

## **Regulations for the Women's World Championship**

Approved by the 1998 General Assembly

Amended by the 1998 and 1999 Presidential Board

### **1. Organization**

1.1 The World Championship shall be organized in the month of September unless the PB decides otherwise.

1.2 Governing Body: the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

1.2.1 The President or his Representative shall be responsible for overseeing the preparations and announcement of the date (s) and venue(s) for the World Championship. Once these matters are settled the administrator (see Section 2) shall be responsible for the preparation and organization of the World Championship.

### **2. Selection of the Administrator**

2.1 The President or his Representative shall be responsible for overseeing the preparations and announcement of the date(s) and venue(s) for the World Championship. Once these matters are settled the administrator (see Section 2) shall be responsible for the preparation and organization of the World Championship.

2.1.1 Each proposal shall contain the following particulars:

- a) The proposed tournament venue;
- b) The proposed prize fund in U.S. Dollars, not less than US\$ 500.000.
- c) The concession rates for hotel rooms and meals for the participants;
- d) A statement that the applicant (the proposed Administrator) accepts all the demands made in these regulations;
- e) The applicant's name, signatures and authentication's;
- f) A bank guarantee for the entire undertaking.

2.1.2 Each proposal shall be accompanied by an invitation to the FIDE President and his Representative to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions with all expenses paid by the applicant, including the cost of visas.

2.1.3 Each proposal shall be delivered to the FIDE Secretariat not later than 12-noon local time on a date to be decided by the FIDE President.

- 2.1.4 Each proposal shall be accompanied by an application fee of SFr.10,000. If the proposal is accepted, this fee shall be refunded. If it is not accepted, then the fee shall be retained by FIDE.
- 2.1.5 The proposals shall remain sealed until after noon on the date appointed by the President as in 2.1.3. He shall then open them publicly and the details shall be published. Each applicant shall be afforded the opportunity to address the FIDE Presidential Board.
- 2.1.6 The FIDE Presidential Board shall decide which applicant shall be chosen. The decision reached shall be based on the following criteria, which are to be viewed as a whole.
- a) Prize fund
  - b) Playing conditions
  - c) Security
  - d) Climate
  - e) Chess activity both actual and potential in the country hosting the World Championship.
  - f) Media possibilities
  - g) Potential development of chess worldwide.
- 2.1.7 After the Presidential Board has decided who shall be selected to organize the World Championship, the Administrator shall deposit, by a date to be decided by the President, in escrow, net and free of all taxes, with the FIDE bankers the following sums of money :
- a) The prize fund which is inclusive of the sums in 19.1, and
  - b) The sums in 5.1 and 5.2.
- 2.1.8 The President may decide that the deposit of the sums of money in 2.1.7 shall be done in two or more installments within certain stipulated periods under a formal agreement with FIDE.
- 2.1.9 At any time, the sums deposited in escrow shall be forfeited to FIDE if the Administrator fails to organize the championship or is in breach of the agreement with FIDE for the organization of the World Championship.
- 2.2 The World Championship shall commence on a date to be decided by the FIDE Presidential Board when deciding upon the choice of applicants:

- 2.3 If there are no bids for the World Championship, the FIDE Presidential Board shall decide whether to hold the World Championship under different financial conditions from those stipulated in these regulations

### **3. Selection of the Administrator**

- 3.1 The World Championship shall be conducted according to an organizational plan determined by the Administrator in consultation with the President, the federation hosting the event and the sponsors. A Chairman of the Organizing Committee (COC) shall be appointed.
- 3.2 The COC shall draw up a plan listing the administrative branches requiring managers. These shall include at least the following: finance; playing hall; media; facilities for players; facilities for delegations; arbiters; stewards; bulletin production; commentary on play; side-shows; concessions; the Grand Challenge; opening and closing ceremonies; security; refreshments; medical facilities. Details of the managers including their addresses, telephone and fax numbers and e-mail addresses shall be circulated:
- 3.3 The Administrator shall invite the President or his appointed Representative and the Chief Arbiter to inspect the preparations. Travelling and accommodation costs are to be borne by the Administrator:
- 3.4 Once the Organizing Committee is set up, further arrangements for the World Championship where not precisely determined by these regulations shall proceed according to guidelines from the FIDE President.

