Presidents of the Zones 2.1 to 2.5.
- 3.4 The national federations intending to participate shall send their preliminary entry to the organizing federation at least two months before the beginning of the tournament.
- 3.5 In the final entry form, the following details shall be given:  
The full names and birthdays of the team members and their last FIDE rating published; The full names of the captain and chief of delegation; Any information required for visas.

### **4. Playing Conditions**

- 4.1 The Panamerican Team Championship shall be played according to FIDE regulations.
- 4.2 The duration of the tournament shall not exceed nine days, including days of arrival and departure.
- 4.3 When there are eight or fewer participants, a round robin competition shall be held.

- 4.4 When there are 9 to 12 participants, the tournament shall be played with preliminaries and final rounds.
  - 4.4.1 For the preliminary phase, teams shall be divided into two groups, with up to six teams per group. Each group shall play a single round robin tournament.
  - 4.4.2 The top two teams of each preliminary group qualify to a final phase, to dispute the top 1-4 championship places.
  - 4.4.3 For the final phase, a single round robin shall be played.
  - 4.4.4 The result of the match played in the preliminary phase between two qualifying teams according to 4.41 shall be carried over into the final phase, so they do not play each other in the final.
  - 4.4.5 Teams whose results are carried forward in 4.44 shall be numbered in the final phase such that, in the Berger table, their carried-over match shall be counted as the first round of the final.
- 4.5 When the number of participating teams exceeds 12, the tournament shall be played as a Swiss System of seven rounds. The Olympiad Pairing Rules (D.II.07 Annex D) shall apply except articles 9 and 13.
- 4.6 The first session of play shall be six hours with two time controls: 40 moves in the first two hours, then 20 moves in one hour, with accumulation of them, before the first adjournment.
- 4.7 The adjourned games shall be played according to schedule. All adjourned games must be completed before the start of the last round of the tournament.
- 4.8 In the last round, games not finished at the end of the first session are adjourned and, after a break of two hours, played to finish.

## **5. Financial Regulations**

- 5.1 accompanying persons shall be paid by their national federations.
- 5.2 The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the night before the official day of departure shall be borne by the organizing federation for the participants specified in 2.1.
- 5.3 Each participating federation shall pay to FIDE the entry fee stipulated in Financial Regulations A.03.

5.4 The organizing federation shall provide the arbiters with free board and lodging, and shall pay them a reasonable fee for their services. The organizer is also responsible for the travelling expenses of the Chief Arbiter.

## **6. Direction of the Tournament**

6.1 The organizing federation may form an Organizing Committee and appoint its chairman.

6.2 The organizer (organizing federation or committee) shall appoint the Tournament Director, who shall be competent for all matters of organization inside the tournament hall.

6.3 In consultation with the organizing federation, the FIDE Continental President for the Americas shall appoint the Chief Arbiter.

6.4 The Chief Arbiter is responsible for the tournament technical management. He shall have the task of overseeing and coordinating the work of all arbiters and other technical officials.

6.5 The Assistant Arbiters shall be placed by the Tournament Director at the disposal of the Chief Arbiter. They shall be instructed in their duties and supervised by the Chief Arbiter.

6.6 The general responsibility of all arbiters is the trouble-free conduct of the playing sessions in the tournament. The arbiters shall ensure overall compliance with the Laws of Chess and supplementary regulations.

## **7. Appeals Committee**

7.1 The Appeals Committee shall be composed of five regular members and two reserves, and elected by the chiefs of delegations.

7.2 The following matters may be the subject of rulings by the Appeals Committee: Protests of decisions by the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director.

Complaints of improper conduct by participants in the tournament;  
Any other matters which the Committee considers important and worth debating.

- 7.3 Any appeal presented to the Appeals Committee must be made in writing. Also, the signatory must pay a deposit of One Hundred Swiss Francs (SFr.100).
- 7.3.1 If the appeal is granted, this deposit shall be returned immediately to the signatory. If it is refused, the deposit shall be forfeited to FIDE.
- 7.3.2 Those entitled to lodge appeals for a participant are the chief of delegation or the team captain.
- 7.3.3 Requests to the Appeals Committee by organizers and officials may be made without payment.
- 7.4 Upon submission of the appeal, the Committee will examine the evidence and, for this purpose, it may take statements from anyone as required, consult the arbiters and organizers, etc. The decision of the Appeals Committee should be reached as quickly as possible.
- 7.5 The Appeals Committee should endeavor to find acceptable solutions in the FIDE spirit. It may resolve disputed issues with or without disciplinary action.
- 7.6 The following steps may be taken by Appeals Committee:
- Admonishment;
  - Correction;
  - Demand for an apology to the offended party;
  - Written warning;
  - Fine;
  - Conditional or definitive disqualification.
- The federations shall take responsibility for their delegation members.
- 7.7 No member of the Appeals Committee shall have the right to participate in a decision concerning his own federation or members of his federation's team. However, each member of the Appeals Committee is entitled to take part in the discussion on any matter submitted to the same.

