

*World Championship General Provisions*

<b>Zone 1.1</b> (16)	Turkey Yugoslavia	Mexico Nicaragua Panama Venezuela			Papua New Guinea *
<b>Zone 1.1a</b>	<b>Zone 1.5b</b>				3 M 2 W
England	Armenia				<b>Zone 3.3</b> (1)
Scotland	Georgia		2 M 1 W	China	2 M 4 W
Wales	4 M 7W				<b>Zone 3.4</b> (5)
Ireland	<b>Zone 1.6</b> (1)	<b>Zone 2.4</b> (3)			Kazakhstan
Guernsey	Russia	Bolivia			Kyrgyzstan
Jersey	5M 4W	Brazil			Tajikistan
<b>Zone 1.1b</b>	<b>Zone 1.7</b> (3)	Peru	2 M 1 W		Turkmenistan
Belgium	Estonia				Uzbekistan
France	Latvia	<b>Zone 2.5</b> (4)			1 M 1 W
Luxembourg	Lithuania	Argentina			<b>Zone 4.1</b> (10)
Monaco	3M 2W	Chile			Algeria
Netherlands	<b>Zone 1.8</b> (3)	Paraguay			Burkina Faso
<b>Zone 1.1c</b>	Azerbaijan	Uruguay	2M 1W		Djibouti
Andorra	Belarus				Gambia *
Italy	Moldova	<b>Zone 3.1</b> (17)			Libya
Portugal	2M 2W	<b>Zone 3.1 a</b>			Mali
San Marino	<b>Zone 1.9</b> (1)	Bahrain			Mauritania *
Spain	Ukraine	Iran			Morocco
6 M 2 W	3M 3W	Iraq			Senegal *
<b>Zone 1.2</b> (9)	<b>Zone 2.1</b> (1)	Jordan			Tunisia
<b>Zone 1.2a</b>	USA	Kuwait			1 M 1 W
Austria	5M 3W	Lebanon			<b>Zone 4.2</b> (10)
Germany	<b>Zone 2.2</b> (1)	Palestine			Ghana
Liechtenstein	Canada	Qatar			Egypt
Slovenia	1M 1W	Syria			Ethiopia
Switzerland	<b>Zone 2.3</b> (27)	United Arab Emts.			Kenya
<b>Zone 1.2b</b>	<b>Zone 2.3a</b>	Yemen Republic			Nigeria *
Bosnia & Herzeg.	Bahamas	<b>Zone 3.1 b</b>			Seychelles
Croatia	Barbados	Afghanistan *			Sudan
Israel	Bermuda	Bangladesh			Tanzania *
FYROM	British Virgin Isl.	India			Uganda
7 M 2 W	Cuba	Nepal			1 M 1 W
<b>Zone 1.3</b> (6)	Dominican Republic	Pakistan			<b>Zone 4.3</b> (10)
Denmark	Haiti	Sri Lanka	2 M 2 W		Angola
Faroe Islands	Jamaica				Botswana
Finland	Puerto Rico	<b>Zone 3.2</b> (17)			Madagascar
Iceland	U.S. Virgin Islands	<b>Zone 3.2 a</b>			Mauritius *
Norway	<b>Zone 2.3b</b>	Brunei			Mozambique
Sweden	Antigua/Barbuda	Hong Kong			Namibia
3 M 1 W	Colombia	Indonesia			Rwanda
<b>Zone 1.4</b> (6)	Ecuador	Japan			South Africa
Bulgaria	Guyana *	Korea			Zambia
Czech Republic	Ned. Antilles	Macau			Zimbabwe
Slovakia	Surinam *	Malaysia			1 M 1 W
Hungary	Trinidad & Tobago	Mongolia			<b>Total: 158</b>
Poland	<b>Zone 2.3c</b>	Myanmar			M = Men's places
Romania	Aruba	Philippines			W = Women's
4M 4 W	Belize	Singapore			places
<b>Zone 1.5</b> (8)	Costa Rica	Thailand			* Excluded Fed.
<b>Zone 1.5a</b>	El Salvador	Vietnam			
Albania	Guatemala	<b>Zone 3.2 b</b>			
Cyprus	Honduras *	Australia			
Greece		Fiji			
Malta		New Zealand			

