

## **Regulations for the Chess Olympiad**

### **1. General**

- 1.1 The Chess Olympiad is the principal team contest organized by FIDE.
- 1.1.1 The Olympiad is held regularly at two year intervals in the autumn of the even numbered years (1992, 1994, etc.).
- 1.1.2 The Olympiad for both the men's and the women's teams must be held, if possible, at a single venue.
- 1.1.3 However, in exceptional cases as determined by the FIDE General Assembly or (in between congresses) by the President - separate venues may be used for the men's and women's contests.
- 1.1.4 Organizing body: FIDE, represented by the FIDE President.
- 1.1.5 Administrator
- 1.1.5.1 The administrator is appointed through a special selection process (section 2 below).
- 1.1.5.2 The administrator is responsible to FIDE, and must abide by these regulations.
- 1.1.5.3 The administrator shall make available all necessary premises, staff and funds for the contest. The minimum requirements are laid down in individual sections of these regulations.
- 1.1.5.4 The administrator may utilize the services of outside bodies or private persons for the purpose of financing and running the contest.
- 1.1.5.5 Administrators may be proposed by the Federations.
- 1.1.5.6 The President may also receive offers from sponsors outside the sphere of FIDE.
- 1.1.5.7 The tasks of the administrator are detailed in subsequent sections of these regulations.
- 1.1.6 FIDE Congress
- The administrator who undertakes the running of the Chess Olympiad must also undertake to hold the FIDE Congress for the same year. Exceptions may be made by the General Assembly or the President (compare 1.13 above).
- 1.1.7 Participants
- 1.1.7.1 FIDE and the Organizing Committee shall appoint
- officers, and/or
  - specialist sub-committees
- to control the play and conduct the administrative business of the Olympiad, as specified in further detail in the organization plans (D.II.07 Annexes A, B and C).
- 1.1.7.2 Players
- The national teams of federations affiliated to FIDE.
- Men: 4 players, 2 reserves

Women: 3 players, 1 reserve

1.1.7.3 Captains

Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the players (or reserve).

Duties:

- Leadership of the team matches
- Liaison with the Chief Arbiter

1.1.7.4 Chiefs of delegations

The Federations take full responsibility for the conduct of their players. Every Federation shall be represented by a Chief of delegation; it may either appoint a person exclusively to this office, or entrust the team captain, or one of the players or reserves, with this function.

Duties:

- Administrative supervision of the team
- Liaison with the organizing authorities and Tournament Director.

## 2. Appointment of the administrator

2.1 A proposal to undertake the organization and running of a Chess Olympiad may take the form of

- a) a direct and concrete offer
- or
- b) a provisional application (for the granting of an "option" - see below).

2.1.1 A decision on the proposals shall be made by the General Assembly;

2.1.2 by the President (in between congresses, after the expiry of the "option").

## 2.2 Applications

Instead of a direct, firm offer, an application may be made for an "option" to organize the Chess Olympiad.

2.2.1 A provisional application shall be made on the form prescribed by the FIDE handbook, and submitted to the General Secretary.

2.2.2 (GA '96) A provisional application fee of 1,000 Swiss Francs must at the same time be paid to FIDE.

2.2.3 The General Assembly shall decide on the order in which the Federations that made provisional applications will be granted options (first, second, third, etc.).

- 2.2.4 For the organization of a Chess Olympiad (SFr. 10,000) less the provisional application fee already paid of SFr. 1,000.
- 2.2.5 If the deposit is not paid on time, then
- the option is cancelled
  - the provisional application fee is forfeited, and
  - an option is granted to the next Federation (in the order laid down by the General Assembly).
- 2.2.6 If the paragraph 2.25 is enforced, the FIDE General Secretary shall inform the Federation that has been accorded the next option. The procedure shall then be continued as in paragraph 2.24.
- 2.3.1. The offers or bids are to be made in writing, on the application form.
- 2.3.2. Acceptance of an offer by the General Assembly is conditioned upon payment of a deposit of 10,000 Swiss Francs to FIDE before the close of the session of the General Assembly where the bid was accepted, by the federation making the offer. A bank guarantee or deposit in escrow in the total sum of SFr. 1,000,000 (One Million Swiss Francs) must be issued in favour of FIDE based on the following payment schedules:
- a) issuance of the first tranch of the bank guarantee or deposit in escrow in the sum of SFr. 150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Swiss Francs) in favour of FIDE not later than thirty days after the acceptance of the bid by the General Assembly;
  - b) issuance of the second tranch of the bank guarantee or deposit in escrow in the sum of SFr. 300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Swiss Francs) within the period of one year after the acceptance of the bid by the General Assembly, but before the beginning of the next session of the General Assembly;
  - c) issuance of the third tranch of the bank guarantee or deposit in escrow in the sum of SFr. 300,000 (Three Hundred Thousand Swiss Francs) within the period of two years after the acceptance of the bid by the General Assembly, but before the beginning of the next session of the General Assembly;
  - d) issuance of the fourth tranch of the bank guarantee or deposit in escrow in the sum of SFr. 250,000 (Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Swiss Francs) bringing the total sum of the bank guarantee or deposit in escrow to SFr.1,000,000 (One Million Swiss Francs) within the period of three years after the acceptance of the bid by the General Assembly, but before the end of the next session of the General Assembly.
- 2.3.3 The bank guarantee or deposit in escrow issued to FIDE under and by virtue of Art.2.32 above, must be accepted as valid by FIDE's bankers Credit Suisse, Switzerland.

2.3.4. At any time, the deposit fee, the bank guarantee or deposit in escrow, or any portion of the bank guarantee or deposit in escrow issued in favour of FIDE shall be forfeited to FIDE if the applicant is in breach of the schedule of payments in Art.2.32 above or fails to organise the Olympiad.

### **3. Period of preparation for the Chess Olympiad**

3.1 After the appointment of an administrator, the preparatory period begins.

3.2 Draft submitted to the FIDE President

3.2.1 Not later than six months before the start of the tournament, the Federation entrusted with the organization must deliver to the FIDE President a draft of the invitation to the tournament, which shall contain full information on the following:

- (a) venue;
- (b) dates for the start and finish of the Chess Olympiad, and application deadlines;
- (c) material arrangements for the participating teams;
- (d) travel facilities, conditions for the visas, etc.

3.2.2 At the same time as this draft is submitted, the President must be invited

- to inspect the venue, and
- to conduct a preliminary discussion at the administrator's expense.

3.3 Confirmation

Immediately afterwards, the draft invitation shall receive the President's confirmation, with (if appropriate) a note of any modification which he considers desirable on the basis of his inspection of the venue and the preliminary discussion. If necessary, further inspection may be arranged.

3.4 Organizing Committee

On receiving the President's confirmation (3.3), the Federation of the administrator shall form an organizing committee, the duties of which are laid down in section 4.

3.5 Invitation to the Federations

Not later than five months before the start of the Olympiad, the organizing Federation shall send the invitation in its final form to all Federations affiliated to FIDE. Copies of the invitation are to be forwarded to the members of the Executive Board and the Zone Presidents.

### 3.6 Notice of participation

3.6.1 Not later than four months before the start of the tournament, every Federation that intends to participate must inform the organizing Federation of its acceptance of the invitation.

Copies of the letter of acceptance should at the same time be sent to the FIDE General Secretary and the President of the Federation's Zone. The Administrator is not allowed to let Federations, which did not fulfil this demand, participate in the Olympiad (PB '98)

3.6.2 At the same time, the Federation concerned must pay FIDE the requisite entry fee, failing which the Federation shall not be allowed to participate in the Olympiad (PB '98)

### 3.7 Submission of team lists

3.7.1 At 3 months to the Olympiad, but not later than two (PB '98) months before the start of the tournament, every Federation that has entered must notify the following details to the Administrator:

- (a) name and initials of the Chief of Delegation;
- (b) name and initials of the team captain;
- (c) name of each team member (one first name in full, initials of additional first names, surname);
- (d) FIDE rating of team members (according to the most recent FIDE rating list);
- (e) any information required in connection with visas.

3.7.2 Late notification of team particulars shall be accepted up to 20 hours before the start of Round 1 (PB '98).

3.7.3 The ranking of teams shall be finalized 16 hours before the start of the first round.

## 4. Organization of the Chess Olympiad by the Administrator

### 4.1 Organizing Committee

The Chess Olympiad shall be held in accordance with the FIDE organization scheme laid out in D.II.07, annexes A, B and C.

4.1.1 The Federation entrusted with the organization shall, in consultation with the administrator, appoint a chairman for the organizing committee.

4.1.2 The chairman of the organizing committee shall assign personnel to the committee's sub-departments, except in so far as this falls within the competence of FIDE.

4.1.3 Each sub-department shall be assigned a manager; the chairman is free to decide on any further administrative divisions that he considers necessary.

- 4.1.4 A tournament physician must be at the disposal of the participants for the duration of the contest.
- 4.1.5 A list of the staff in the organizational sub-departments must be supplied to the FIDE General Secretary and to the organizing Federation. Addresses, telephone numbers, telex and telefax numbers (where applicable) should be included.
- 4.1.6 After the organizing committee is constituted, further arrangements for the Chess Olympiad shall follow guidelines laid down by the FIDE President.
- 4.1.7 In addition to this, the administrator shall take responsibility for informing his Federation of points which he considers to be important.

#### 4.2 Finance

- 4.2.1 Combined financial accounts are to be kept; all ascertainable income and expenditure must be itemized for inspection.
- 4.2.2 The FIDE President shall be kept informed of the financial aspects of the Olympiad.
- 4.2.3 Income accruing from the Chess Olympiad through admission charges, concessions, sale of equipment, etc., shall go to the administrator.
- 4.2.4 The television rights, including video and film rights, belong to the administrator who shall pay 20% of the revenue to FIDE.
- 4.2.5 FIDE shall be reimbursed for the expenses it incurs in direct connection with the contest and its preparation, according to the account presented by the General Secretary.

#### 4.3 Provision of amenities and stipends

- 4.3.1 The form of amenities provided for members of the organizing committee, and the extent of compensation paid to them in the absence of work shall be at the discretion of a panel consisting of the following committee members:
  - chairman
  - manager of the sub-department for finance
  - representative of the organizing Federation.
- 4.3.2 To the FIDE principals (see 4.3.3), the administrator shall pay stipends and provide amenities as detailed in the following paragraphs. Any intended changes in the level of stipends and pocket money shall be submitted by the President to the General Assembly for approval.
- 4.3.3 The FIDE principals are:
  - the President,
  - the Chief Arbiter,
  - the six Senior Arbiters,

- the three members of the Pairing Committee, and
- the three members of the Appeals Committee.

The functions of these principals are laid down in section 6: Parties to the Chess Olympiad.

4.3.3.1 The stipend shall be SFr.6,000 for the President, SFr.5,000 for the Chief Arbiter and SFr.3,000 for each of the other principals.

4.3.3.2 Any of the principals who are active at the Olympiad for only part of the time shall only receive a pro rata portion of the stipend.

4.3.3.3 For the services of the FIDE General Secretary, a fee of 3,000 SFr. shall be paid.

4.3.3.4 The administrator shall make personal stewards available to the principals, to ensure the provision of amenities for the duration of the contest, including agreed periods before and afterwards, these stewards must be available round the clock.

4.3.3.5 The administrator is responsible only for such amenities as are actually utilized by any of the principals during the period of the contest and in the course of activity directly connected with it, the tournament venue or in transit.

4.3.3.6 The administrator shall be host to the principals for the entire duration of the contest.

#### 4.3.4 Provision for the principals

##### 4.3.4.1 Travel

The President is entitled to first class travel by air, sea or rail.

For all other principals, provisions shall be made for return travel by air, sea or rail, or, at their own option, by other means of transport which shall not, however, be more costly to the administrator than air travel.

All travel arrangements shall be made by the administrator. Principals who wish to make their own arrangements shall do so entirely at their own risk.

##### 4.3.4.2 Accommodation

For the President: a suite in a hotel of his choice.

For each of the other principals: a double room with bath/WC.

If possible, all principals should be accommodated in the same hotel.

If more than one hotel is used, accommodation of equal quality should be aimed at.

##### 4.3.4.3 Food and drink

Free choice of items on the restaurant menu in the hotel and at the tournament site; free use of hotel room service.

On payment of a daily allowance for food, the best possible conditions should be ensured for dining in several good restaurants; the allowance should be paid every 10 days.

In the matter of food and drink, all principals are to be treated equally.

4.3.4.4 Pocket money

30 Swiss Francs per day, in local currency.

The account shall be settled with the administrator jointly at regular intervals, through a representative of the principals.

4.3.4.5 Transport in the tournament locality

For the President: a chauffeur-driven car.

For the other principals: a pool of cars shall be provided, the use of which shall depend on the location of the hotels, tournament hall and media center, and on the leisure requirements of the principals. Where appropriate, journeys should be made jointly, by arrangement with the administrator.

4.3.4.6 Leisure facilities

General access, without lengthy waiting periods, to a variety of sport and recreation facilities such as swimming, tennis, bowling and riding; also to libraries, museums, concerts, theaters, etc.

4.3.4.7 Medical care

- consultation by the tournament physician, any medical services he prescribes.

- The administrator shall meet the cost of treating acute illnesses including the cost of medicines, but not chronic ailments.

4.3.4.8 Miscellaneous

The provision of amenities for persons accompanying the principals shall be settled between the President and the administrator.

4.4 Provision for the Arbiters

4.4.1 If not enough Arbiters of the organizing Federation are available to control the separate team matches in the Olympiad, the organizing committee may arrange to supplement their number with Arbiters from neighboring Federations; this may be done

- through the FIDE General Secretariat;
- through the Zone President, or;
- by direct contacts.