### **4. Finance**

- 4.1 FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the World Championship Organization. This shall be a fixed sum agreed between the Administrator and the President.
- 4.2 As organizer of the World Championship, FIDE has exclusive financial rights to the event and is free to exploit them commercially, including entering into advertisements agreements either with the Administrators or Sponsors of the Championship requiring players to wear clothes, aprons or caps with the branding of sponsors on the express approval of the FIDE President. The players are precluded from making any additional claims from FIDE or Administrator of the Championship over and above the net sums due to them from their prizes.

- 4.3 The income provided by the World Championship through admission charges, concessions, photography, radio, shall go to the Administrator. The television and Internet Web transmission rights, including video and film rights, shall belong to FIDE and the income divided as follows: 50% to FIDE and 50% to the Administrator.
- 4.4 The COC shall draw up as detailed a budget as possible, including provision for contingencies. This shall be subject to the approval of the President.

## 5. Stipends

- 5.1 The following stipends are to be paid to the Principals of the World Championship:
- |  |     |               |
|--|-----|---------------|
| a) The President or his Representative who shall be Chairman of the Appeal Committee | CHF | 9000. -       |
| b) Three members of the Appeal Committee   | CHF | 4500.-/each   |
| c) Chief Arbiter   | CHF | 7000.-        |
| d) Deputy Chief Arbiter  | CHF | 4500.-        |
| e) Three Deputy Arbiters (Rounds 1 to 5)   | CHF | 3000.- / each |
| f) Two Deputy Arbiters (Rounds 1 to 2)   | CHF | 1500.- / each |

## 6. Arrangements for the Playing hall

- 6.1 The COC shall ensure the playing hall and its environs at least meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Organization of Top Level Tournaments C.01.
- 6.2 The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, the flags of the host nation and the participating Federations and the sponsors' branding.

## 7. Interviews, functions and mode of dressing

- 7.1 Interviews with people other than players can be arranged directly
- 7.2 The players are expected to cooperate reasonably with the media. General interviews with them can be arranged through the Press Officer
- 7.3 The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews, of not more than 10 minutes duration, immediately after the game.

- 7.4 Players are required to be present at all official functions approved by the FIDE President or his representative during the Championship including official receptions and the opening and closing ceremonies.
- 7.5 Players are specifically requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the World Championship.

## **8. Photography and Television**

- 8.1 Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Administrator may work in the playing venue :
- a) While more than 16 players are competing, flash may be used only during the first ten minutes.
  - b) While 16 players or less are competing, flash may only be used during the first five minutes.
  - c) In tiebreak games flash may only be used in the first three minutes. In case of sudden death one minute for each game will be allowed.
  - d) After the time limit for the use of flash has expired, the use of cameras without flash may only be permitted if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.
  - e) Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.

## **9. Advance Preparations**

### **9.1 Invitations**

At least eight weeks before the start of the World Championship, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee shall issue formal invitations to all participants. This shall include the dates and times of the Players' Meeting, opening ceremony, complete schedule and relevant information such as taxes, hotels and other facilities

- 9.2 Principals and their Amenities The COC shall provide personal stewards as necessary for the President, his Representative, the Chief and Deputy Arbiters

9.2.1 The Administrator is host to the Principals throughout the World Championship.

#### **a) Travel**

The FIDE President has the right to first class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Administrator's expense. All other Principals shall be provided with transport by air, sea or rail or, if they prefer, any other mode of transport

that is not more costly to the Administrator than air travel. All travelling arrangements are to be made by the Administrator.

Any Principal making his own travel arrangements without the agreement of the Administrator does so entirely at his own risk.

b) Accommodation

For the FIDE President - a suite in a hotel.

For each Principal - a double room with bath, in a first class hotel.

c) Food and Drink

Provision for food and drink shall be provided for all the Principals on a wholly equal basis. This shall be provided by a specified allowance in local currency per day and/or by set meals. The nature and amount shall be agreed between the COC and President.

d) Local Transportation

For the FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car.

For the other Principals, a number of cars shall be made available; their use will depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media center, and on the leisure activities of the Principals. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided the amount to be agreed between the COC and President.

## 10. Playing Conditions

10.1 Only the players, arbiters and stewards shall be allowed in the actual playing area except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

10.2 During the playing session (lasting from 10 minutes before the start of the game until the departure of players), the following additional regulations shall be in force:

- a) The players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent.
- b) A player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

## 10.3 Scoresheets

- a) At the end of each game the players' original scoresheets shall be given to the Arbiter, who shall hand them over to FIDE in due course.
- b) Refusal of either player to sign the scoresheets shall be penalized according to Article 13.4 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the scoresheets, the Arbiter shall countersign to confirm the results.
- c) In tiebreak games, the players and the Arbiter shall sign the protocol.