## **Regulations for the tournaments and matches in the cycle for the Men's and Women's Individual World Championships**

Approved by the 1983 General Assembly. Amended by the 1984, 1986, 1989, 1993, 1995, 1996 and 1998 General Assemblies, 1999 Presidential Board and 1999 Executive Board.

### **1. Introduction**

1.1 These regulations cover the tournaments and matches in the cycle for the Men's and the Women's Individual World Championships.

1.1.1 Annex A (D.I.02) covers the specific regulations for the Men's and the Women's Zonal tournaments.

1.1.2 Annex B (D.I.03) covers the specific regulations for the World Championship.

1.2 The words “player”, “participant”, etc. mean both male and female competitors.

1.3 The number of players entitled to participate in the zonal tournament, as well as the prize funds for all the tournaments and matches in the cycle are to be reconsidered before the beginning of a new cycle.

1.3.1 The number of players mentioned in 1.3 will in principle be determined on the basis of the formulas mentioned in 1.3.2 and 1.3.4.

1.3.2 Each federation automatically receives one place in a zonal tournament. Additional places are dependent on (a) the number of players with ratings over 2450 (Men) or 2250 (Women), and (b) the number of active grandmasters. Except for any federation, which comprises a Zone in itself, no federation has more than five places in the zonal tournaments.

(a) For each player with a rating of over 2450 (Men) or 2250 (Women) on the most recent International Rating List of the year before that in which the Zonal tournaments are due to be held, the federation receives 1/4 point.

(b) For each active grandmaster in a federation, the federation receives 1/8 point.

(c) No player will be counted twice. This means that the federation receives its points for a player according to (a) or (b) or (c) or (d) in this order, and never twice for the same player.

- (d) The total number of points for each federation will be rounded to the nearest integer if the result contains a fraction (the fraction 1/2 is rounded up). This number of whole points is the number of additional places in the zonal tournament.
- (e) (GA '93) Each Zone automatically has one place in the World Championship.

## **2. System of the Competitions**

The tournaments shall be conducted in the manner approved by the General Assembly as set forth in these regulations and in the Annexes mentioned under 1.1 (1.11 - 1.17).

## **3. Playing Conditions and Other Requirements**

- 3.1 As a minimum, the following playing conditions shall be adhered to.
  - 3.1.1 The games shall be open to spectators.
  - 3.1.2 The actual playing area must be spacious enough to avoid constricting either players or arbiters. It should have excellent conditions of lighting, temperature, ventilation and quiet, in accordance with the judgment of the chief arbiter.
  - 3.1.3 The chess equipment for play (the table, chairs, chessboard, chess pieces and clock) should comply with FIDE standard specifications. In cases where no standards exist, the equipment must have the approval of the chief arbiter.
  - 3.1.4 The spectators must be seated at a suitable distance from the actual playing area. The spectators must be quiet. The area for spectators will be cleared if the spectators are not quiet enough in the judgment of the chief arbiter.
- 3.2 The organizers shall insure the participants against accidents and the need for medical services including cost of medicines in case of acute illnesses, surgical operations, etc.
  - 3.2.1 The organizers shall not be responsible for medical services needed for treatment of chronic or other illnesses, which already existed before the start of the competition.
- 3.3 The organizers shall provide the participants with single rooms with bath or shower.
  - 3.3.1 A twin-bedded room can be given to two participants only with both players' consent.

- 3.4 The organizers must arrange for maximum publicity through the media, and must make telephone, fax and e-mail facilities available. To journalists and players' companions who have to meet their own costs, they shall offer suitable and favorably priced accommodation.
- 3.5 The organizers shall specify to FIDE all conditions they offer to the participants, accompanying persons and other officials.