## **8. Team Captains**

- 8.1 The basic duties and rights of a team captain are defined in the FIDE Tournament Rules.
- 8.2 The team captain must list the players of his team in a fixed board order (board 1-6), upon the time appointed by the Chief Arbiter before the start of the first round. The board order cannot be changed during the tournament.

- 8.3 Before the start of a round, the team captain must deliver to the Chief Arbiter a sealed envelope containing a list of his players who are to take part in the round in question. If this is not delivered by the appointed time, the team may only use its top four players.
- 8.4 In the exercise of his functions, the team captain has the right of access to the area reserved for the players.
- 8.5 At the end of the playing session, the captain is responsible for reporting the result to the arbiters and delivering to them legibly written scoresheets of the finished games.
- 8.6 During the games, the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. He is, however, entitled to advise his players to make or accept an offer of a draw. He should not comment on the actual position on the chess board and confine himself to giving brief information which can in no way be construed as an opinion on the progress of the game. The exchange of information should be done in the presence of a controller.

## **9. Classification**

- 9.1 The final positions of the teams shall be established by the number of game points scored by each team.
- 9.2 When the Swiss System is used, the position of teams that finish with the same number of game points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures, in sequence:
  - a) By the game scores of all the team's opponents;
  - b) By the match points;
  - c) By the results of the matches between the tied teams;
  - d) If a tie still results between teams in contention for first place, these teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per players for the entire game).
  - e) By lot.
- 9.3 When the round robin system is used, the following tie-breaking procedures apply, in sequence:
  - (a) The match points;
  - (b) The match result between themselves;
  - (c) The Sonnenborn-Berger points;

- (d) If a tie still results between teams in contention for first place, these teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per players for the entire game).
- (e) By lot.

## **10. Prizes**

- 10.1 Both the winning team and the team finishing second shall receive trophies. In addition, the winning team shall represent the Continent of the Americas in the World Team Championship<Fcf. D.II.08 Art. 1.62>.
- 10.2 Every member of the winning team (players, reserves & captain) shall receive a gold medal. Similarly, members of the team finishing second and of the team finishing third shall receive silver and bronze medals, respectively.
- 10.3 The players who obtained the best individual results on their respective boards shall receive gold medals. To be eligible, players numbered 1 to 4 should play at least 60% of the games while reserves (numbers 5 and 6) should play at least 50% of the games.
- 10.4 Additional prizes may be offered by the organizer or by the sponsors. Conditions of their award shall be announced to the participants before the start of the tournament.



## Regulations for the Asian Team Championship

Amended by the 1995 and 1996 General Assemblies.

### 1. Frequency

- 1.1 A tournament for the Asian Team Championship will be organized once in four years (odd) by one of the affiliated chess federations in Zones 3.1 to 3.4 to be designated by the General Assembly, if possible two years before the event is to take place. (GA '95)

### 2. Participation

- 2.1 All chess federations in Zones 3.1 to 3.4 shall have the right to participate in the Asian Team Championship.

#### 2.2 Team Composition

(GA '96) Each federation shall have the right to be represented by a men's team of four players and one reserve and by a women's team of two players and one reserve.

2.2.1 The Captain may be either a player or a reserve.

2.2.2 (GA '96) The Chief of Delegation represents the federation and takes full responsibility for the conduct of members of its delegation.

#### 2.2.3 Composition of Delegation

Men's Team (4 players plus 1 reserve)	- 5 (including captain)
Women's Team (3 players plus 1 reserve)	- 4 (including captain)
Chief of Delegation	- 1 (may be captain)
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Total	10 persons

- 2.3 Eligibility: The players must be entitled by birth, citizenship or naturalization to represent their Federation. Detailed eligibility rules are in Reg. C.05.

2.3.1 A player who has resided for at least three years in a country of which he or she is not a citizen after the date on which FIDE shall have received notification of change of Federation and who proves that he or she has applied for citizenship in that country or intends to do so as soon as the legal requirements are fulfilled may become a team member of a Federation after a thorough examination and clearance of the case by the FIDE President.