- 4.4.2 By arrangement with these Arbiters (either directly or through their Federations), the administrator shall provide for their travelling expenses, accommodation, meals and pocket money.
- 4.5 Provision for teams
  - 4.5.1 Each individual Federation shall pay the travelling expenses of its team, and also the living expenses of its Chief of Delegation if he is not one of the persons mentioned in 4.5.2.
  - 4.5.2 The administrator is responsible for supplying accommodation, meals and pocket money to 7 members of each men's team (1 captain, 4 players, 2 reserves) and 5 members of each women's team (1 captain, 3 players, 1 reserve).
  - 4.5.3 The Administrator shall provide all teams with double rooms, unless the composition of players + captain is an odd number (PB '98).
  - 4.5.4 The quality of accommodation and meals shall match the standards and importance of the Chess Olympiad.
  - 4.5.5 The administrator shall, in addition, provide all prizes (team, individual and special).
- 4.6 Furnishing of the playing hall(s)
  - 4.6.1 The administrator is responsible for the furnishing and upkeep of the playing hall and its environs.
  - 4.6.2 The FIDE flag and the national flags of the participating Federations are to be flown from the playing hall.
  - 4.6.3 The hall is to be divided into the playing area and a spectator area.
  - 4.6.4 Acoustics, decoration, ventilation, heating or air-conditioning, and lighting must conform to the highest modern standards. The carpeting should eliminate distracting noise.  
Tables, chairs, chess boards, pieces and clocks should be chosen according to FIDE specifications.
  - 4.6.5 The spectator area must be clearly separated from the playing area, but the spectators must have the opportunity to follow the matches directly.
  - 4.6.6 The players must not, however, be disturbed by spectators.  
The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes a disturbance. If necessary, those causing it shall be expelled from the hall.
  - 4.6.7 The administrator shall appoint staff with clearly visible insignia to supervise the hall.
  - 4.6.8 Relaying of the games on video equipment or demonstration boards (with or without commentaries) may only take place inside of rooms of the playing hall. The equipment, management and staffing of these rooms are responsibility of the administrator.

#### 4.7 Media facilities

4.7.1 The administrator shall make every conceivable effort to attract the world's finest reporters and to enable them to convey the best possible presentation of these matches to those who cannot attend as spectator.

4.7.2 The administrator shall ensure an efficient media service for writers, photographers, national and international news agencies, and the electronic media.

4.7.3 The administrator shall appoint an information officer to supervise these activities, and shall set up a media center (press center).

4.7.4 The media center should be:

- near the playing hall, with easy access to parking;
- large enough to contain all necessary professional equipment, as well as leisure and refreshment facilities for journalists;
- under strict supervision to exclude anyone not in possession of a valid pass issued by the administrator;
- open for a period before the contest (as determined by the administrator), and for one day after the end of the contest; and
- manned by properly qualified personnel.

4.7.5 Facilities in the media center

Work rooms:

Sufficient tables and chairs (if possible, not more than two people to a table); typewriters with various keyboards; paper, telex rolls and other general stationery; copying machines.

Information area:

Clearly marked notice boards for news and results service; a public address system to inform journalists of calls or messages.

Means of communication:

Telephones in booths or with soundproof canopies; telex machines with accessories, with self-service or operation by staff; monitors.

The refreshment bar or restaurant and lavatories should be in the immediate vicinity.

#### 4.8 Guidelines for co-operation with journalists

4.8.1 All persons wishing to operate in the media center must receive official credentials.

4.8.2 Every journalist (in the wide sense) shall be issued with a pass. This must incorporate a firmly attached photograph, and must be worn prominently on all media premises.

4.8.3 The passes shall give access to the playing hall, the media center and the restaurant(s) for the players and press.

4.8.4 Accommodation for journalists

The administrator shall assist journalists with hotel reservations. He shall recommend suitable accommodation at favourable prices, or endeavour to make it available. The journalists should preferably be accommodated in a single hotel or in adjacent hotels. Information supplied to journalists should include: addresses, telephone or telex numbers, location of hotels and prices.

#### 4.8.5 Payments

All possible methods of payment for the use of facilities, specially in the media center, should be permitted (credit cards, cash, telephone calls with reversed charges, telex cards).

#### 4.8.6 Press conferences

For these, special rooms should be made available.

Notice of all press conferences by the President or by players, as well as any special announcements by the administrator, should be conveyed to the journalists in good time. Similarly, all Principals should be informed.

#### 4.8.7 Conduct of interviews

General interviews with participants in the Chess Olympiad may be conducted by direct arrangement with those concerned.

#### 4.8.8 Conduct in the playing hall

On entering the playing hall, media personnel are treated as spectators. They are subject to the regulations applying to spectators, except in so far as their work as media personnel necessarily requires exceptions. The taking of photographs in the playing hall is restricted to officially recognized reporters with the administrator's express permission. This permission shall only be valid for the first 10 minutes after the start of any round.

Film or television cameras and recording instruments may be brought into the press lobby or spectator are, installed and operated, only by special permission of the administrator.

## 5. Specific measures at the start of the Olympiad or shortly before it

### 5.1 Inspection of the site and preliminary discussion with the Chief Arbiter

5.1.1 Not later than 4 weeks before the start of the Chess Olympiad, the administrator shall invite the Chief Arbiter to a preliminary discussion.

5.1.2 The matters discussed should include the plan for instruction, deploying and supervising the Regular Arbiters and their assistants.

5.1.3 The travelling and accommodation expenses for its discussion shall be paid by the administrator.

### 5.2 Notification of the precise schedule to the Federations

- 5.2.1 Not later than 6 weeks before the start of the Olympiad, if not before, all participating Federations must possess the following information:
  - 5.2.2 Date and time of: the opening ceremony, the start of the first round, the end of the final round and the closing ceremony.
    - Note: these particulars are of great importance to the travelling teams. Only precise information from the administrator enables the Chess Federations to make the correct bookings for air, sea or rail travel in good time.
  - 5.2.3 The administrator's hospitality to teams shall commence with the evening meal and night's accommodation on the day before the opening ceremony.
  - 5.2.4 Any extra arrangements, and provision for their cost (e.g. in case of missed airway connection, etc.), must be agreed in advance with the administrator.
  - 5.2.5 The FIDE principals must be present 3 days before the opening ceremony. The services provided to them by the administrator shall begin from that time.
- 5.3 Federations shall ensure that team captains and Chiefs of Delegations possess copies of the Olympiad regulations and the FIDE laws. The administrator shall supply the participants in the Olympiad with folders of literature giving points of information and interest.
- 5.4 Invitations  
The administrator shall send written invitations to the FIDE principals 6 weeks before the opening. Copies of these invitations shall go to the FIDE General Secretary.
- 5.5 Reception  
Three days before the opening ceremony, in the evening, the administrator shall give a small reception, where the FIDE principals shall be introduced (by the President and the committee chairman) to the staff and managers of the organizing committee.
- 5.6 Inspection of the venue, and concluding discussion
- 5.6.1 Two days before the opening ceremony, in the morning, the chief organizers shall meet, at the administrator's invitation, to inspect the tournament venue.
  - 5.6.2 Immediately after this inspection, a discussion of the results shall take place among the same group of people. Any wishes relating to other matters may also be voiced at this point. A written report on the results

of the discussion shall be made by the administrator, and copies of it shall be distributed to all who participated.

5.6.3 Before the first round of the tournament, the administrator shall ensure that action is taken on the matters arising from discussion. If necessary, a further inspection may be arranged.

#### 5.7 Passes

The administrator shall provide conspicuous passes for players and organizers.

#### 5.8 Care of players

The administrator and his colleagues shall give every assistance in looking after the players, both immediately after their arrival and during the tournament itself.

The administrator shall make effort to provide the players with the best possible quality of accommodation, food, drink, transport and playing conditions.

#### 5.9 Opening Ceremony

The Chess Olympiad begins officially with the opening ceremony.

5.9.1 All players and organizers shall take part in this ceremony.

5.9.2 Public figures, sponsors and guests should be invited.

5.9.3 The ceremony should begin and end with music; folklore contributions are desirable.

5.9.4 The program of events and the list of speakers are to be agreed between the FIDE President and the chairman of the organizing committee.

5.9.5 The building or hall where the ceremony is held shall be decorated with the FIDE flag and the flag of the host country.

5.9.6 At the start of the ceremony, the national anthem of the host country and the FIDE anthem shall be played.

### **6. Parties to the Chess Olympiad**

6.1 The FIDE President represents the interests of FIDE and is empowered to take the final decision on all questions relating to the Olympiad as a whole.

6.2 Organizational spheres of competence.

6.2.1 The chairman of the organizing committee represents the interest of the administrator. He shall appoint the managers of the administrative sub-departments and establish contacts with official

bodies, associations and sponsors. He shall be the highest authority in the organizational process, specially in the financial sphere.

6.2.2 The Tournament Director

shall be appointed by the chairman of the organizing committee.

He is competent for all matters of organization inside the tournament hall.

His tasks are indicated by the organization plan in Annex B, and by the specific tournament regulations.

The organization plan is to be treated as a guide. Alterations or additions to it, demanded by local and technical conditions, may if necessary be undertaken with agreement of the organizing committee.

For the performance of his tasks, the organizing committee shall assign to the Tournament Director two Deputy Tournament Directors, as well as any other management personnel and assistants who may be considered necessary.

The plan for the organizational framework in its final form, as determined by the organizing committee, shall be distributed before the start of the tournament to all FIDE principals, chiefs of delegations and team captains.

The Tournament Director shall maintain close contacts with the Chief Arbiter, and shall be responsible for the availability of Regular and Assistant Arbiters for the playing sessions.

The layout of the tournament hall shall be decided by agreement with the Chief Arbiter.

6.2.3 The information officer

is wholly an agent of the organizing committee. He shall be appointed by the committee chairman.

He shall be supplied with competition results and news by the Tournament Director, and with the daily pairing list by the Pairings Committee.

The information officer in his own capacity shall decide how to utilize and publicize this information.

He shall be responsible for the management of the media center.

6.3 Spheres of competence in controlling the play

6.3.1 The play shall be controlled by:

- the Chief Arbiter;
- 6 senior Arbiters;
- the Regular Arbiters, and
- the Assistant Arbiters.

6.3.2 The Chief Arbiter

shall be in charge of the controlling team in the Chess Olympiad.

He must be an International Arbiter. Any exceptions shall be determined by the General Assembly with two-thirds majority.

After consultation with the chairman of the organizing committee, the President shall propose the Chief Arbiter to the General Assembly for approval.

6.3.3 Six senior Arbiters

who must all have the International Arbiter title and must all belong to different Federations, shall assist the Chief Arbiter; they shall be appointed by the FIDE President.

Two of the senior Arbiters shall be nominated by the Chief Arbiter as his deputies - one for the men's and one for the women's section of the Olympiad.

Of the remaining senior Arbiters, three are to be assigned to the men's section and one to the women's section, to oversee and coordinate the work of the Regular and Assistant Arbiters.

6.3.4 The Regular and Assistant Arbiters

shall be placed by the Tournament Director at the disposal of the Chief Arbiter, according to the latter's requirements. They shall be instructed in their duties and supervised by the chief and senior Arbiters.

6.3.5 The general responsibility of all Arbiters

is the trouble-free conduct of the playing sessions in the Chess Olympiad.

The Arbiters shall ensure overall compliance with the Laws of Chess and the supplementary regulations.

They are expected to insist that participants observe a high standard of chess etiquette and refrain from disturbing or harassing their opponents (e.g. by repeating draw offers or by crowding around any board).

In doubtful cases the Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes a disturbance and shall act accordingly. Any personnel required to implement his decision shall be provided by the Tournament Director.

6.3.6 The Assistant Arbiters

shall support the Regular Arbiters, and shall have the following specific tasks:

- to ensure that the playing equipment is in order and is set up ready for the start of each game;
- to check that the players are correctly seated, facing the right opponents;
- to make sure that the clocks are set correctly for the start of play;
- to see that the starting of clocks at the beginning of the session proceeds according to the tournament regulations for the Chess Olympiad.
- to check that the clocks are going correctly during the game;

- to ensure that enough Regular or Assistant Arbiters are on hand to watch the clocks at the time control, if several players are in time trouble at once;
- to ascertain whether the requisite number of moves have been made upon expiry of the allocated time;
- to record the time on each player's clock, if Article 12.5 of the Laws of Chess is implemented;
- to give assistance as far as possible, if players express any wishes during the game;
- to prevent any unnecessary conversation in the course of play.

Infringements of the regulations are to be reported to the Regular Arbiters.

For every match, the Assistant Arbiters must draw up a results sheet featuring the number of the round, the countries involved, list of the players in board order, and the results of finished games. This results sheet (or where necessary a partial results list) must be handed to the Chief Arbiter immediately after the end of the round.

The no-smoking regulation in C.08 applies.

#### 6.3.7 The Pairings Committee

shall consist of a chairman and 2 other members. The chairman may not belong to the organizing federation.

The FIDE President shall appoint the Pairings Committee after consulting the chairman of the organizing committee. The work of the Pairings Committee is explained in detail in D.II.07, Annex D.

Compilation of pairings with the aid of a computer is permissible. If, however, a discrepancy arises between the computer's pairing and those worked out personally by the Pairings Committee, the final decision shall lie with the committee chairman.

Provision of the computer and subsidiary equipment is the task of the Tournament Director.

The Pairings Committee shall be responsible to the Chief Arbiter, and shall distribute copies of its work (pairing lists) to the persons specified in D.II.07, Annex C.

#### 6.3.8 The teams

are the men's and women's national teams for Federations affiliated to FIDE.

6.3.8.1 Every federation affiliated to FIDE is entitled to participate with a national team of players who are qualified by birth, citizenship or naturalization to represent their federation. Detailed eligibility rules are in Reg. C.05.

6.3.8.2 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.

6.3.8.3 A player with dual citizenship may only represent one Federation and is eligible by citizenship to participate in the Olympiad 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.

6.3.8.4 The General Assembly has passed a resolution that every team participating in the Chess Olympiad must declare in advance that it is willing to play against teams from any other affiliated Federations. The only possible exception would arise in the case of war. The Assembly accepted a proposal of the President that if any match could not be played owing to a state of war, its result would be decided on the basis of probabilities deduced from the players' FIDE ratings.

6.3.8.5 Every participating team is in principle under obligation to play in the tournament from start to finish.

If a team is, however, compelled to withdraw from the tournament through circumstances beyond its control, the treatment of any unplayed matches for the purpose of scoring shall be settled by the FIDE President, the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter. Any further measures shall be taken later by the President in consultation with the Executive Board.

6.3.8.6 Every team shall be headed by a captain (in matters relating to the play) and a chief of delegation (in administrative matters).

The administrator shall incur no expenses for any chief of delegation who is not of the persons listed under 4.5.2.

Before the start of the contest, each participating Federation shall send the administrator two miniature flags of its nationality, suitable to be placed on the tables.

Every chief of delegation must come equipped with a tape recording of his country's national anthem.