**10.4 Players' Meeting**

Players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter. If he deems it necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings

**11. Opening Ceremony**

- a) The Opening Ceremony shall take place the day prior to the first round and all participants are required to take part
- b) The pairings and draw for colors for round 1 shall be carried out as part of the opening ceremony

**12. Playing Schedule and Games for 2000 Cycle**

- 12.1 There shall be six rounds of elimination matches comprising two games for round one and five then six games for the 1999 World Championship final

## 12.1.1 Participants

Round 1: there shall be 56 players

Round 2: there shall be 32 players

Round 3: there shall be 16 players

Round 4: there shall be 8 players

Round 5: there shall be 4 players

Round 6: there shall be 2 players

## 12.1.2 The original list shall consist of 60 players

- a) World Champion
- b) Two finalists of the "Candidates Tournament"
- c) The highest rated player
- d) Seven players from the last Candidates Tournament" (3-9 places)
- e) 1 Nominee of the FIDE President
- f) 1 Nominee of the Administrator
- g) 44 qualifiers from zonal tournaments

A certain number of highest rated players from the weighted average of the FIDE Rating Lists of 1998 July and 1999 January.

- h) World Junior champion from 1998

**12.2 Schedule**

Round 1:	2 days play + 1 day tiebreaks	3 days
Round 2:	2 days play + 1 day tiebreaks	3 days
Round 3:	2 days play + 1 day tie-breaks	3 days
Round 4:	2 days play + 1 day tiebreaks	3 days
Round 5:	2 days play + 1 day tiebreaks	3 days
Rest day :		1 day

Round 6:	6 days play + 1 day tiebreaks	7 days
TOTAL		23 days

12.2.1 The Administrator, in consultation with the President, may vary the scheduling of the restdays.

### **13. Confirmation of Participation / Conduct of Players**

- 13.1 All players shall confirm, by registered post, their participation by returning the signed original letter of invitation (or participation's contract) for participation in the World Championship. It must reach the FIDE Secretariat no later than the date prescribed by the Presidential Board.
- 13.2 If a player fails to appear at the Players' Meeting, the Opening or Closing Ceremony or any approved function of the Championship, or refuses to carry out any directive of the FIDE President or any of the Championship Principals, or conducts himself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, then he shall suffer the following penalties: 5% of his prize money shall be forfeited to the Administrator and a further 5% to FIDE for each negligence.
- 13.3 A player, who returns his undertaking but withdraws before the draw is announced, will be replaced by a player in the Reserve List or from the Zone from where she comes.
- 13.4 Any player failing to return the undertaking as in 13.1 shall be replaced by the next person on the weighted rating list or from the Zone from where she comes.
- 13.5 Any player who does not play after the draw is announced shall not be replaced, unless the President decides otherwise.

### **14. Pairings**

- 14.1 For purposes of pairings the players shall be ranked according to the last officially published rating list. This is the July 2000 Rating List.
- 14.2 Pairings shall follow the principle of top half vs. lower half in total rating order. Players with the same rating shall be ranked in the order of the status of their title GM, IM, WGM, WIM. If this fails, use the rating of the

preceding Rating List, looking back until there is a difference. The highest ranked player of the top half shall play the highest ranked player of the bottom half. The second ranked player of the top half shall play the second ranked player of the bottom half. And so on.

- 14.3 32 players shall play in Round 2: 28 winners from Round 1, World Champion, two finalists of the Candidates tournaments, Judith Polgar or if she refuses then two more highest rated players will be added in round one to bring the number up to 29 winners of round one.
- 14.4 The draw for colors shall be conducted as follows:
- a) Whether the highest rated player in Round 1 receives White or Black in game 1 shall be decided by lot and shall be carried out as part of the Opening Ceremony. In Match 2, the higher rated player shall have the opposite color to the number 1 player, and so alternating through the list. The same alternating system shall be used in Round 2 to Round 5 inclusive.
  - b) Games in Round 1 shall be assumed all to have gone with seeding. The color in Game 1 of the highest rated player of Round 2 shall be decided by lot. Lots for Round 2 shall be drawn as soon as possible after the conclusion of the Round 1 tiebreak games.
  - c) Games in Round 2 –5 shall be assumed to have all gone with seeding. Lots for Round 3 to Round 6 inclusive, shall be drawn not later than 20.00 hrs on the tiebreak game.
  - d) For the tiebreak matches, there shall be a drawing of lots for each such match. If these matches are also drawn, there shall be a drawing of lots to decide who shall receive White in the first sudden-death game. If more sudden-death games must be played, there shall be a new drawing of lots for each odd game.
  - e) The method used for the drawing of lots shall be decided by the Chief Arbiter in consultation with the Chairman of the Organizing Committee.