#### **4. Entry Fees**

- 4.1 For each player enrolled for participation in any of the competitions in the cycle, his federation must pay the entry fee stipulated in the Financial Regulations. This entry fee must be received by FIDE not later than 14 days before the beginning of the competition in question failing which FIDE may collect this fee from the player at the tournament venue. (PB '99).
- 4.2 If a player withdraws his entry less than 14 days before the commencement of the competition or does not appear at all, the entry fee is forfeited unless the player concerned can furnish acceptable reasons for his default.

#### **5. General Rules**

- 5.1 The FIDE Laws of Chess shall be applied to the competitions.
- 5.1.1 The time limit in all FIDE events is 40 moves in 100 minutes, then 20 moves in 50 minutes and finally 10 minutes for the remaining moves. From the first move 30 seconds will be added after each move. The games shall be played using the DGT clocks.
- 5.1.2 Before the start of the last round, all games from the previous rounds must be completed.
- 5.1.3 The chief arbiter only in exceptional cases can permit postponement of a game, and only when it does not involve altering the day already fixed for the end of the tournament.
- 5.1.4 Three rounds before the end of the zonal tournaments at the latest, players of the same federation should already have played each other, in so far as this is technically feasible.
- 5.1.5 (GA '95) If a Zonal qualifying tournament produces a tie between two players, and the right to participate in the next stage of the cycle depends on the finishing order of these players, a play-off shall be held in the same place immediately afterwards, according to the regulations for Zonal Tournaments (Annex A, D.I.02).
- 5.1.6 (GA '95) If a Zonal qualifying tournament produces a tie among more than two players and the right to participate in the next stage of

the cycle depends on the finishing order of these players, the tie shall be broken according to the standard tie-break regulations, as follows:

- 5.1.7 For Swiss tournaments where the players involved have all played only against rated opponents, after eliminating the lowest rated opponent, find the sum of opponents' ratings. The highest total wins. If still tied, eliminate the rating of the next lowest rated opponent(s) until a decision is possible.
- (a) For other Swiss tournaments, the sum of progressive scores. The highest total wins. If still tied, deduct the first round score, and if necessary the second round and so on.
  - (b) For other tournaments, including Round Robins, elimination of scores against opponents in the lowest final score-group. The highest total wins. If still tied, eliminate scores from the next lowest final score-group, and so on. If the tie remains unbroken, decide by lot.

Note: In 5.15, a - c, the word "tournament" does not apply to a play-off between more than two participants, but to the qualifying competition which originally produced the tie.

- 5.1.8 Only the systems of evaluation listed under 5.15 are applicable.
- 5.2 In accordance with the highest principles of sportsmanship and gentlemanly conduct, each player must observe the Laws of Chess and do his utmost not to distract or annoy his opponent.
- 5.3 The players shall endeavor to settle all controversial issues by agreement and in the spirit of the high principles of FIDE.
- 5.4 During playing sessions the participants are not allowed to accept any kind of chess assistance.
- 5.5 The television rights, including video and film rights, belong to FIDE. Agreements shall be concluded between FIDE and the organizers before the events, to safeguard the interests of the players.

## **6. General Provisions**

- 6.1 (GA '93) Players in the cycle shall give to FIDE an undertaking to complete, save in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate.
- 6.2 In difficult or conflicting situations, the President of FIDE has the right to take such measures or decisions as he considers to be in the interest of FIDE and of the worldwide development of chess.

- 6.3 Prizes and fees for participants in the World Championship cycle are to be paid either in the currency recognized by FIDE (Swiss Francs), or else in a convertible currency acceptable to the participants, according to the current rates of exchange of the Schweizerische Kreditanstalt (Crédit Suisse), Lucerne (bankers to FIDE).