6.3.8.7 Board order

See D.II.07, paragraphs 1.172 - 1.174 and 3.7. Not later than 20 hours before the start of Round 1, the players in each team must be listed in a fixed board order by their captain (men:

boards 1-6; women: boards 1-4). The board order cannot be changed during the tournament.

6.3.8.8 During the whole course of the contest, the players must conduct themselves in accordance with sporting fairness and decency, and must take care neither to distract nor to annoy their opponents. They should endeavor to settle all disputes by mutual accommodation.

6.3.8.9 Prior agreement between players as to the result of individual games or of a match shall be penalized with the utmost severity. If any such agreement is proved to have taken place, the points apportioned by it shall be annulled and the matter shall be referred to the appeals committee for the fixing of the penalty.

6.3.9 The team captains

6.3.9.1 Before the start of a round, the captain of a team must deliver to the Chief Arbiter, a sealed envelope containing a list of the team members who are to take part in the round in question. If this list is not delivered by the appointed time, the team may only use its top 4 players (men) or its top 3 players (women).

6.3.9.2 In the exercise of his functions the team captain has the right of access to the area reserved for the players, but it is his duty to ensure that the members of his team who are not involved in the current match or have finished their games do not enter or remain in this area.

6.3.9.3 At the end of the playing session, the captain is responsible both for reporting the result to the controllers and for delivering to them legibly written scoresheets of the finished games.

6.3.9.4 During the games the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. He is, however, entitled to advise his players on the offering or accepting of draws or resigning of games, provided that he makes no comment on the actual position on the chess board, and confines himself to giving brief information which can in no way be construed as an opinion about the progress of the game. The exchange of information between captain and player must take place in the presence of a controller.

6.3.9.5 The captain is permitted to appoint a deputy to exercise his functions, but must inform the Chief Arbiter of this in writing.

6.3.9.6 In matters relating directly to the play, the captain alone is entitled to lodge or present demands made by his players.

#### 6.4 Special committees

6.4.1 In the Chief Arbiter's initial discussion with the captains, the latter shall elect an Advisory Panel.

6.4.2 This panel shall be composed of 5 persons, as follows:

- the members may be team captains or players;
- they should be chosen from all 5 rating categories (see 7.83);
- the 5 members shall nominate their own chairman.

6.4.3 The task of the advisory panel is to give advice to the Chief Arbiter and Tournament Director whenever they request it. Equally, the appeals committee or the FIDE President may take advice from the panel before arriving at a decision.

6.4.4 Request for this advice should be addressed to the chairman of the panel.

6.4.5 Procedure in the case of infringement of the rules, disputes and improper conduct.

6.4.5.1 In matters relating to the play:

- the initial decision shall be taken by the Arbiters.
- an appeal against this decision may be addressed to the Chief Arbiter.
- the second, provisionally binding decision, shall be taken by the Chief Arbiter.

6.4.5.2 In administrative matters

- the initial decision shall be taken by the Deputy Tournament Director.
- an appeal against this decision may be addressed to the Tournament Director.
- the second, provisionally binding decision shall be taken by the Tournament Director.

6.4.5.3 General Stipulation

Any ruling by the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director shall take effect immediately; any proceedings which were suspended shall then be resumed.

6.4.5.4 Written Protests

Against a decision of the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director are permissible and shall be settled by an appeals committee.

#### 6.5 The Appeals Committee

- 6.5.1 The FIDE President, as the highest executive officer of the Chess Olympiad, shall have the support of an appeals committee, of which he himself shall select the three members.
- 6.5.2 The President shall appoint one of members as chairman.
- 6.5.3 The following may be the subject of rulings by the appeals committee:
- protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director;
  - complaints of improper conduct by participants in the Chess Olympiad;
  - any other matters which the committee considers important and worth debating.
- 6.5.4 Procedure of appeals
- any protest against a decision by the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Director must be typed and presented to the appeals committee in triplicate, together with the sum of 100 Swiss Francs or the equivalent in local currency, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately.
- Those entitled to lodge appeals are the team captains and the chiefs of delegation. Where appropriate, the appeal may be accompanied by written statements from the witnesses.
- The deposit must be handed to the chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE.
- Requests to the appeals committee by organizers of the Chess Olympiad may be made without payment.
- 6.5.5 Upon submission of the appeal, the committee shall proceed to examine the evidence. For this purpose it may take statements from anyone as required, consult members of the advisory panel, and conduct other forms of investigation. The decision of the appeals committee should be reached as quickly as possible.
- 6.5.6 The appeals committee should endeavor to find acceptable solutions in the FIDE spirit. It may resolve disputed issues with or without disciplinary action. In the case of gross unsporting offenses or other misconduct, the following principles apply:
- The Laws of Chess provide for the penalization of players who break the rules; the FIDE interpretations of the laws state that "Arbiters are requested to impose, in cases where clear contravention of moral principles of the game are demonstrated, penalties as severe as the loss of the game".
  - If a participant fails to comply with the Laws of Chess or the relevant regulations, disobeys the controllers, commits breaches of chess etiquette or conducts himself improperly inside or outside the tournament building, the following steps may be taken.

For minor offences or petty infringements

- admonishment
- correction
- demand for an apology to the offended party.

if a participant fails to make the apology demanded of him, which must be presented to the offended party in writing, the appeals committee shall instead impose a fine, the amount of which shall have been stipulated in a postscript to the original verdict.

For serious offences

- written warning
- fine
- conditional or definitive disqualification.

The appeals committee shall decide whether an offence is "serious" or "minor". All fines are to be remitted to FIDE through the administrator, who should be notified by the committee.

The Federations shall take responsibility for their players.

#### 6.6 Right of veto and commutation

All rulings by the appeals committee are subject to the President's right to veto. Application for the veto to be exercised must be submitted to the President in writing not later than 24 hours after the appeals committee has communicated its verdict. An application submitted late shall be invalid. The President may confirm the committee's decision, quash it or reduce the penalties imposed.

#### 6.7 Co-operation

The attempt is made in these regulations to draw a clear line of demarcation between the sphere of competence of the Chief Arbiter and that of the Tournament Director.

Notwithstanding this attempt, there will repeatedly be borderline cases, an overlapping of functions, and questions of prerogative.

In such cases the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter should endeavour to resolve the question between themselves.

If this proves impossible, the question of competence shall be decided by the appeals committee.

In the process of its development, the Chess Olympiad is in constant need of new impulses, it is continually changing.

To ascertain the tendencies during the Chess Olympiad and determine the correct modes of cooperation between all parties, one member of the appeals committee shall be appointed as

## **7. FIDE Observer**

7.1 The FIDE Observer has the task (though without being bound by a specific schedule or agenda) of appraising the overall working of the Chess Olympiad from the point of view of FIDE.

He shall not take any measures, but shall merely record his findings.

He shall report directly to the FIDE President whenever any alterations or improvements seem desirable.

The President, in consultation with the chairman of the organizing committee, shall then consider whether immediate measures seem appropriate, or whether changes should be proposed through the Executive and Central Committee, for a decision by the next General Assembly.

The FIDE observer should be supported by all parties to the Chess Olympiad.

## **8. Tournament regulations for the Chess Olympiad**

8.1 Laws of Chess

The general FIDE laws shall be applied with their supplements and interpretations as laid down by the FIDE Rules Commission. The following specific regulations for the Chess Olympiad shall also be in force.

8.2 System of Play

The contest shall take the form of a Swiss system tournament with fixed rules for pairings. All teams shall play in a single group, except that men's and women's sections shall be separate. The pairing procedure and its rules are set out in detail under D.II.07, Annex D.

8.3 Schedule

The matches shall be conducted according to a playing schedule which must be distributed to the participants before the start of the tournament. The time span between the opening and closing ceremonies shall not exceed 20 days. Only in exceptional cases may the Chief Arbiter, in consultation with the Tournament Director, make alterations to the times of play. If this is done, all those concerned are to be informed directly (not merely by a notice on a notice-board).

8.4 Start and finish of the session

Five minutes before play commences, the Tournament Director must announce the approaching start of the session by a double acoustic signal.

The beginning of the playing session shall be announced by a single acoustic signal.

Once the signal for the start of the round has been given, the clock of the player with the white pieces shall be started by his opponent. If the player of the black pieces is not present at the appointed time, his clock shall be started by the player with white, but without any move being made by the latter. Then, when the player of the black pieces arrives, he shall start his opponent's clock and the latter shall make his first move. If both players are absent, white's clock shall be started by the Assistant Arbiter. Any player arriving at the chessboard more than one hour late shall forfeit the game. If both players arrive more than one hour late, the game shall be declared lost for both of them.

## 8.5 Time control

The time limit is 40 moves in 100 minutes, then 20 moves in 50 minutes and finally 10 minutes for all remaining moves. From move 1 30 seconds will be added after each move. The games shall be played using the DGT clocks.

## 8.6 Scoring

Each team's place in the order of classification shall be decided by the number of game points it has scored.

Ties shall be resolved by the procedures in D.II.07, Annex D, paragraph G.

## 8.7 Prizes

### 8.7.1 Trophies

The winning team in the men's section of the Chess Olympiad shall receive the "International Hamilton-Russell Cup".

The winning team in the women's section of the Chess Olympiad shall receive the "International Vera Menchik Cup".

The winning teams for the best composite scores in the men's and women's Olympiads shall receive the "Nona Gaprindashvili International Trophy".

The Federation of the respective winning teams shall have custody of the cups, which are property of FIDE, until the following Olympiad.

Both trophies are to be competed for at each successive Olympiad; they cannot be acquired in perpetuity.

The dates of the tournament and the name of the winning Federation are to be engraved on the base of the Cup. Should the original trophy be lost, a replacement is to be made on the same pattern.

The winning Federations of the tournaments, and the names of their players, shall be recorded in the FIDE Golden Book, of which the President has custody.

#### 8.7.2 Chess Medals

Every member of the winning team (players, reserves and captain) shall receive a gold medal. Similarly, the team finishing second shall receive silver medals and the team in third place, bronze.

#### 8.7.3 Special prizes for teams in particular rating categories

Before the start of the tournament, the Pairings Committee shall have divided the teams into 5 rating categories, on the basis of their position in the initial overall ranking list (see Annex D, paragraph 4-7); as far as possible, the categories should contain equal numbers of teams.

Every team that finished with the highest score for its category, provided that it has not won medals, shall receive a prize of money or goods.

#### 8.7.4 Individual Chess Medals

Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists shall be in competition for individual board prizes namely: gold, silver and bronze medals. For the purposes of this award, the player's percentage score from their games shall be compared. If the percentage score is equal, the tie shall be broken by (a) the number of games, and if this is also equal by (b) the average rating of the opponents.

Only the following shall be eligible for board prizes:

- in men's teams: players number 1-4 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds; players numbered 5-6 who take part in at least 50%;
- in women's teams: players numbered 1-3 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds; players numbered 4 who take part in at least 50%.

#### 8.7.5 Additional prizes

offered by the administrator or by sponsors should be made known to the players in good time, together with the conditions of their award. The FIDE President shall decide how and when such prizes are to be presented.

#### 8.7.6 Certificates

After the end of the Chess Olympiad, the Federation of the teams finishing first, second and the third shall be sent certificates by the President, recording the success of their teams and the medals they have won.

### 8.8 Qualification for the World Team Championship

The three highest-placed teams in the Chess Olympiad for 1996, 2000, 2004 and so on (in four-year intervals) are entitled to participate in the World Chess Team Championship in the following year (2001, 2005 etc.) (GA '95)

Example: (1994-1997 cycle)

1995	Continental championships	4 winning teams
1996	Olympiad	3 highest placed
1997	World Team Championship	7 teams
	plus organizing federation	1 team
	(possible two other invited teams)	2 teams
	total	8 to 10 teams

Qualification for the World Team Championship by three teams from the Chess Olympiad is, then, only valid within the respective cycle, and applies exclusively to the next World Team Championship after the Olympiad (compare the synopsis in D.II.01).

This means that in alternate Olympiads (1994, 1998 and so on in four years intervals) there shall be no qualification for the World Team Championship.

## 9. Conclusion of the Chess Olympiad

### 9.1 Final placing

With the aid of the Chief Arbiter, the Tournament Director shall draw up lists of the final placing for the men's and women's sections, showing the teams in their precise order and giving their final scores. These lists are to be signed by both organizers and enclosed with the Chief Arbiter's concluding report to the FIDE President.

### 9.2 Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony with honours to the winning teams shall be held in the evening on the day of the final round. It should follow the same guidelines as the opening ceremony (where applicable); in addition, the national anthem(s) of the men's and women's winning teams shall be played.

### 9.3 Payment of stipends

After the end of the contest, the administrator shall pay the sums specified in these regulations (as net amounts, after meeting any tax liability). At the option of the participants, he shall pay them in person or arrange for transfer of the sums to their home countries or any other place they choose. For this purpose, the specific principles in D.II.01, paragraph 1.3, shall apply.

#### 9.4 Reports

As soon as possible the Chief Arbiter and the chairman of the appeals committee shall deliver to the FIDE President an official written report on the course of the contest, with supporting documents if appropriate.

Within 4 weeks after the closing ceremony, the chairman of the organizing committee shall present the President with a general report of the proceedings. A copy shall be supplied to the organizing Federation.

##### *Accounts*

Immediately after the end of the contest, the FIDE Treasurer shall present the administrator with the account of expenses incurred by FIDE. Not later than 3 months after the closing ceremony, the administrator shall supply an official concluding balance sheet of the operation, which shall give a synopsis of the overall income and expenditure and the administrator's net profit.