2.3.2 A player with dual citizenship may only represent one Federation and is eligible by citizenship to participate in the Asian Team Championship on condition that he or she has not represented any other Federation in any FIDE team or individual competition at any time in the preceding year.

### **3. Organization**

3.1 At least 6 months before the beginning of the tournament the organizing federation shall submit to the Continental President for Asia a draft invitation and any special regulations/conditions for approval.

3.2 Upon receiving this draft invitation, the FIDE Continental President for Asia will inform the organizing federation whether he approves the draft, informing him of any modifications he may think necessary.

3.3 Invitation - At least 4 months before the beginning of the tournament the organizing federation will send invitations together with other special regulations, which have been approved by the Continental President for Asia, to all affiliated federations in Zones 3.1 to 3.4.

3.4 Copies of the invitation are to be sent to the FIDE President, Continental President for Asia and Presidents of Zones 3.1 to 3.4.

3.5 Confirmation of Entry - At least two months before the beginning of the tournament each federation accepting the invitation will send its entry to the organizing federation with copies to the Continental President and Zone President concerned. The entry fee stipulated in Financial Regulations A.03 shall be paid to FIDE.

3.5.1 (GA '96) Submission of team lists - One month before the scheduled start of the Team Championships, each participating federation shall send to the organizing federation the overall team lists of 5 men (4 players and 1 reserve) for the men's competition and 3 women (2 players and 1 reserve) for the women's competition.

3.6 Entry Fees - Each participating federation shall pay the stipulated entry fee as contained in Financial Regulations A.03 direct to FIDE.

3.7 Expenses

3.7.1 The travelling expenses of the teams are to be paid by their federations.

- 3.7.2 (GA '96) The organizing federation is responsible for the living expenses of the participating teams (assuming a maximum 9 persons per delegation) during the days of arrival, play and departure.
- 3.7.3 The host federation is also responsible for the expenses of the Chief Arbiter (travelling costs, board and lodging and suitable amount of pocket money).
- 3.7.4 The organizing federation shall provide the playing facilities and make suitable arrangements for board and accommodation. Playing conditions shall conform to the recommendations for the organization of top-level tournaments (C.01).
- 3.8 (GA '96) The organizing federation shall be entitled to send a second team ("B" team).
  - 3.8.1 The organizing federation shall hold in reserve a third men's team and a third women's team ("C" teams) which shall take part in the respective competition if, and only if, it is required to make even the number of teams in the first round.
  - 3.8.2 Once the "C" team has played the first round, it shall remain in the competition even if the number of participating teams is uneven.
  - 3.8.3 When the organizing federation is represented by three teams, the "C" team shall not be counted in the final ranking.
  - 3.8.4 When the organizing federation is represented by three teams, if a player of the "C" team should qualify for an individual board prize, the organizing federation shall provide an additional and equivalent board prize for the player who would have won the prize if the "C" team had not taken part.

#### **4. Tournament Regulations**

- 4.1 (GA '96) The championships shall be held on the Swiss System in 9 rounds, on the model of the Olympiads, with one section for the men's teams and one section for the women's teams, considered as separate competitions.
- 4.2 (GA '96) Every match in the men's competition shall be played over four boards and each match in the women's competition shall be played over two boards.

- 4.2.1 Following the Olympiad schedule Chapter L of D.II.07a, the team captain shall present to the arbiter the specific lists, in board order, of the 4 men for the men's competition and of the 2 women in the women's competition who are to play in this round.
- 4.2.2 If any specific team list is not presented on time, the team in question must play the round using the top four players in the case of the men's team, and the top two players in the case of the women's team.
- 4.2.3 The order of the players, as indicated by the overall team list, cannot be altered, hence reserves may play on the bottom boards only.
- 4.2.4 If the board order in which a team plays differs from the board order of its overall list, the team's score for the round shall be reduced by one game point for every deviation from the correct sequence. (Example: for playing 1-2-4-3, (considering only the men's team), two points are forfeited; the score shall not, however, be reduced below zero). The use of any player who does not figure in the overall list will cause the round to be forfeited 4-0.

#### 4.3 Time Control

The rate of play shall be 40 moves in two hours per player followed by all the moves in one hour per player, for a six hour playing session.

#### 4.4 Arbiters - The FIDE Continental President, after consultation with the organizing federation, shall nominate the Chief Arbiter and other Arbiters.

The organizing federation shall be responsible for the Chief Arbiter's transportation and board and lodging, and shall pay him suitable amount of pocket money.