## **15. Conditions of Victory**

- 15.1 Rounds 1 till 5, each match shall be played over two games and the winner of a match shall be the first player to score at 1.5 or more points.
- 15.2 Round 6, six games shall be played. The winner of the match shall be the first player to score 3.5 or 4 points.
- 15.3 The match is concluded at the conclusion of the game were the winner is known.

#### 15.4 Tiebreak

- a) If the scores are level after the regular games, after a new drawing of lots, two tiebreak games shall be played. The games shall be played using the DGT clock starting with 25 minutes on the clock and the addition of 10 seconds after each move.
- b) If this tiebreak match is again drawn, then, after a new drawing of lots, two tiebreak games shall be played. The games shall be played using the DGT clock starting with 15 minutes on the clock and the addition of 10 seconds after each move.
- c) If this tiebreak match is again drawn, then, after a new drawing of lots, single sudden death games shall be played. The first player to win shall proceed to the next round. If it is in round 7, the winner shall be declared World Champion. The sudden death games shall be played using the DGT clock with White having 4 minutes on the clock and Black five minutes and the addition of 10 seconds after each move.
  - C1) The first player to win such a game shall proceed to the next round. If it is Round 7, the winner shall be declared World Champion.
  - C2) If there is a series of such games, there shall be a new drawing of lots for each odd game.
- d) If, in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, a match is taking too much time, he may decide that the players shall play one decisive game. The player, who wins the drawing of lots, may choose the colors. White shall receive 6 minutes without any addition, Black shall receive 5 minutes. There shall be no additional time. The winner qualifies for the next round. In case of a draw the player with the Black pieces qualifies for the next round. If such a game is played in Round 6 the winner will be declared World Champion.

#### 15.5 Laws for tie-break and sudden death games

1. Play shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess, except where they are overridden by the following Laws.
2. Players do not need to record the moves. Instead, an arbiter or an assistant will record the moves.
3. The player whose turn it is to move may consult the scoresheet and, if his next move will produce a threefold repetition of position (Article 9.2a) or the 50-move rules (Article 9.3a) he himself must write the intended move on the scoresheet.
4. Illegal moves shall be penalised according to Article 10.3.

#### 15.6 After each game there shall be a pause of 10 minutes

**16. Time control**

- 16.1 The time control shall be 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by 20 moves in 50 minutes, followed by all moves in 10 minutes. Each player shall receive an extra 30 seconds thinking time after each move played, commencing from the first move. The games shall be played using the DGT clocks
- 16.2 The special time controls stipulated in 15.5 shall be used in the tiebreak and sudden death games.
- 16.3 No postponements shall be allowed.

**17. Selection of Arbiters**

- 17.1 The FIDE Presidential Board shall nominate a list of nine arbiters who must have the title of International Arbiter and who belong to different federations.
- 17.1.1 In each match, no arbiter may belong to the same federation as either of the players. Exception: if both players are members of the same federation, an arbiter may also belong to this federation.
- 17.1.2 The FIDE President shall appoint, in consultation with the Administrator, the Chief Arbiter and the Deputy Chief Arbiter.
- 17.1.3 The FIDE President shall take into consideration 17.1.1 and, if necessary, may re-designate the Arbiters after Round 4.
- 17.2 During play either the Chief Arbiter or the Deputy Chief Arbiter must be present in the playing area.
- 17.3 Immediately after the end of the World Championship, the Chief Arbiter shall draw up a report and send it without delay to the FIDE President
- 17.3.1 The report shall be written in one of the official FIDE languages.
- 17.3.2 The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final result of each match. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the course of the World Championship. If there were difficulties, conflicts or incidents during the World Championship, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.
- 17.3.3 The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of the bulletin of the World Championship.

- 17.4 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the COC, and with the approval of the FIDE President, issue additional written regulations to lay down the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.
- 17.5 If 17.1.3 is exercised, then the reports in 17.3 shall be submitted jointly.

## **18. Appeal Committee**

- 18.1 The President or his Deputy shall be Chairman of the Appeal Committee. There shall be three other members all from different Federations. No member of the Appeal Committee shall sit in judgement in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.
- 18.2 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two hours after the relevant playing session or the particular infringement complained against.