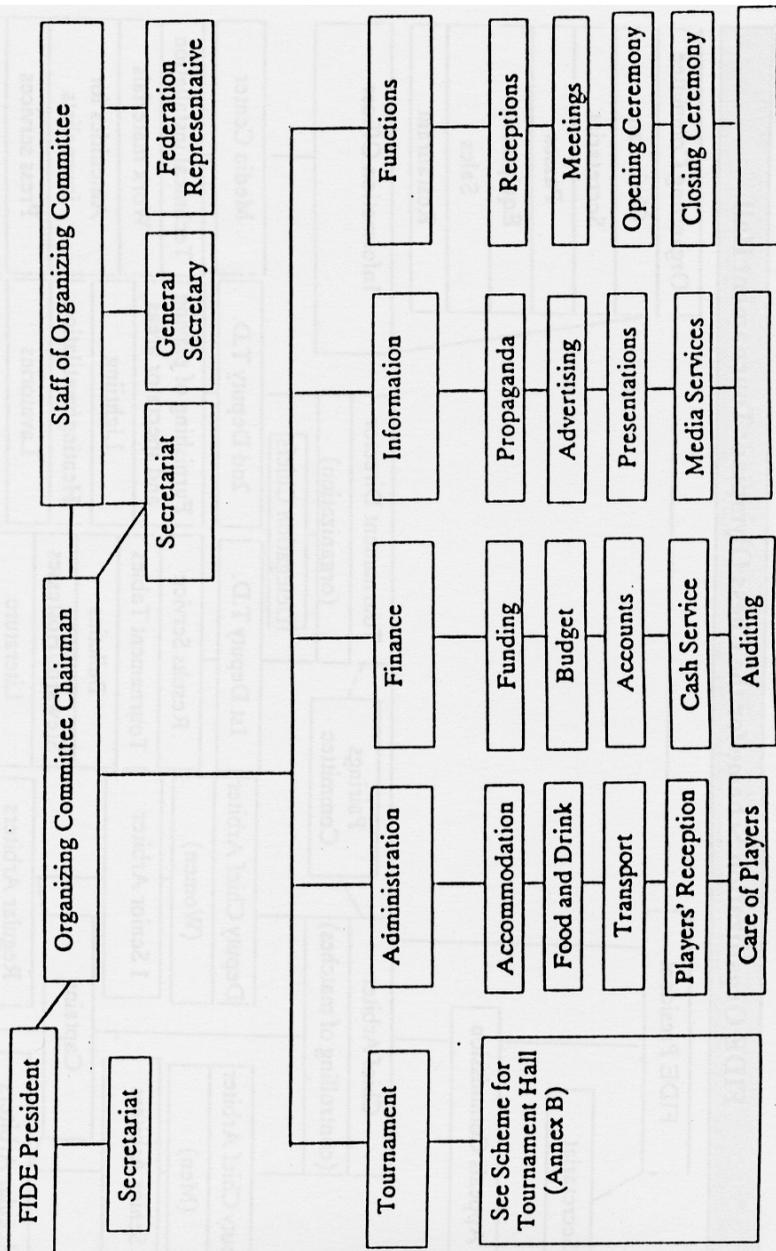
#### 9.5 Activities in Connection with Olympiads and Congresses:

The 1980 General Assembly recommended to the organizers that in connection with Olympiads and Congresses the following events be organized beginning in 1982:

- a) exhibitions of ancient chess pieces and rare chess books;
- b) sale of chess books of different publishing houses;
- c) seminars on the history of chess;
- d) festivals of chess films;
- e) exhibitions of chess computers;
- f) chess-philatelic exhibitions;
- g) exhibitions of art with chess motifs.

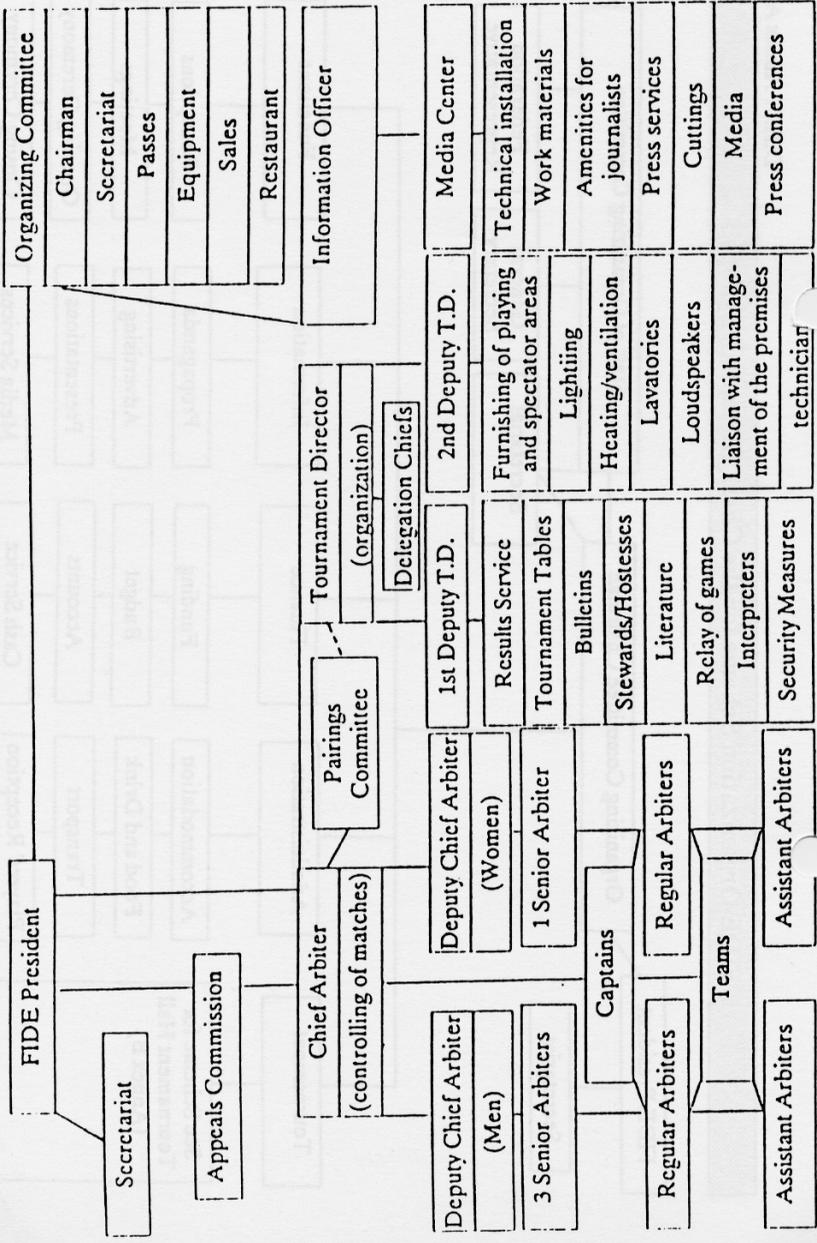
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**FIDE Organization Scheme for the Chess Olympiad: Synopsis**



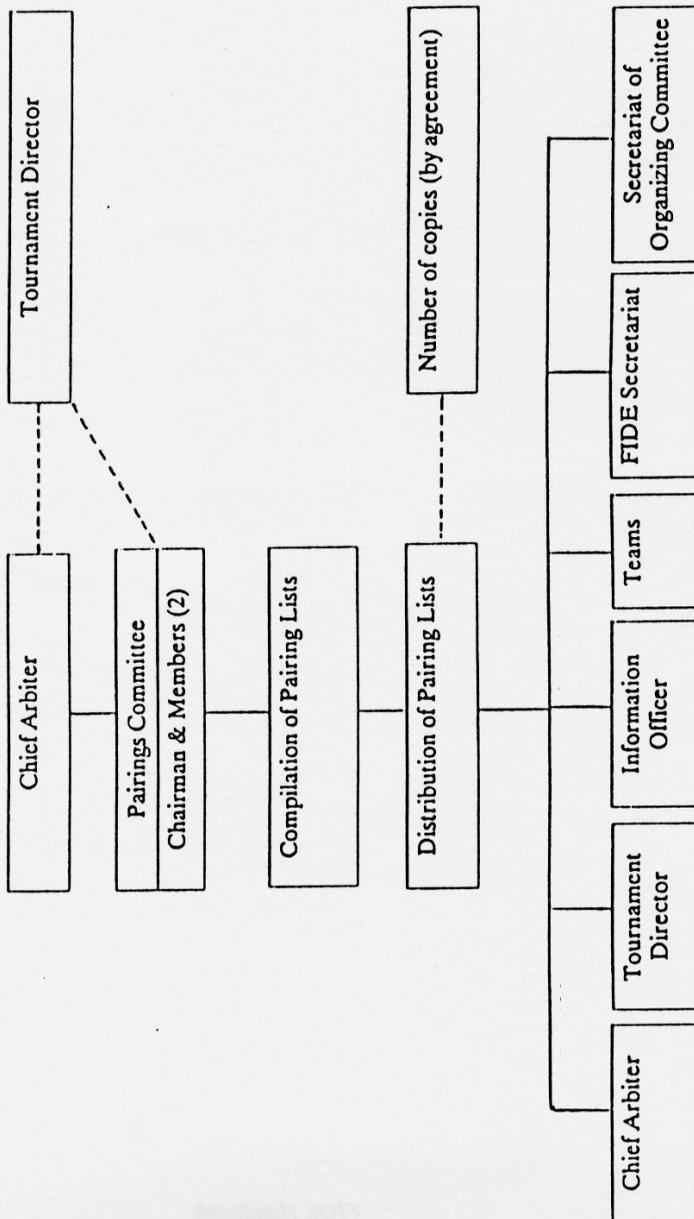
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**FIDE Organization Scheme for the Chess Olympiad: Tournament Hall**



D.II.07 Annex C

**FIDE Organization Scheme for the Chess Olympiad: Pairings Committee**





## **Annex D: Pairing Rules**

Approved by the 1980 General Assembly. Amended by the 1986, 1987, 1992 and 1993 General Assemblies. Approved by 1994 and 1998 Executive Council.

### **A. Basic Pairing System**

1. The basic pairing system shall be the Controlled Swiss System Pairings using Game Points for both Pairing and Scoring.

### **B. Odd Number of Participating Teams**

2. The organizing federation shall be entitled to enter a second team ("B" team). If there is an odd number of participating teams the organizing federation has the right to enter a third team ("C" team), in which case all points scored against the additional team shall be counted, whilst the C-team itself shall not appear in the final ranking list of all teams.
3. If the "C" team is paired and plays round 1 it shall remain in the tournament to the conclusion even though a team or teams dropping out or a new team or teams arriving subsequently results in an odd number of teams still in competition.

### **C. Ranking of Teams for Pairing Purposes**

4. Obtain a list of all teams participating and full names of all players of each team three months before the start of the Olympiad.  
The list of names and the order of the players can be changed only with the approval of the President of FIDE.
5. Record the FIDE rating of each team member having such a rating.
6. Assign an arbitrary rating of 2000 to team members who have no FIDE rating.
7. Rank all teams in order of the average of their 4 highest FIDE-rated players (men's teams) and in order of the average of their 3 highest FIDE-rated players (women's teams). The team with the highest average rating shall be assigned Pairing Number 1, the second highest, Pairing Number 2, etc.
8. If two or more teams have the same average rating, rank them as to relative strength by consideration of all available information. In this case the following criteria in descendent priority will be used:

1. the rating of the fifth player of the men's team; for women's team the rating of the fourth player.
2. the rating of the sixth player of the men's team.
3. the final rankings of the previous Olympiad.
- 4.

**D. Number of Rounds**

9. 14 rounds are recommended if there are 61 or more teams taking part. 13 rounds are recommended if there are 60 teams or less taking part. The team captains can agree to change the number of rounds to 14 to equalise the number of rounds in the men's and the women's championships.  
With 14 rounds the recommended sequence of playing days is 6, 7, 1 or 7, 6, 1 requiring 14 playing days, 2 rest days and 1 day for arrival/departure for a total of 17 days.  
With 13 rounds the recommended sequence is 6, 6, 1 requiring 13 playing days, 2 rest days and 1 day for arrival/departure for a total of 16 days.

**E. Byes**

10. If there is an odd number of teams a bye should be given to one team which arbitrarily would be credited with 2 game points (men's teams) and 1.5 game points (women's teams).  
The team given the bye in the first round would be that team which had the highest ranking number. For example:  
if there are 85 teams, then the team ranked as No. 85 would receive the bye in the first round.  
The team given the bye in subsequent rounds would be that team with the highest ranking number from the group with the lowest total number of game points.  
No team shall receive more than one bye.

**F. Scoring unfinished games for pairing purposes**

11. Unfinished games shall be considered as draws for pairing purposes.

**G. Tie Breaking**

12. 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, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to the extent required:
- (a) by the sum of the game scores of all the team's opponents;
  - (b) by the number of match points won;

- (c) by the sum of the game scores of all opponents defeated plus one half of the game scores of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved.
- (d) by the sum of the game scores of all the team's opponents, excluding the two opponents who scored the highest number of game points and two opponents who scored the lowest number of game points.

**H. General Pairing Regulations**

- 13. Assign a pairing number to each team as per Section C.
- 14.
  - (a) No team shall play the same opponent more than once.
  - (b) A team having scored without playing will not receive a bye. This is the case when a team has received a bye due to an odd number of teams or when one of the opponent teams did not appear on time.
- 15. The difference of the scores of two teams paired against each other should be 0 or, if this is not possible, as small as possible.
- 16. Pairings shall be made from the top group down to, but not including, the middle group; then from the bottom group up to, but not including, the middle group, and finally the middle group. The middle group shall be defined as that group in which the median team in the standings is located. If there is an even number of teams being paired, the lower of the two middle teams shall be considered as the median team.

Example: Suppose there are 88 teams:

	Place	
	...	
	43	20.0 points
	44	20.0 points
Median team	45	19.5 points
	46	19.5 points
	...	

Therefore, the 19.5 point group is the middle group.

- 17.
  - (a) No team's board 1 color difference will become  $>+2$  or  $<-2$ .
  - (b) No team's board 1 will receive the same color three times in row.

18.
  - (a) If in an score group a complete pairing is only possible without applying rule 17, such a pairing will then be made.
  - (b) If in an odd score group a complete pairing is only possible by choosing another floater, another floater will be chosen.
  
19. After the team pairings have been made, colors shall be assigned based on giving priority to:
  - (1) equalisation of colors on board 1 (regardless of who has played or is playing board 1 and regardless of what colors the particular player assigned to board 1 has had), and
  - (2) alternation of colors on board 1. The colors on the remaining board shall alternate with the player on board 3 having the same color as the player on board 1.
  
20. If both teams have had white the same number of times on board 1 and have had opposite colors on board 1 in the immediately preceding round the colors shall be assigned to board 1 to provide alternation for each team from the color it had in the previous round.
  
21. If both teams have had white the same number of times on board 1 the colors shall be assigned to board 1 to provide the lowest sequence of the same color for both teams.
  
22. If both teams have had white the same number of times on board 1 and have had exactly the same sequence of colors, then priority shall be given to
  - (a) balancing the color on board 1 of the team with the higher ranked team, or
  - (b) alternation of color on board 1 of the higher ranked team from the last round.
  