### 5. Appeals Committee

#### 5.1 Before the beginning of the tournament an Appeals Committee shall be selected.

#### 5.2 The Committee shall consist of a Chairman nominated by the organizing federation, and five members and two reserves elected by the team captains. The persons chosen for the Appeals Committee shall represent eight different federations.

- 5.3 No member of the committee shall have the right to vote on questions concerning his own federation. However, every member is entitled to participate in the discussions.
- 5.4 The Chairman shall only have a casting vote.
- 5.5 Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within two hours after competition of the playing session.
- 5.6 A protest shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of 100 Swiss Francs or its equivalent in local currency. If the protest is upheld, the protest fee will be returned otherwise it shall be forfeited to the organizing federation.

## **6. Scoring & Qualification and Rating**

- 6.1 The scores determining the finishing order are calculated as follows.
  - 6.1.1 Each team's place in the order of classification will be decided by the number of game points it has scored.
  - 6.1.2 If any teams finish with equal game points, the tie-breaking procedure, as set out in FIDE Olympiad Regulations, D.II.07a paragraph G.12, shall apply.
- 6.2 The title of "Asian Men's (or Women's) Team Champion 19.. (current year) is bestowed on the winning team.
  - 6.2.1 Each winning team shall receive a trophy from the organizing federation.
  - 6.2.2 Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively (GA 97).
  - 6.2.3 The players who obtained the best individual results on their respective boards shall receive gold medals and silver and bronze medals shall be awarded to the second and third place winners on the same principles as in Olympiad (GA 97).
- 6.3 Prizes - The organizers should award suitable prizes and souvenirs to at least the winning team and runners-up.

**6.4 Qualification for the World Chess Team Championship**

(GA '96) In addition, the winning team in the men's competition will represent the continent of Asia in the World Team Championship.

**6.5 Qualification for Rating**

(GA '96) An unrated player who scored at least 4.5 points and at least 50% in the games he played, shall be awarded a FIDE rating of 2200 (2050 for women), or his performance rating if this is higher.

**7. Reports**

On completion of the tournament, the Chief Arbiter shall deliver to the FIDE Continental President for Asia an official written report on the course of the contest with supporting documents, if appropriate. Copies of these reports are to be extended to the organizing federation.

Within two weeks after the closing ceremony, the organizing federation shall submit a rating report to FIDE.

Within four weeks after the closing ceremony, the organizing federation shall present the FIDE Continental President for Asia with a general report of the proceedings.

## **Rules for the European Team Championship**

Approved by the 1986 General Assembly. Amended by the 1991 Executive Council, 1992 and 1996 General Assemblies.

### **1. Participation**

- 1.1 All Chess Federations in Zones 1.1 to 1.9 shall have the right to participate in the European Team Championships.
- 1.2 Each federation shall have the right to be represented by a men's team of four players and one reserve and by a women's team of two players and one reserve.
- 1.3 The players must be entitled by birth, citizenship or naturalization to represent their Federation. Detailed eligibility rules are in Reg. C.05.
  - 1.3.1 A player who has resided for at least three years in a country of which he or she is not a citizen after the date on which FIDE shall have received notification of change of Federation and who proves that he or she has applied for citizenship in that country or intends to do so as soon as the legal requirements are fulfilled may become a team member of a Federation after a thorough examination and clearance of the case by the FIDE President.
  - 1.3.2 A player with dual citizenship may only represent one Federation and is eligible by citizenship to participate in the European Team Championship on condition that he or she has not represented any other Federation in any FIDE team or individual competition at any time in the preceding year.
- 1.4 Applications for the contest must be made by the national federations.
- 1.5 At least 4 months before the beginning of the tournament, the organizing federation will send invitations to federations of Zones 1.1 to 1.9. The letter of invitation shall be approved by the Continental President for Europe.
- 1.6 Copies of the invitation are to be sent to the FIDE President, Continental President for Europe and Presidents of Zones 1.1 to 1.9.
- 1.7 At least two months before the beginning of the tournament each federation accepting the invitation will send its entry to the organizing federation with

copies to the Continental President and Zone President concerned. The entry fee stipulated in the Financial Regulations shall be paid to FIDE.