18.2.1 The Committee may decide on the following matters.

- a) A protest against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) A protest against a player's behavior,
- c) A complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d) A request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e) A protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f) All other matters which the Committee considers important.

18.2.2 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision.

18.2.3 The Committee shall endeavor to find binding solutions in the FIDE spirit.

18.2.4 Every protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of US\$ 400 (four hundred US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

18.2.5 The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

## **19. Prizes for the World Championship**

Round 1 losers	28 x	\$	2,500
Round 2 losers	16 x	\$	4,000
Round 3 losers	8 x	\$	8,000
Round 4 losers	4 x	\$	14,000
Round 5 losers	2 x	\$	23,000
Round 6 loser	1 x	\$	80,000
World Champion	1 x	\$	120,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>500,000</b>

- 19.1 A payment of 20% from the above prize fund shall be paid to the FIDE/CACDEC Funds.
- 19.2 Where players are not taken up according to 13.3, the part of the prize fund also not taken up shall be redistributed by the WCCC, subject to the approval of the Presidential Board.
- 19.3 Where a match must be decided by play-offs after being initially tied, if it is decided in the tie-break play phase, the losing player shall receive 20% of the differential between his prize and the prize the winner would receive if he lost in the next round.
- 19.4 Where a match is decided by sudden death games, the loser shall receive 40% of the differential between his prize and the prize the winner would receive if he lost in the next round.
- 19.5 Where the final match is decided by play-offs after initially tied.
- a) If it is decided in the tiebreak phase, the losing player shall receive his prize plus 20% of the differential between the prize of the winning player and the prize of the losing player.  
The winning player receives his prize minus 20% of the differential between the prize of the winning player and the prize of the losing player.
  - b) If it is decided by sudden death games, the losing player shall receive his prize plus 40% of the differential between the prize the prize of the winning player and the prize of the losing player.  
The winning player receives his prize minus 40% of the differential between the prize of the winning player and the prize of the losing player.
- 19.6 The winners as in 19.3 and 19.4 shall have the sums described deducted from his final prize.

- 19.7 If a player withdraws due to ill health or any other good reason accepted by the Administrator, he should receive the full prize money to which he was entitled at that time.
- 19.8 If a player withdraws after the start of the first round without having a satisfactory reason for doing so, he shall receive 50% of the prize money he was due at that time. Any appeal against the Administrator's decision in this respect must be accompanied by a deposit of SFr.1, 000. The appeal shall be referred to the General Assembly at the next FIDE Congress. If the appeal is successful, the SFr.1, 000 shall be returned.

## **20. Costs**

- 20.1 All players shall pay their own cost of travelling expenses, hotel rooms and meals for their duration of stay. There shall be no pocket money for the players.

## **21. Commitment of the World Champion**

The winner of the final round of the World Championship shall be designated as World Champion and shall retain this title until a new Champion is crowned at the next official match for the title organized by FIDE. He is precluded alongside other qualifiers from the quarterfinal stage of the Championship from playing in a World Championship match that is not officially recognized by FIDE.

## **22. End of the World Championship**

### **22.1 Closing Ceremony**

The Closing Ceremony shall take place not later than one day after the end of the World Championship. The same guidelines for the Opening Ceremony in Section 11.1 shall apply.

### **22.2 Payment of Prize Money and Stipends**

22.2.1 The prize fund and stipends shall be paid by prima bank check drawn in Swiss Francs on Credit Suisse, Luzern.

22.2.2 Upon completion of the World Championship, the Administrator shall pay these sums collectible in the payee's home country where requested by him. Where a player, with the agreement of the Administrator, leaves prior to the conclusion of the Championship, he shall receive his prize on departure.

### 22.3 **Reports**

- 22.3.1 The Chief Arbiter shall submit his official report to the President as soon as possible after the conclusion of the event.
- 22.3.2 The Chairman of the Organizing Committee shall submit his official report to the President and Administrator and the host federation no more than four weeks after the conclusion of the Championship.
- 22.3.3 The Administrator shall submit his official report to the President and host federation no more than eight weeks after receipt of the report of the COC. This shall include full accounts, unless it is agreed these can be delayed.

### 22.4 **Rendering of Accounts**

- 22.4.1 Not later than three months after the Closing Ceremony the Administrator shall present to the FIDE President an account of the official finances of the whole project. This shall also state any net surplus made by the Adm.
- 22.4.2 For special accounting, which may demand more time, the FIDE President may grant such time or take any other suitable measure.