23. If both teams have had white the same number of times on board 1 and have had exactly the same sequence of colors, and each team has had the same number of whites and blacks on board 1, then the color on board 1 of the higher ranked team shall be alternated from the last round.
  
24. In the first round the color assigned to board 1 of the team ranked number 1 shall be selected by lot. All other odd numbers in the top half of the ranking list shall receive the same color in the first round on board 1 as the team ranked number 1.

#### **I. Detailed Pairings Procedure Round 1 - 4**

25. If there is an uneven number of teams in a group in the top half of the score groups, the weakest rated team shall be dropped to the group immediately

- below and paired against the strongest rated team in that group, that it has not already played.
26. If the group from which the weakest rated team has been dropped is such that a complete pairing of all remaining teams in the group cannot be made, then - instead of dropping the weakest rated team - the second weakest team in the group shall be dropped, etc.
  27. If the weakest rated team that is dropped to the group immediately below has already played every team in the group immediately below, then it shall be moved back to its original group and the second weakest team shall be dropped, etc.
  28. If every team in an odd numbered group in the top half of the score group has played every team in the group immediately below then the same procedure is followed as per rules 25, 26 and 27.
  29. If there is an uneven number of teams in a group in the bottom half of the score groups, the strongest rated team shall be elevated to the group immediately above and paired against the weakest rated team in that group, that it has not already played.
  30. If the group from which the strongest rated team has been elevated is such that a complete pairing of all remaining teams in the group cannot be made, then the second strongest team in the group shall be elevated, etc.
  31. If the strongest rated team that is elevated to the group immediately above has already played every team in the group immediately above, then it shall be moved back to its original group and the second strongest team shall be elevated, etc.
  32. If every team in an odd numbered group in the bottom half of the score groups has played every team in the group immediately above then the same procedure is followed as per rules 29, 30 and 31.
  33. To the extent possible, teams in the top half of any point group shall be paired in sequence against the teams in the bottom half of the same point group.
  34. For teams in the median group and higher, priority shall be given to first finding the correct pairing for the strongest team in that point group, etc.
  35. For teams below the median group, priority shall be given to first finding the correct pairing for the weakest team in a given point group, then the second weakest team in that point group, etc.

36. Assuming  $2N$  teams in a group, it is first attempted to pair the first team in the group with the  $N + 1$  team. If that is possible, we are left with a subgroup of  $2N - 2$  teams. The same procedure is now applied to the subgroup. Wherever a match is not possible because the teams have already played each other, or the subgroup is unsolvable, the first team in the group (or subgroup) is matched with  $N + 2$  (instead of  $N + 1$ ), then  $N + 3$ , until  $2N$ , and if still unsuccessful, against  $N-1$ ,  $N-2$ , etc.

In order to illustrate this procedure, suppose there are six teams in a group, 1 through 6. There will be 15 combinations of pairing within the group, in the following descending order of priority:

- (1) 1 x 4, 2 x 5, 3 x 6
- (2) 1 x 4, 2 x 6, 3 x 5
- (3) 1 x 4, 2 x 3, 5 x 6
- (4) 1 x 5, 2 x 4, 3 x 6
- (5) 1 x 5, 2 x 6, 3 x 4
- (6) 1 x 5, 2 x 3, 4 x 6
- (7) 1 x 6, 2 x 4, 3 x 5
- (8) 1 x 6, 2 x 5, 3 x 4
- (9) 1 x 6, 2 x 3, 4 x 5
- (10) 1 x 3, 2 x 5, 4 x 6
- (11) 1 x 3, 2 x 6, 4 x 5
- (12) 1 x 3, 2 x 4, 5 x 6
- (13) 1 x 2, 3 x 5, 4 x 6
- (14) 1 x 2, 3 x 6, 4 x 5
- (15) 1 x 2, 3 x 4, 5 x 6

38. In any group below the median group priority shall be given to pairing the weakest team in the group and the same logic shall apply as outlined in rule 37 but in reverse order.
39. If the top ranked team in a group (the strongest team) has played all the other teams in the same point group, priority shall be given to pairing this team against the strongest team in the next point group below that it has not already played. This applies to teams in the median group and above.
40. For the similar case in a group below the median group the lowest ranked team (weakest team) in that point group that has played all other teams in the same point group, priority shall be given to pairing this team against the weakest team in the next point group above that it has not already played.

41. For teams in the median group and above if the top ranked team in a group has played all the teams in its own point group and all teams in the point group immediately below it, its opponent shall be found by selecting the highest rated team in the group next below, that it has not already played.
42. For the similar case of teams in a group below the median group if the lowest ranked team in that point group has played all the teams in the point group immediately above it, its opponent shall be found by selecting the lowest rated team in the group next above that it has not already played.
43. The same pattern of pairings shall be followed in the case of other teams in a given point group in the groups below the median group that have already played all other teams in their own point group as has been followed in pairing rules 39, 40, 41 and 42.
44. Priority shall be given to making a pairing of all teams in a single group with other teams in the same group before dropping a team to the group below (if not all, not necessarily the maximum). In all such cases the same general logic as detailed above shall be followed.

#### **J. Detailed Pairing Procedure for Rounds 5-14.**

45. After the 4th round, teams in a score-group (including 'floaters' from another score-group) shall be arranged in the order of their Extended Buchholz (EB = sum of each team's + its opponents' scores). The team with the highest EB shall be No. 1 in the group. Teams with the same Buchholz shall be arranged in the order of their initial pairing numbers.

Example:	Order in Group	Pairing Number	Buchholz
	1	8	24.5
	2	3	23
	3	5	23
	4	11	22.5
	5	11	22.5
	6	7	21.5

46. In each median score-group or higher, priority shall be given to pairing the highest team (i.e. the team with the highest EB) with the lowest team in that group that it has not already played. The second highest team shall be paired with the second lowest team, etc.

47. To illustrate the procedure, suppose there are six teams in a score-group, ordered 1 through 6 as described in rule 45. There will be 15 combinations of pairing within the group, in the following descending order of priority.

- (1) 1 x 6, 2 x 5, 3 x 4
- (2) 1 x 6, 2 x 4, 3 x 5
- (3) 1 x 6, 2 x 3, 4 x 5
- (4) 1 x 5, 2 x 6, 3 x 4
- (5) 1 x 5, 2 x 4, 3 x 6
- (6) 1 x 5, 2 x 3, 4 x 6
- (7) 1 x 4, 2 x 6, 3 x 5
- (8) 1 x 4, 2 x 5, 3 x 6
- (9) 1 x 4, 2 x 3, 5 x 6
- (10) 1 x 3, 2 x 6, 4 x 5
- (11) 1 x 3, 2 x 5, 4 x 6
- (12) 1 x 3, 2 x 4, 5 x 6
- (13) 1 x 2, 3 x 6, 4 x 5
- (14) 1 x 2, 3 x 5, 4 x 6
- (15) 1 x 2, 3 x 4, 5 x 6

48. If there is an uneven number of teams in a group, the same procedure is followed and the remaining team is floated to the next score-group (provided it is not a floater from another score-group) and is paired within this group according to the same procedure.

49. To illustrate the procedure, suppose there are 5 teams in a group. There will be 15 combinations of pairing within the group, in the following descending order of priority:

- (1) 1 x 5, 2 x 4, 3-floater
- (2) 1 x 5, 2 x 3, 4-floater
- (3) 1 x 5, 3 x 4, 2-floater
- (4) 1 x 4, 2 x 5, 3-floater
- (5) 1 x 4, 2 x 3, 5-floater
- (6) 1 x 4, 3 x 5, 2-floater
- (7) 1 x 3, 2 x 5, 4-floater
- (8) 1 x 3, 2 x 4, 5-floater
- (9) 1 x 3, 4 x 5, 2-floater
- (10) 1 x 2, 3 x 5, 4-floater
- (11) 1 x 2, 3 x 4, 5-floater
- (12) 1 x 2, 4 x 5, 3-floater
- (13) 2 x 5, 3 x 4, 1-floater
- (14) 2 x 4, 3 x 5, 1-floater
- (15) 2 x 3, 4 x 5, 1-floater

[If, for example, No. 2 is a floater from an upper score-group, pairings (3), (6) & (9) are not valid].

50. If the group from which the floater has been dropped is such that a complete pairing of all remaining teams in the group cannot be made, or if the floater has already played every team in the next group, then the floater shall be moved back to its original group, trying the next possible pairing according to the order of priority. If a complete pairing of all teams in two adjacent groups cannot be made, then these two groups shall be considered as one group, and rules 45-49 shall accordingly apply.
51. In any group below the median group priority shall be given to pairing the lowest team (i.e. the team with the lowest EB) in the group and the same pattern of pairing shall apply as outlined in rules 46-50 but in reverse order.

#### **K. Supplementary Rules**

52. Only those teams who have two or more players present at 19:00 HRS the day before the start of round 1 (and the pairing committee has been notified of their presence) plus those teams who have given notification of their time of arrival and travel arrangements (and the pairing committee advised) shall be paired for the first round with the added provision that the travel arrangements must be such that the absent team or teams shall be able to be in the tournament room before the lapse of one hour after the start of the first round.
53. Those teams who do not show up before the lapse of one hour after the start of the first round shall lose round 1 by a 0-4 score (men's teams) and by a 0-3 score (women's teams).
54. Rules 52 and 53 may be overruled by decision of the FIDE President.

#### **L. Mechanism for Making the Pairings**

55. The pairings are to be made by a committee of three, each from a different FIDE federation.
56. In order to ensure that accurate results of the previous round's play are used in making the pairings for the subsequent round, the Tournament Director or his officially designated appointee shall provide the Chairman of the Pairings Committee with a signed summary of results as they are available. This summary shall be started as soon as the first game is finished and

continuously kept up-to-date and available to the Pairings Committee. In particular a signed summary of results shall be printed at 21:30 HRS.

57. The organizing federation shall supply secretarial help in the form of one person who shall be available for meeting with the committee at their request to record, type and duplicate the pairings and record and type for future reference a brief write-up as dictated by the Pairings Committee Chairman, which would cover specific decisions which were made during the pairing of the round in question, together with supporting logic for the decision made.
58. Pairings shall be made by computer if a computer is available and if the computer program has been tested and approved by the chairman of the Pairings Committee. Computer terminals should be in a room near the playing hall and fully dedicated to the use of the Pairings Committee as and when required. If a computer is used for preparing the daily bulletins of the game scores, a separate terminal in a separate room should be provided for those preparing the bulletin.  
The computer pairings do not have to be 100% in agreement with handmade pairings to be acceptable although if there is no difference between the outcome of the pairings made by the computer and those made (by hand) by the Pairings Committee the final decision lies with the Chairman of the Pairings Committee.

#### **M. Schedule**

59. New rounds shall be played from 15:00 HRS.
60. Pairings by country including allocation of colors shall be posted as soon as possible after the Pairings committee has finished of making the pairings
61. The list of the players for a new round has to be submitted by the team captain between 10:30 and 11:00 hrs.
62. Pairings by players shall be posted not later than 13:00 HRS in the tournament hall.
63. No protest against the pairing shall be allowed.

#### **N. Explanation and Example by IA Almog Burstein (ISR)**

1. The Swiss System has been used in the Chess Olympiads since Haifa 1976. During this period understanding and acceptance of this system has increased to a marked degree. There continue to be suggestions for changes and

improvements, but most of these were not worked out in detail and not implemented for the Olympiads.

2. As a member of the Pairings Committee for the 1976, 1978, 1980 & 1982 Olympiads (along with Committee Chairman P.G. Haley, Canada), I have repeatedly proposed that, within a given score-group, the Buchholz (sum of each team's plus its opponents' scores) be used in developing the pairings such that those with the highest Buchholz would meet those with the lowest. This has the advantage of ensuring that teams will have met more equal opposition over the course of the Olympiad than happens with the old system.
3. In the Curitiba Congress, November 1993, the Olympiad Pairing Sub-Committee (C. Jarecki, Y. Matsumoto, R. Wade and myself) recommended, for the 1994 and 1996 Olympiads, that the pairings be based on the old rules for the first four rounds, and then, the new rules using the Buchholz rankings. The recommendation was approved by the Rules Commission and the General Assembly of FIDE.
4. The current use of outdated ratings, especially for teams that are relatively inactive in the FIDE rating system, should be limited to the first four rounds; but thereafter only data of the Olympiad itself (i.e. Buchholz) should be taken into consideration in pairing the subsequent rounds.
5. In order to demonstrate the new principle, let us look into the crosstable of the 1988 Olympiad after 13 rounds and make together the pairings for the final 14th round.  
The teams are arranged in accordance with the above new rule 37, that is by the total game-points (GP) and then by their Buchholz (PS = positions according to the Buchholz seeding).
6. The first three pairings, according to whatever Swiss rules we use, are forced: URS - CSR, ENG - NED USA -HUN.  
The next team, PHI, being the only one with 31.5 points, is floated to the next score-group. According to the old rules it has to play YUG. Under the new rules we have to pair the teams within the following re-arranged score-group:
  1. YUG
  2. PHI
  3. ISR
7. The first priority should be given to pairing YUG-ISR, but since PHI is a floater from an upper score-group, we have to go on to the second priority, that is YUG-PHI, and float ISR to the next score-group.

And now comes the big difference.

8. Under the old system the teams in the 30.5 score-group were arranged in the order of their initial pairing numbers:
  1. SWE - 09
  2. ARG - 14
  3. DEN - 19
  4. IND - 21
  5. CHI - 27
9. ISR is paired with SWE, while the other two pairings are ARG - IND and DEN - CHI.
10. Let us look again into the crosstable. ARG and IND had but little encounter with strong opponents (this is why they were Buchholz low-seeded). And yet, they were given, in the last round, a sizeable chance to overtake stronger teams, by facing relatively weak opponents (each other)!
11. This pairing had a direct effect on the fact that ARG (beating IND 2.5-1.5) took tenth place, but was the only team, among the first twenty, that did not play any of the first nine teams (except URS to which it lost 0:4)!
12. How should the teams be paired so as to ensure that the final results would reflect their actual strength more closely?
13. Under the new system the six teams in the score-group (including the floater) are arranged in the order of their Buchholz. In this case:
  1. SWE
  2. CHI
  3. DEN
  4. ISR
  5. ARG
  6. IND
14. Now let us take the chart of rule 39:
 

Combination (1) is not valid because DEN - ISR have already played.  
 Combination (2) is not valid because CHI - ISR have already played.  
 Combination (3) is not valid because ISR - ARG have already played.  
 Combination (4) is not valid because DEN - ISR have already played.  
 Combination (5) is not valid because CHI - ISR have already played.