## **2. Organization**

- 2.1 The Championships shall be held on the Swiss system in 9 rounds, on the model of the Olympiads, with one section for the men's teams and one section for the women's teams, considered as separate competitions.
- 2.2 The organizing federation shall hold in reserve a second men's team and a second women's team (B Teams), which shall take part in the respective competition if, and only if, it is required to make even the number of teams in the first round.
  - 2.2.1 Once the reserve team has played the first round it shall remain in the competition even if the number of participating teams is uneven.
  - 2.2.2 When the organizing federation is represented by two teams, only the results of one team shall be counted for ranking purposes.
  - 2.2.3 When the organizing federation is represented by two teams, if a player of the team not counted for ranking should qualify for an individual board prize, the organizing federation shall provide an additional and equivalent board prize for the player who would have won the prize if the reserve team had not taken part.
- 2.3 Every match in the men's competition shall be played over four boards and each match in the women's competition shall be played over two boards.

## **3. The Matches**

- 3.1 One month before the scheduled start of the Team Championships, each participating federation shall send to the organizing federation the overall team lists of 5 men (4 players and 1 reserve) for the men's competition and 3 women (2 players and 1 reserve) for the women's competition.
- 3.2 Following the Olympiad schedule Chapter L of D.II.07a, the team captain shall present to the arbiter the specific lists, in board order, of the 4 men for the men's competition and of the 2 women in the women's competition who are to play in this round.
  - 3.2.1 If any specific team list is not presented on time, the team in question must play the round using the top four players in the case of the men's team, and the top two players in the case of the women's team.

- 3.2.2 The order of the players, as indicated by the overall team list, cannot be altered; hence reserves may play on the bottom boards only.
- 3.2.3 If the board order in which a team plays differs from the board order of its overall list, the team's score for that round shall be reduced by one game point for every deviation from the correct sequence. (Example: for playing 1-2-4-3, (considering only the men's team) two points are forfeited; the score shall not, however, be reduced below zero.) The use of any player who does not figure in the overall list will cause the round to be forfeited 4:0.
- 3.3 The matches shall be played under FIDE rules. The first session of each round shall be six hours with two time controls: 40 moves in the first two hours and 20 moves per hour thereafter, before adjourning.
- 3.4 The playing conditions shall conform to the recommendations for the organization of top-level tournaments, as approved by the FIDE Congress.
- 3.5 The Chief Arbiter shall be appointed by the FIDE Continental President in consultation with the organizing federation.
- 3.6 Protests, including protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his assistants, must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the committee on appeal within two hours after completion of the playing session.

#### **4. Appeals Committee**

- 4.1 Before the beginning of the tournament a committee of appeal shall be selected. This committee will consist of five members and two reserves, elected by the team captains. The committee will elect a chairman. The persons chosen for the Appeals Committee shall represent seven different federations.
- 4.2 No member of the committee will have the right to decide on questions concerning his own federation. In such cases the member concerned will have the right only to partake in the discussions in the committee.

#### **5. Expenses**

- 5.1 The travelling expenses of the teams are to be paid by their federations.

- 5.2 The organizing federation is responsible for the living expenses of the participating teams (assuming a maximum of 9 persons per team) during the days of arrival, play and departure; it shall also provide adequate pocket money (at least 5 Swiss Francs per person per day).
- 5.2.1 The host federation shall make available three single and three double rooms to each team.
- 5.3 The host federation is also responsible for the expenses of the Chief Arbiter (travelling costs - either first class rail travel with sleeping car, or air travel - living expenses, fee and pocket money).
- 5.4 The FIDE President and the FIDE Continental President are to be invited to attend the championships at the administrator's expense for travel, hotel and meals.
- 5.5 (GA '96) The organizing federation may require a maximum financial contribution of US\$150 for each participant up to a maximum of nine persons per team. This amount may be increased in exceptional cases.

## **6. Scoring**

- 6.1 The scores determining the finishing order are calculated as follows:
- 6.1.1 Each team's place in the order of classification will be decided by the number of game points it has scored.
- 6.1.2 If any teams finish with equal game points, the tie-breaking procedure, as set out in the Olympiad regulations, D.II.07a paragraph G.12, shall apply.
- 6.2 The title of "European Men's (or Women's) Team Champion 19\_\_ (current year)" is bestowed on the winning team.
- 6.2.1 Each winning team shall receive a trophy from the organizing federation.
- 6.2.2 In addition, the winning team in the men's competition will represent the Continent of Europe in the World Team Championship
- 6.3 Each member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. The members of the second and third placed teams shall each receive a silver and bronze medal respectively (GA 97).
- 6.4 The players who obtained the best individual results on their respective boards shall receive gold medals and silver and bronze medals shall be

awarded to the second and third place winners on the same principles as in Olympiad (GA 97).