

International Competition

1. General

- 1.1 Any player selected to represent New Zealand in any tournament shall be a currently registered player and shall hold New Zealand citizenship or have been resident in New Zealand at least two years before the commencement of the event for which he is selected.
- 1.2 No player or team of players shall be entitled to represent New Zealand without the written approval of the Council.
- 1.3 Where players are required to finance all or part of their fares for overseas play, NZCF will not in future make any advances for this purpose, so it will be a requirement that the total amount of the fares be paid in advance. (*Council decision, 30 October 1995*).

2. Team Competitions

2.1 SELECTION OF TEAMS

(Adopted by the NZCF annual general meeting, 4 January 1991)

- 2.1.1 For the selection of any national representative team the Council shall appoint a panel of three selectors. For the purpose of this rule the provisions of NZCF Constitution paragraph 3.4.1 shall not apply.
- 2.1.2 The selection panel shall give pre-eminent weight to the results of the most recent appropriate national championship and players' ratings during the previous year but may, if necessary, consider additional criteria.

Notes:

- a) *Setting aside NZCF Constitution paragraph 3.4.1 does not disqualify the President from being appointed to the selection panel.*
- b) *The word "appropriate" in rule 2.1.2 above acknowledges that other than open teams may require selection, e.g., women or juniors.*
- c) *The use of "additional criteria" may be necessary, for example, if the two primary criteria fail to adequately differentiate between several contenders for the last one or two places in a team.*

2.2 MANAGEMENT OF OLYMPIAD TEAMS

(Adopted by NZCF Council, 7 November 1994)

2.2.1 Captain-manager

1. The captain-manager's responsibilities (in order of priority) are:
 - a) To select and ensure notification to the organisers of the team selection for each day.
 - b) To ensure that the teams play to obtain the maximum score, but especially in the closing stages to give weight to the potential for any player to obtain a board prize or IM norm.

- c) To make arrangements to meet any unusual transport or other difficulty situations which might arise.
 - d) While meeting the major objectives, and also taking into account that one player might be in excellent form and another in poor form, to give all players as close to the average number of games as possible; also to keep the allocation of colours in balance as far as possible; but these do not have the same priority as the other objectives.
2. To submit a full report in writing to Council, including the results, Olympiad arrangements and any other matters which the captain/manager considers should be drawn to the attention of Council, or require further consideration and/or action.
 3. To ensure that team members contribute to a full report for publication in the NZCF magazine, including game scores and annotations.
 4. The captain/manager will call on the non-playing women's team captain to assist with administration of team arrangements.

2.2.2 Team Leaders

1. The captain/manager will consult with the team leaders about selection and/or playing arrangements to the extent that he deems necessary, but the final responsibility for these matters rests with the captain/manager; players will discuss any problem with their team leader before taking it up with the captain/manager.
2. Before each round a player not engaged that day (the team leader when not playing) be designated to be consulted by players if the captain/manager is not immediately available, to deal with any question of application of tournament conditions or the rules of chess, including acceptance of a draw.

Note: The Council has noted that players will consult with the captain/manager if he is available, but that the appointment of another player to this role each day is a precautionary measure to ensure that there is always someone not currently playing who is available for consultation.

3. Individual Events

- 3.1 The New Zealand Championship held immediately before a zonal tournament in the FIDE World Championship series is the New Zealand qualifying event for the zonal tournament. The New Zealand Champion qualifies for the zonal tournament.
- 3.2 In the case of other international individual championships or tournaments the Council may nominate an appropriate New Zealand tournament as a qualifying event. If a player so qualified is unavailable to represent New Zealand the Council or a selection committee appointed by the Council shall select a replacement.