15. So, combination (6) is the one: SWE-ARG, CHI-DEN and ISR-IND. In these circumstances, SWE would have met a relatively weaker opponent, and justly so, having 'overexerted' itself in the preceding rounds.
16. Using this principle throughout the tournament, while adhering to the old game – point system would give fairer and more satisfactory results.



## **Regulations for the World Chess Team Championship**

Approved by the 1984 General Assembly and amended by the 1987, 1991, 1993 and 1995 General Assemblies.

### **1. General**

1.1 The World Team Championship shall be held at four-year intervals.

1.1.1 Commencement: 1985.

1.1.2 Initially, the championship will be for men's teams only.

1.1.3 The World Team Championship is the sequel to the Continental Championships and the Chess Olympiad (See synopsis in D.II.08, section 1.71).

1.2 Organizing body

FIDE, represented by the FIDE President.

1.3 Administrator

The administrator will be appointed through a special selection process.

He will be responsible to FIDE, and must abide by these regulations. The administrator shall make available all the necessary premises, staff and funds for the contest. The minimum requirements are laid down in individual sections of these regulations. The administrator may utilize the services of outside bodies or private persons for the purpose of financing and running the contest.

Administrators may be proposed by the Federations. The President may also receive offers from sponsors outside the sphere of FIDE.

The tasks of the administrator are detailed in subsequent sections of these regulations.

1.4 Expenses

Travelling costs: participating Federations,

Living expenses: organizing Federation.

1.5 System of play

(GA '95) All-play-all (single-round matches.)

1.6 Participants

1.6.1 FIDE and the organizing committee shall appoint

- officers, and/or
- specialist sub-committees

to control the play and conduct the administrative business of the championship, as specified in further detail in the organization scheme which is enclosed (D.II.08, Annexes A and B).

### 1.6.2 Teams

Qualification for the World Chess Team Championship

The four continental Champions.

(GA '95) The three highest-placed men's teams in the Chess Olympiad before the World Chess Team Championship. If one or more of the top three teams have already qualified for the World Team Championship by winning a Continental Championship, their qualification as Continental team champions will pass to the team placed next in the respective Continental Championships.

A team representing the organizing federation.

(GA '95) The organizing federation in co-ordination with the FIDE President is allowed to invite up to two other teams.

Example (1995-1997 cycle):

1995	Continental Championships -	4 winning teams
1996	Olympiad	3 highest placed
1997	World Team Championship	7 teams
	Possible two invited teams	2
	plus organizing federation	1 team
	total -	8 or 10 teams

(GA '95) Qualification for the World Team Championship by three teams from the Chess Olympiad is only valid within the respective cycle, and applies exclusively to the next Team Championship after the Olympiad (compare synopsis).

This means that in alternate Olympiads (1994, 1998 and so on in four-year intervals) there will be no qualification for the World Team Championship.

### 1.6.3 Composition of teams

4 players plus 2 reserves = 6 (including captain)

1 chief of delegation for the federation = 1

total = 7 persons

### 1.6.4 The captain

may be either a player or a reserve.

Duties: - Leadership of the team in matches

Liaison with the Chief Arbiter.

### 1.6.5 Chief of delegation

The Federations take full responsibility for the conduct of their players. Every federation shall be represented by a chief of delegation.

Duties: - Administrative supervision of the team; and

Liaison with the organizing authorities and Tournament Director.

## 1.7 Schedule

Synopsis				
	Continental Championships	Olympiad	World Team Championship	
Year	Oct/Nov	Oct/Nov	Oct/Nov	
95	•			
96		•		
97			•	
98		•		
99	•			
00		•		
01			•	
02		•		
03				

1.7.1 -and in the same recurring sequence thereafter.

1.7.2 (GA '95) Duration of the World Team Championship

14 days as follows:

- Day 1 arrival
- Day 2-6 rounds 1-5
- Day 7 rest day
- Day 8-9 rounds 6-7
- Day 10 round 8 or closing (w/ 8 teams)
- Day 11 adjourned games or departure (w/ 8 teams)
- Day 12 round 9
- Day 13 adjourned games and closing ceremony
- Day 14 departure

## 2. Appointment of the administrator

2.1 A proposal to undertake the organization and running of a World Chess Team Championship may take the form of

- a) a provisional application (for the granting of an "option" - see below),  
or
- b) a direct and concrete offer.

2.1.1 A decision on the proposals will be made by the General Assembly, or

2.1.2 by the President (in between congresses, after the expiry of the "options").

## 2.2 Provisional application

Instead of a direct, firm offer, application may be made for an "option" to organize the championship; this means that the Federation applying proposes to state its firm intention within a specific period.

2.2.1 Provisional applications are to be made on the form prescribed by the FIDE Handbook, and submitted to the General Secretary.

2.2.2 A provisional application fee of 500 Swiss Francs must at the same time be paid to FIDE.

2.2.3 The General Assembly shall decide on the order in which the Federations that made provisional applications will be granted options (first, second, third option - etc.), and on the period of validity of these options.

2.2.4 The Federation which is granted the first option shall within 30 days pay FIDE the deposit for the organization of a World Chess Team Championship (SFr.2,500), less the provisional application fee already paid (SFr.500).

2.2.5 If the deposit is not paid on time, then the option is cancelled; the provisional application fee is forfeited; and an option is granted to the next Federation (in the order laid down by the General Assembly.)

2.2.6 If paragraph 2.25 is enforced, the FIDE General Secretary will inform the Federation that has been accorded the next option. The procedure will then be continued as in paragraph 2.24.

2.2.7 Upon fulfillment of the conditions

- granting of an option
  - payment of the application fee and deposit,
- the Federation receiving the option shall, within the period of validity of that option, submit to the FIDE President a firm offer to organize the contest.

2.2.8 If the firm offer is not made, the fee and deposit already paid shall be forfeited to FIDE.

## 2.3 Direct, concrete offers

for the organization of the championship will be decided on directly by the General Assembly.

2.3.1 The offers are to be made in writing, on the application form.

2.3.2 Acceptance of an offer by the General Assembly is conditional upon payment of the deposit fee to FIDE, within 30 days, by the Federation making the offer.

2.3.3 If the Federation later abandons the undertaking, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE.

2.3.4 After the holding of the Chess Team Championship, the deposit will be repaid to the Federation by which the contest was organized.

### **3. Period of preparation for the World Chess Team Championship**

3.1 By the end of the year in which the Olympiad preceding the World Team Championship has been held, the FIDE General Secretary will give the organizing Federation the names of the Chess Federations which have qualified to participate in the championship.

3.2 Draft submitted to the FIDE President

3.2.1 Not later than 6 months before the start of the tournament, the Federation entrusted with the organization must deliver to the FIDE President a draft of the invitation to the contest, which will contain full information on the following:

- (a) venue;
- (b) dates for the start and finish of the championship, and application deadlines;
- (c) material arrangements for the participating teams;
- (d) travel facilities, conditions for visas, etc.

3.2.2 At the same time as this draft is submitted, the President must be invited

- to inspect the venue, and
- to conduct a preliminary discussion at the administrator's expense.

3.3 Confirmation

Immediately afterwards, the draft invitation will receive the President's confirmation, with (if appropriate) a note of any modification which he considers desirable on the basis of his inspection of the venue and the preliminary discussion. If necessary, further inspections are to be arranged.

3.4 Organizing Committee

On receiving the President's confirmation (3.3), the Federation of the administrator shall form an organizing committee, the duties of which are laid down in section 4.

3.5 Invitation to the Federations

Not later than 5 months before the start of the championship, the organizing Federation shall send the invitation in its final form to all Federations entitled to participate. Copies of this invitation are to be forwarded to the members of the Executive Council and the Zone Presidents.

### 3.6 Notice of participation

3.6.1 Not later than 4 months before the start of the tournament, every Federation that intends to exercise its right of participation must inform the organizing Federation that it accepts the invitation.

Copies of the letter of acceptance should at the same time be sent to the FIDE General Secretary and the President of the Federation's Zone.

3.6.2 At the same time, the Federation concerned must pay FIDE the requisite entry fee.

3.6.3 If any team which has qualified for the World Chess Team Championship declines to take part, the following procedure shall be followed.

3.6.3.1 If a national team representing a continent withdraws, it will be replaced by the Federation that finished next highest in the Continental Championship.

3.6.3.2 If the team that withdraws is a combined continental team rather than a national team, the vacant place will be filled by the Federation that finished next highest (after those that have qualified already) in the Chess Olympiad.

3.6.3.3 If a team that qualified via the Chess Olympiad withdraws, the Federation finishing next highest in that contest will have the right of participation in the World Team Championship.

### 3.7 Submission of team lists

Not later than 3 months before the start of the tournament, every Federation that has entered must notify the following details to the administrator:

- a) name and initials of the chief of delegation;
- b) name and initials of the team captain;
- c) name of each team member (one first name in full, initial of additional first names, surname);
- d) FIDE ratings of team members (according to the most recent FIDE rating list);
- e) any information required in connection with visas.

## 4. **Organization of World Chess Team Championship by the administrator**

### 4.1 Organizing Committee

The World Team Championship will be held in accordance with the FIDE organization scheme laid out in D.II.08, Annexes A and B.

4.1.1 The Federation entrusted with the organization shall, in consultation with the administrator, appoint a chairman for the organizing committee.

- 4.1.2 The chairman of the organizing committee shall assign personnel to the committee's sub-departments, except in so far as this falls within the competence of FIDE.
  - 4.1.3 Each sub-department will be assigned a manager; the chairman is free to decide on any further administrative structuring that he considers necessary.
  - 4.1.4 A tournament physician must be at the disposal of the participants for the duration of the contest.
  - 4.1.5 A list of the staff in the organization sub-departments must be supplied to the FIDE General Secretary and to the organizing Federation. Addresses, telephone, telefax and telex numbers (where applicable) should be included.
  - 4.1.6 After the organizing committee is constituted, further arrangements for the World Team Championship will be made in consultation with the FIDE President.
  - 4.1.7 In addition to this, the administrator shall take responsibility for informing his Federation of points which he considers to be important.
- 4.2 Finance
- 4.2.1 Combined financial accounts are to be kept; all ascertainable income and expenditure must be itemized for inspection.
  - 4.2.2 The financial accounts of the World Chess Team Championship are subject to the inspection and approval of the FIDE President.
  - 4.2.3 Income accruing from the World Team Championship through admission charges, concessions, sale of equipment, etc., shall go to the administrator.
  - 4.2.4 The television rights, including video and film rights, belong to FIDE.
  - 4.2.5 FIDE shall be reimbursed for the expenses it incurs in direct connection with the contest and its preparation, according to the account presented by the General Secretary.
- 4.3 Provision of amenities and stipends
- 4.3.1 The form of amenities provided for members of the organizing committee, and the extent of compensation paid to them in the absence of work, will be at the discretion of a panel consisting of the following committee members:
    - chairman
    - manager of the sub-department for finance
    - representative of the organizing Federation.
  - 4.3.2 To the FIDE principals (see 4.33), the administrator shall pay stipends and provide amenities as detailed in the following paragraphs.

Any intended changes in the level of stipends and pocket money will be submitted by the President to the General Assembly for approval.

4.3.3 The FIDE principals are:

- the President
- the Chief Arbiter, and
- the 3 members of the Appeals Committee.

The functions of these principals are laid down in section 6 ("Parties to the World Chess Team Championship").

- (a) The stipend shall be 6000 SFr. for the President, 5000 SFr. for the Chief Arbiter, and 3000 SFr. for each member of the appeals committee.
- (b) Any of the principals who are active at the championship for only part of the time will only receive a pro rata portion of the stipend.
- (c) For the services of the FIDE General Secretary, a fee of 3000 SFr. will be paid.
- (d) The administrator shall make personal stewards available to the principals, to ensure the provision of amenities. For the duration of the contest, including agreed periods before and afterwards, these stewards must be available round the clock.
- (e) The administrator is responsible only for such amenities as are actually utilized by any of the principals during the period of the contest and in the course of activity directly connected with it, at the tournament venue or in transit.
- (f) The administrator will be host to the principals for the entire duration of the contest.

4.3.4 Provision for the principals

4.3.4.1 Travel

- The President is entitled to first class travel by air, sea or rail.
- For all other principals, provision shall be made for return travel by air, sea or rail, or (at their own option) by other means of transport, which shall not, however, be more costly to the administrator than air travel.
- All travel arrangements will be made by the administrator. Principals who wish to make their own arrangements will do so entirely at their own risk.

4.3.4.2 Accommodation

- For the President: a suite in a hotel of his choice.
- For each of the other principals: a double room with bath/WC.
- All principals should be accommodated in the same hotel.

4.3.4.3 Food and drink

- Free choice of items on the restaurant menu in the hotel and at the tournament site; free use of hotel room service.
- On payment of daily allowance for food, the best possible conditions should be ensured for dining in several good restaurants; the allowance should be paid every 10 days.
- In the matter of food and drink, all principals are to be treated equally.

4.3.4.4 Pocket Money

- 50 Swiss Francs per person per day, in local currency.
- The account will be settled with the administrator jointly at regular intervals, through a representative of the principals.

4.3.4.5 Transport in the tournament locality

- For the President: a chauffeur-driven car.
- For the other principals: a pool of cars shall be provided, the use of which will depend on the location of the hotels, tournament hall and media center, and on the leisure requirements of the principals. Where appropriate, journeys should be made jointly, by arrangement with the administrator.

4.3.4.6 Leisure facilities

General access, without lengthy waiting periods, to a variety of sport and recreation facilities such as swimming, tennis, bowling and riding; also to libraries, museums, concerts, theaters, etc.

4.3.4.7 Medical care

- Consultation by the tournament physician; any medical services he prescribes.
- The administrator will meet the cost of treating acute illnesses, but not chronic ailments.

4.3.4.8 Miscellaneous

The provision of amenities for persons accompanying the principals will be settled between the President and the administrator.

4.4 Provision for the arbiters

will be as arranged by the organizing committee.

- 4.4.1 If not enough arbiters of the organizing Federation are available to control the separate team matches in the championship, the organizing committee may arrange (by direct contact) to supplement their number with arbiters from neighboring Federations.

4.4.2 By arrangement with these arbiters (either directly or through their Federations), the administrator shall provide for their travelling expenses, accommodation, meals and pocket money.

4.5 Provision for teams

4.5.1 Travelling expenses shall be met by the individual Federations.

4.5.2 Expenses for accommodation, meals and pocket money shall be met by the administrator.

- 7 persons per team shall be provided for.
- All team members are to be accommodated in single rooms.
- The quality of accommodation and meals shall match the standards and importance of the World Chess Team Championship.
- Pocket money shall be paid in the following amounts (per person per day):

World Champion: 100 SFr.

Grandmasters: 50 SFr.

Others: 30 SFr.

4.5.3 Prizes shall be provided by the administrator.

4.5.4 Furnishing of the playing hall

4.5.4.1 The administrator is responsible for the furnishing and upkeep of the playing hall and its environs.

4.5.4.2 The FIDE flag and the national flags of the participating Federations are to be flown from the playing hall.

4.5.4.3 The hall is to be divided into a playing area and a spectator area.

4.5.4.4 Acoustics, decoration, ventilation, heating or air conditioning, and lighting must conform to the highest modern standards. The carpeting should eliminate distracting noise. Tables, chairs, chess boards, pieces and clocks should be chosen according to FIDE specifications.

4.5.4.5 The spectator area must be clearly separated from the playing area, but spectators must have the opportunity to follow the matches directly.

4.5.4.6 The players must not, however, be disturbed by spectators. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes a disturbance. If necessary, those causing it will be expelled from the hall.

4.5.4.7 The administrator shall appoint staff with clearly visible insignia to supervise the hall.

4.5.4.8 Relaying of the games on video equipment or demonstration boards (with or without commentaries) may only take place

in side rooms of the playing hall. The equipment, management and staffing of these rooms are the responsibility of the administrator.

#### 4.6 Media Facilities

4.6.1 The administrator shall make every conceivable effort to attract the world's finest reporters and equip them to convey the best possible presentation of these matches to all those who cannot witness them as spectators.

4.6.2 The administrator shall ensure an efficient media service for

- writers
- photographers
- national and international news agencies, and
- the electronic media.

4.6.3 The administrator shall appoint an information officer to supervise these activities, and shall set up a media center (press center).

4.6.4 The media center should be:

- near the playing hall, with easy access to parking;
- large enough to contain all necessary professional equipment, as well as relaxation and refreshment facilities for journalists;
- under strict supervision to exclude anyone not in possession of a valid pass issued by the administrator;
- open for a period before the contest (as determined by the administrator), and for one day after the end of the contest; and
- manned by properly qualified personnel.

4.6.5 Facilities in the media center

- Work rooms:

Sufficient tables and chairs (if possible, not more than 2 people to a table); typewriters with various keyboards; paper, telex rolls and other general stationery; copying machines.

- Information area:

Clearly marked notice boards for news and results service; a public address system to inform journalists of calls or messages.

- Means of communication:

Telephone in booths or with soundproof canopies; telex machines with accessories, with self service or operation by staff; monitors.

- The refreshment bar or restaurant, and lavatories, should be in the immediate vicinity.

#### 4.7 Guidelines for co-operation with journalists

4.7.1 All persons wishing to operate in the media center must receive official credentials.

- 4.7.2 Every journalist (in the wide sense) shall be issued a pass. This must incorporate a firmly attached photograph, and must be worn prominently on all media premises.
- 4.7.3 The passes will give access to
- the playing hall
  - the media center, and
  - the restaurant(s) for the players and press.
- 4.7.4 Accommodation for journalists  
The administrator shall assist journalists with hotel reservations. He shall recommend suitable accommodation at favourable prices, or endeavour to make it available. The journalists should preferably be accommodated in a single hotel or in adjacent hotels. Information supplied to journalists should include: addresses, telephone or telex numbers, location of hotels, and prices.
- 4.7.5 Payments  
All possible methods of payment for the use of facilities, especially in the media center, should be permitted (credit cards, cash, telephone calls with reversed charges, telex cards).
- 4.7.6 Press conferences  
For these, special rooms should be made available.  
Notice of all press conferences by the President or players, as well as any special announcements by the administrator, should be conveyed to the journalists in good time. Similarly, all principals should be informed.
- 4.7.7 Conduct of interviews  
General interviews with participants in the championship may be conducted by direct arrangements with those concerned.
- 4.7.8 Conduct in the playing hall
- On entering the playing hall, media personnel are treated as spectators.
  - They are subject to the regulations applying to spectators, except in so far as their work as media personnel necessarily requires exceptions.
  - The taking of photographs in the playing hall is restricted to officially recognized reporters with the administrator's express permission.
  - This permission will only be valid for the first 10 minutes after the start of any round.
  - Film or television cameras and recording instruments may be brought into the press lobby or spectator area, installed and operated, only by special permission of the administrator.

## **5. Specific measures at the start of the championship or shortly before it**

### **5.1 Notification of the precise schedule to the Federations**

Not later than 6 weeks before the start of the championship, all participating Federations must possess the following information:

#### **5.1.1 Date and time of:**

- the opening ceremony,
- the start of the first round,
- the end of the final round,
- the closing ceremony.

Note: these particulars are of great importance to the travelling teams. Only precise information from the administrator enables the Chess Federations to make the correct bookings for air, sea or rail travel in good time.

5.1.2 The administrator's hospitality to teams shall commence with the evening meal and night's accommodation on the day before the opening ceremony. It shall end after breakfast on the day following the closing ceremony.

5.1.3 Any extra arrangements, and provision for their cost (e.g. in case of missed airway connections etc.), must be agreed in advance with the administrator.

5.2 The FIDE principals must be present 3 days before the opening ceremony. The services provided to them by the administrator shall begin from that time.

5.3 The Federations are to ensure that every team captain and every chief of delegation possess copies of the World Team Championship regulations and the FIDE laws. The administrator will supply the participants in the championship with folders of literature giving points of information and interest.

### **5.4 Invitations**

The administrator shall send written invitations to the FIDE principals 6 weeks before the opening ceremony. Copies of these invitations shall go to the FIDE General Secretary.

### **5.5 Reception**

Three days before the opening ceremony, in the evening, the administrator shall give a small reception, where the FIDE principals will be introduced to the staff and managers of the organizing committee.

5.6 Inspection of the venue, and concluding discussion

5.6.1 Two days before the opening ceremony, in the morning, the chief organizers will meet, at the administrator's invitation, to inspect the tournament venue.

5.6.2 Immediately after this inspection, a discussion of its results will take place among the same group of people. Any wishes relating to other matters may also be voiced at this point. A report on the results of the discussion will be made by the administrator, and copies of it will be distributed to all who participated.

5.6.3 Before the first round of the tournament, the administrator shall ensure that action is taken on the matters arising from the discussion. If necessary, a further inspection should be arranged.

5.7 Passes

The administrator shall provide conspicuous passes for players and organizers.

5.8 Care of players

The administrator and his colleagues shall give every assistance in looking after the players, both immediately after their arrival and during the tournament itself.

The administrator shall make every effort to provide the players with the best possible quality of accommodation, food and drink, transport, and playing conditions.

5.9 Opening ceremony

5.9.1 All players and organizers shall take part in this ceremony.

5.9.2 Public figures, sponsors and guests should be invited.

5.9.3 The ceremony should begin and end with music; folklore contributions are desirable.

5.9.4 The programme of events and the list of speakers are to be agreed between the FIDE President and the chairman of the organizing committee.

5.9.5 The building or hall where the ceremony is held shall be decorated with the FIDE flag and the flag of the host country.

5.9.6 At the start of the ceremony, the national anthem of the host country and the FIDE anthem shall be played.

**6. Parties to the World Chess Team Championship**

6.1 The FIDE President represents the interest of FIDE and is empowered to take the final decision in all questions relating to the championship as a whole.

## 6.2 Organizational spheres of competence

6.2.1 The chairman of the organizing committee represents the interests of the administrator. He shall appoint the managers of the administrative sub-departments and establish contacts with official bodies, associations and sponsors. He will be the highest authority in the organizational process, especially in the financial sphere.

6.2.2 The Tournament Director will be appointed by the chairman of the organizing committee. He is competent for all matters of organization inside the tournament hall.

His tasks are indicated by the organization plan in Annex B, and by the specific tournament regulations.

The organization plan is to be treated as a guide. Alterations or additions to it, demanded by local and technical conditions, may if necessary be undertaken with the agreement of the organizing committee.

For the performance of his tasks, the organizing committee will assign to the Tournament Director two Deputy Tournament Directors, as well as any other management personnel and assistants who may be considered necessary.

The plan for the organizational framework in its final form, as determined by the organizing committee, shall be distributed before the start of the tournament to all FIDE principals, chiefs of delegation and team captains.

The Tournament Director shall maintain close contact with the Chief Arbiter, and will be responsible for the availability of regular and assistant arbiters for the playing sessions.

The layout of the tournament hall will be decided by agreement with the Chief Arbiter.

6.2.3 The information officer is wholly an agent of the organizing committee. He will be appointed by the committee chairman.

He will be supplied with competition results and news by the Tournament Director.

The information officer in his own capacity will decide how to utilize and publicize this information.

His organizational responsibility is the management of the media center.

## 6.3 Spheres of competence in controlling the play

6.3.1 The play shall be controlled by:

- the Chief Arbiter

- the Regular Arbiters
- the Assistant Arbiters.

6.3.2 The Chief Arbiter

will be in charge of the controlling team in the World Chess Team Championship. He must be an International Arbiter.

After consultation with the chairman of the organizing committee, the President shall propose the Chief Arbiter to the General Assembly for approval.

The Chief Arbiter shall conduct the draw for the tournament in the presence of the team captains.

6.3.3 The regular and assistant arbiters

shall be placed by the Tournament Director at the disposal of the Chief Arbiter, according to the latter's requirements. The Chief Arbiter shall instruct them in their duties and manage them.

6.3.4 The general responsibility of all arbiters

is the trouble-free conduct of the playing sessions in the World Chess Team Championship.

The arbiters shall ensure overall compliance with the Laws of Chess and the supplementary regulations.

They are expected to insist that participants observe a high standard of chess etiquette and refrain from disturbing or harassing their opponents (e.g. by repeated draw offers or by crowding round any board).

In doubtful cases the Chief Arbiter will decide what constitutes a disturbance and will act accordingly. Any personnel required to implement his decision shall be provided by the Tournament Director.

6.3.5 The assistant arbiters

shall support the regular arbiters, and shall have the following specific tasks:

- to ensure the playing equipment is in order and is set up ready for the start of each game;
- to check that the players are correctly seated, facing the right opponents;
- to make sure that the clocks are set correctly for the start of play;
- to see that the starting of clocks at the beginning of the session proceeds according to the tournament regulations for the championship;
- to check that the clocks are going correctly during the game;
- to ensure that enough regular assistant arbiters are on hand to watch the clocks at the time control, if several players are in time trouble at once;
- to ascertain whether the requisite number of moves have been made upon expiry of the allocated time;

- to record the time on each player's clock, if article 12.5 of the Laws of Chess is implemented;
- to give assistance as far as possible, if players express any wishes during the game;
- to prevent any unnecessary conversations in the course of play.

Infringements of the regulations are to be reported to the regular arbiters.

For every match, the assistant arbiters must draw up a results sheet featuring the number of the round, the countries involved, lists of the players in board order, and the results of finished games. This results sheet (or where necessary a partial results list) must be handed to the Chief Arbiter immediately after the end of the round.

Controllers and spectators are not permitted to smoke in the tournament hall, but easily accessible parts of the premises without this prohibition should be made available for them.

### 6.3.6 The teams

are the men's national teams for the Federations that have qualified. The players must be entitled by birth, citizenship or naturalization to represent their Federation. Detailed eligibility rules are in Reg. C.05. (Temporary exception: D.II.03, combined continental team as representative for Africa.)

6.3.6.1 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.

6.3.6.2 A player with dual citizenship may only represent one Federation and is eligible by citizenship to participate in the World 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.

(For the 1993 World Team Championship, transitional regulations for eligibility C.05-6.2 shall apply. Instead of the respective periods of three years mentioned herein there shall be substituted the period of one year plus the period between 1 January 1992 and the date on which any question of eligibility thereunder falls to be determined.)

6.3.6.3 Every participating team is in principle under obligation to play in the tournament from start to finish.

If a team is, however, compelled to withdraw from the tournament through circumstances beyond its control, the treatment of any unplayed matches for the purpose of scoring will be settled by the FIDE President, the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter. Any further measures will be taken later by the President in consultation with the Executive Council.

6.3.6.4 Every team will be headed by a captain (in matters relating to the play) and a chief of delegation (in administrative matters).

6.3.6.5 Before the start of the contest, each participating Federation shall send the administrator two miniature flags of its nationality, suitable to be placed on the tables. (For Africa: arrangements to be agreed.)

6.3.6.6 Every chief of delegation must be equipped by his Federation with a tape recording of his country's national anthem.

6.3.6.7 Board order

At the beginning of the championship, the players in each team must be placed on a list in a fixed board order (1-6) by their captain. The board order cannot be changed during the tournament.

6.3.6.8 During the whole course of the contest, the players must conduct themselves in accordance with sporting fairness and decency, and must take care neither to distract nor to trouble their opponents. They should endeavour to settle all disputes by mutual accommodation.

Prior agreement between players or captains as to the result of individual games or of a match will be penalized with the utmost severity. If any such agreement is proved to have taken place, the points apportioned by it will be forfeited, and the matter will be referred to the appeals committee for the fixing of the penalty.

6.3.7 The team captains

6.3.7.1 Before the start of a round, the captain of a team must deliver to the Chief Arbiter, or to a representative appointed by the latter for this purpose, a sealed envelope containing a list of the team members who are to take part in the round in question. If this list is not delivered by the appointed time, the team may only use the players numbered 1 - 4 in the board order.

6.3.7.2 In the exercise of his functions the team captain has the right of access to the area reserved for the players, but it is his duty to ensure that the members of his team who are not involved

in the current match or have finished their games do not enter or remain in this area.

- 6.3.7.3 At the end of the playing session, the captain is responsible both for reporting the result to the controllers and for delivering to them legibly written scoresheets of the finished games.
- 6.3.7.4 During the games the captain must refrain from interfering in any way. He is, however, entitled to advise his players on the offering or accepting of draws or the resigning of games, provided that he makes no comment on the actual position on the chessboard, and confines himself to giving brief information which can in no sense be construed as an opinion about the course of the game. The exchange of information between captain and players must take place in the presence of a controller.
- 6.3.7.5 The captain is permitted to appoint a deputy to exercise his functions, but must inform the Chief Arbiter of this in writing.
- 6.3.7.6 In matters relating directly to the play, the captain alone is entitled to lodge protests or present demands made by his players.

#### 6.4 Special committees

- 6.4.1 In the Chief Arbiter's initial discussion with the team captains, the latter shall elect an Advisory panel.
- 6.4.2 This panel shall be composed of 5 persons, as follows:
  - the members may be team captains or players;
  - they must belong to different Federations;
  - the 5 members shall nominate their own chairman.
- 6.4.3 The task of the advisory panel is to give advice to the Chief Arbiter and Tournament Director whenever they request it. Equally, the appeals committee or the FIDE President may take advice from the panel before arriving at decisions.
- 6.4.4 Requests for this advice should be addressed to the chairman of the panel.
- 6.4.5 Procedure in the case of infringement of the rules, disputes and improper conduct
  - 6.4.5.1 In matters relating to the play:
    - the initial decision - will be taken by the arbiters
    - an appeal against the decision - may be addressed to the Chief Arbiter

- the second, provisionally binding decision - will be taken by the Chief Arbiter.
- 6.4.5.2 In administrative matters:  
the initial decision - will be taken by the Deputy Tournament Director  
an appeal against this decision - may be addressed to the Tournament Director  
the second, provisionally binding decision - will be taken by the Tournament Director.
- 6.4.5.3 General stipulation  
Any ruling by the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director will take effect immediately; any proceedings which were suspended will then be resumed
- 6.4.5.4 Written protests  
against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director are permissible and will be settled by an appeals committee.
- 6.5 The appeals committee
- 6.5.1 The FIDE President, as the highest executive officer of the World Chess Team Championship, will have the support of an appeals committee, of which he himself will select the three members.
- 6.5.2 The President will appoint one of the members as chairman.  
None of the 3 members may belong to the organizing Federation.
- 6.5.3 The following may be subject to rulings by the appeals committee:
- protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or Tournament Director;
  - complaints of improper conduct by participants in the championship;
  - any other matters which the committee considers important and worth debating.
- 6.5.4 Procedure of appeals
- Any protest against a decision by the Chief Arbiter or the Tournament Directors must be typed and presented to the appeals committee in triplicate, together with the sum of 100 Swiss Francs or the equivalent in local currency, as a deposit from the signatory. If the appeal is granted, this sum will be returned immediately.
  - Those entitled to present appeals are the team captains and chiefs of delegation. Where appropriate, the appeal may be accompanied by written statements from witnesses.
  - The deposit must be handed to the chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to FIDE.

- Requests to the appeals committee by organizers of the championship may be made without payment.
- 6.5.5 Upon submission of the appeal, the committee will proceed to examine the evidence. For this purpose it may take statements from anyone as required, consult members of the advisory panel, and conduct other forms of investigation. The decision of the appeals committee should be reached as quickly as possible.
- 6.5.6 The appeals committee should endeavor to find acceptable solutions in the FIDE spirit. It may resolve disputed issues with or without disciplinary action. In the case of gross unsporting offenses or other misconduct, the following principles apply:
- The supplementary tournament regulations under the Laws of Chess provide for the penalization of players who break the rules; the FIDE Interpretation of the laws state that "arbiters are requested to impose, in cases where clear contravention of the moral principles of the game is demonstrated, penalties as severe as the loss of the game."
  - If a participant fails to comply with the Laws of Chess or the relevant regulations, disobeys the controllers, commits breaches of chess etiquette or conducts himself improperly inside or outside the tournament building, the following steps may be taken.
- 6.5.7 Code of penalties
- For minor offences or petty infringements
- admonishment
  - correction
  - demand for an apology to the offended party.
- If a participant fails to make the apology demanded of him, which must be presented to the offended party in writing, the appeals committee will instead impose a fine, the amount of which will have been stipulated in a postscript to the original verdict.
- For serious offences
- written warning
  - fine
  - conditional or definitive disqualification
- The appeals committee shall decide whether an offence is "serious" or "minor". All fines are to be remitted to FIDE through the administrator, who should be notified by the committee.
- The Federation shall take responsibility for their players.

## 6.6 Right of veto and commutation

All rulings by the appeals committee are subject to the President's right of veto. Applications for the veto to be exercised must be submitted to the President in writing, not later than 24 hours after the appeals committee has communicated its verdict. An application submitted late will be invalid. The President may confirm the committee's decision, quash it or reduce the penalties imposed.

## 6.7 Cooperation

The attempt is made in these regulations to draw a clear line of demarcation between the sphere of competence of the Chief Arbiter and that of the Tournament Director.

Notwithstanding this attempt, there will repeatedly be borderline cases, an overlapping of functions, and questions of prerogative.

In such cases the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter should endeavour to resolve the question between themselves.

If this proves impossible, the question of competence shall be decided by the appeals committee.

In the process of its development, the World Chess Team Championship will be in constant need of new impulses; it will be continually changing.

To ascertain the tendencies during the championship and determine the correct mode of co-operation between all parties, one member of the appeals committee will be appointed as a

## 7. **FIDE observer.**

### 7.1 The FIDE observer has the task (though without being bound by a specific schedule or agenda) of appraising the overall workings of the World Team Championship from the point of view of FIDE.

He will not take any measures, but will make observations and gather information. He will report directly to the FIDE President whenever any alterations or improvements seem desirable.

The President, in consultation with the chairman of the organizing committee, will then consider whether immediate measures seem appropriate, or whether changes should be proposed through the Executive Council and Central Committee, for a decision by the next General Assembly.

The FIDE observer should be supported by all parties to the World Chess Team Championship.

## 8. **Tournament regulations for the World Chess Team Championship**

### 8.1 Laws of Chess

The general FIDE laws shall be applied with their supplements and interpretations as laid down by the FIDE Rules Commission. The following specific regulations for the World Team Championship will also be in force.

## 8.2 System of play

The contest will be run on an all-play-all basis; each team shall play one match against every other team.

## 8.3 Schedule

The matches will be conducted according to a playing schedule which must be distributed to the participants before the start of the tournament. The time span between the opening and closing ceremonies must not exceed 14 days. Only in exceptional cases may the Chief Arbiter, in consultation with the Tournament Director, make alterations to the times of play. If this is done, all those concerned are to be informed directly (not merely by a notice on a notice-board).

## 8.4 Start and finish of the session

Five minutes before play commences, the Tournament Director must announce the approaching start of the session by sounding a double acoustic signal.

The beginning or end of the playing session shall be announced by a single acoustic signal.

Once the signal for the start of the round has been given, the clock of the player with the white pieces shall be started by his opponent. If the player of the black pieces is not present at the appointed time, his clock shall be started by the player with white, but without any move being made by the latter. Then, when the player of the black pieces arrives, he shall start his opponent's clock and the latter shall make his first move. If both players are absent, white's clock will be started by the assistant arbiter. Any player arriving at the chessboard more than one hour late forfeits the game. If both opponents arrive more than one hour late, the game shall be declared lost for both of them.

## 8.5 Time control

The time limit is 40 moves in 100 minutes, then 20 moves in 50 minutes and finally 10 minutes for the remaining moves. From move 1 30 seconds will be added after each move. The games shall be played using the DGT clocks.

## 8.6 Scoring

Each team's place in the order of classification will be decided by the number of game points it has scored.

8.6.1 If any teams finish with equal game points, the tie shall be resolved as follows:

- (a) by match points (won match = 1 point, drawn match = 1/2 point);
- (b) if a tie again results, the scores obtained by the tying teams against each other will decide;
- (c) if a tie again results, it shall be decided by board count (Berlin System) as follows:

a win on Board 1	4 points
a win on Board 2	3 points
a win on Board 3	2 points
a win on Board 4	1 point

In case of drawn games these points are shared.

If the board-count results in no victory for either side then the board points of Board 4 are cancelled and so on upwards until the tie is broken.

- (d) if a tie still results between teams in contention for medals, these teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per player for the entire game);
- (e) if this match is Undecisive, lots shall be drawn.

8.6.2 Trophy

The winning team in the World Chess Team Championship shall receive a special trophy.

The Federation of the winning team shall keep the trophy, which is the property of FIDE, until the next World Chess Team Championship.

The trophy is to be competed for at each successive championship; it cannot be acquired in perpetuity.

The dates of the tournament and the name of the winning Federation are to be engraved on the base of the trophy. Should the original trophy be lost, a replacement is to be made on the same pattern.

The winning Federation of the tournament, and the names of its players, shall be recorded in the FIDE Golden Book, of which the President has custody.

8.6.3 Chess Medals

Every member of the winning team (players, reserve and captain) shall receive a gold medal. Similarly, the team finishing second shall receive silver medals and team in third place bronze medals.

8.6.4 Individual prizes

Players assigned to the same board number in their respective team lists will be in competition with each other for an individual board prize (in money or goods). For the purpose of this award, the players' percentage scores from their games will be compared.

Only the following will be eligible for board prizes:

- players numbered 1 - 4 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds;
- players numbered 5 - 6 who take part in at least 50% of the rounds.

#### 8.6.4.1 Additional prizes

offered by the administrator or by sponsors should be made known to the players in good time, together with the conditions of their award. The FIDE President shall decide how and when such prizes are to be presented.

#### 8.6.5 Certificates

After the end of the championship, the Federations of the teams finishing first, second and third will be sent certificates by the President, recording the success of their teams and the medals they have won.

## **9. Conclusion of the World Chess Team Championship**

### 9.1 Final placing

With the aid of the Chief Arbiter, the Tournament Director shall draw up a list of the final placing, showing the teams in their precise order and giving their scores. This list is to be signed by both organizers and enclosed with the Chief Arbiter's concluding report to the FIDE President.

### 9.2 Closing ceremony

The closing ceremony with honours to the winning team shall be held in the evening on the day of the final round. It should follow the same guidelines as the opening ceremony (where applicable); in addition, the winning team's national anthem shall be played.

### 9.3 Payment of stipends

After the end of the contest, the administrator shall pay the sums specified in these regulations (as net amounts, after meeting any tax liability). At the option of the participants, he will pay them in person or arrange for transfer of the sums to their home countries or any other place they choose. For this purpose, the specific principles in D.II.01, article 1.3, shall apply.

### 9.4 Reports

As soon as possible, the Chief Arbiter and the chairman of the appeals committee shall deliver to the FIDE President an official written report on the course of the contest, with supporting documents if appropriate.

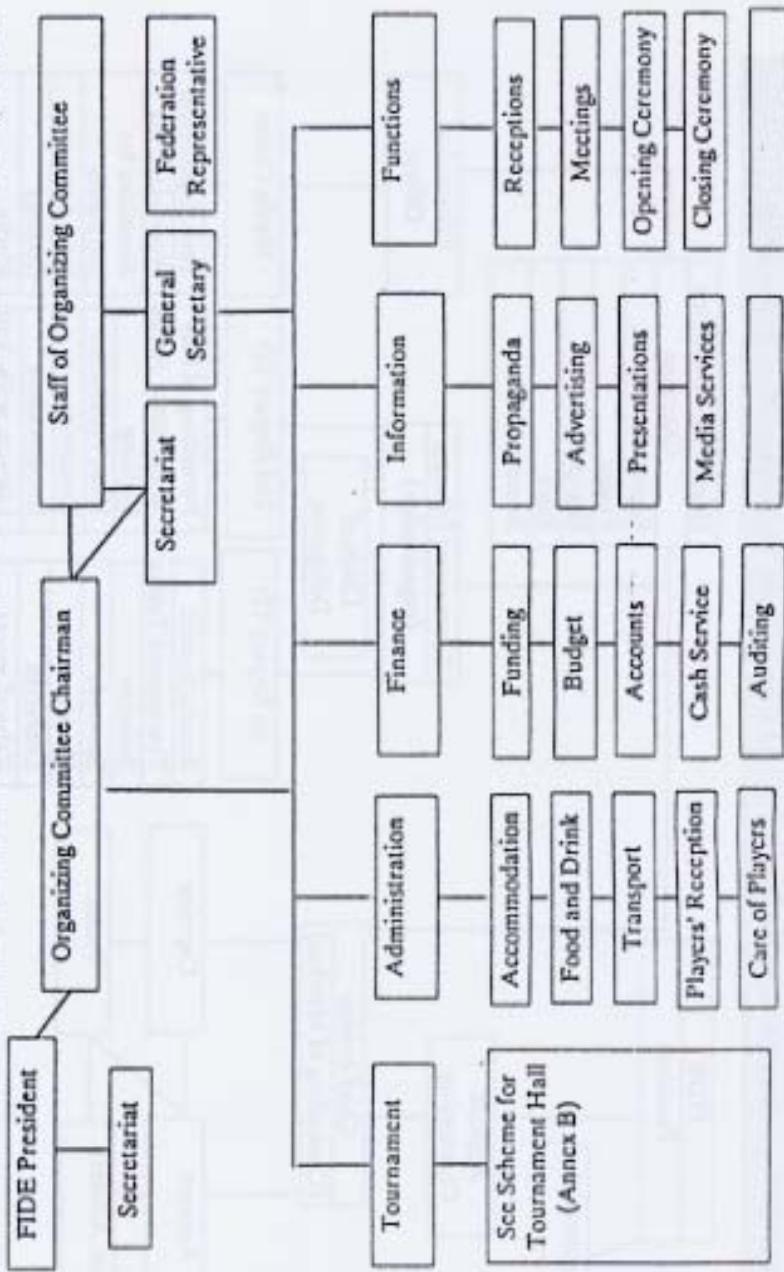
Within 4 weeks after the closing ceremony, the chairman of the organizing committee shall present the President with a general report of the proceedings. A copy shall be supplied to the organizing Federation.

#### 9.5 Accounts

Immediately after the end of the contest, the FIDE treasurer will present the administrator with the account of the expenses incurred by FIDE. Not later than 3 months after the closing ceremony, the administrator shall supply an official concluding balance sheet of the operation, which will give a concentrated synopsis of the overall income and expenditure and the administrator's net profit.

D.II.08 Annex A

**FIDE Organization Scheme for the World Chess Team Championship**



D.II.08 Annex B

**FIDE Organization Scheme for the World Chess Team Championship: Tournament Hall**

