



NEW ZEALAND
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TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

NZCF TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS JANUARY 2022

1. GENERAL

1.1 SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS

1.1.1 ANNUAL EVENTS

The following NZCF tournaments shall be held in each year:

- New Zealand Championship
- New Zealand Major Open Tournament
- New Zealand Women's Championship
- New Zealand Seniors Championship
- New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships
- North Island Championship
- South Island Championship
- New Zealand Rapid Championship
- North Island Rapid Championship
- South Island Rapid Championship
- New Zealand Lightning Championship

1.1.2 DATES, VENUES AND CONTROLLING AUTHORITIES

Where specific provision is not made in these regulations for allocation of the dates, venue and controlling authority of an NZCF tournament, these will be decided by Council.

1.1.3 APPLICATION OF NZCF REGULATIONS

All NZCF tournaments (see 1.1.1) and tournaments rated by NZCF or FIDE shall be conducted according to NZCF's rules and regulations unless the Council directs otherwise.

1.1.4 ELIGIBILITY FOR NORTH AND SOUTH ISLAND TITLES

New Zealand players are eligible to hold either the North Island Championship or the South Island Championship, but not both in the same year. Eligibility is determined by the location of the club through which the player is a member for that year, or if this does not apply (Lone Wolf Club members, or players who have not declared membership of a club) by the player's address at the time of entry.

1.1.5 SMOKING PROHIBITED

Smoking is not permitted in any room in which a chess competition is being played.

1.1.6 ELECTRONIC DEVICES IN TOURNAMENT HALL

The following shall apply to all FIDE-rated NZCF tournaments, unless Council agrees in writing to a variation in advance for a specific event.

Electronic devices belonging to players are permitted in the tournament hall provided they are always fully switched off and are not carried on a player's person during the game (starting when a player has made their first move). Players are permitted to store switched off devices in their bag, and to store the bag next to their board.

A switched off device stored in a jacket pocket is permissible, provided the jacket is not being worn (i.e. it is draped over the player's chair). For the purpose of clarification, under no circumstances is a device allowed in the bathrooms during play.

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Tournament spectators are permitted to carry switched-off devices including on their person in the tournament hall (with a 10-minute grace period allowed when the device may be on for taking photos at the start of each game).

Penalty guidelines: if a player has access to an electronic device in the bathroom, whether switched on or off, a default is automatic. Otherwise for minor or inadvertent breaches involving a switched off device, a first warning from the arbiter may be an appropriate penalty. For the purpose of this rule Electronic Devices are defined as a device which might reasonably be considered capable of being used as an electronic aid to chess playing.

1.1.7 NZCF WEBSITE SHALL BE OFFICIAL WEBSITE

All NZCF tournaments listed in 1.1.1 MUST be administered exclusively on the official NZCF Website www.newzealandchess.co.nz unless the NZCF Council directs otherwise. The NZCF Website address shall be listed prominently on the Entry Form as the "OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT WEBSITE". The tournament organizer shall publish advance entries, pairings and live games exclusively on the official NZCF WEBSITE and, to avoid any doubt or confusion, on no other website unless advance authorisation has been obtained from NZCF Council.

1.1.8 ENTRY FORM

The tournament organizer of any NZCF rated tournament and/or any FIDE rated tournament in New Zealand (but excluding internal Club events) must promptly supply the Entry Form in digital format to NZCF for approval and listing on the Calendar page of the official NZCF WEBSITE. The contact email address is NZCFcalendar@newzealandchess.co.nz. The Entry Form published on the NZCF WEBSITE shall be the official and definitive version. For the avoidance of any doubt or confusion, no other version of the Entry Form shall be permitted.

1.1.9 BYES

Unless otherwise stated on the entry form or tournament website, pairing-allocated byes are scored as one point. Tournaments may also provide for players to take half-point byes i.e. not be paired for a particular round and scored as one-half of a point. Where tournaments provide for these, players should not be able to take them in the last three rounds or take more than two in the tournament, and should be notified to an arbiter at least one round in advance or, for the first round, when entering. Availability and any restrictions or conditions should be stated on the entry form or tournament website. For NZCF tournaments, availability, restrictions and conditions should be agreed with the Council.

1.2 TOURNAMENT ORGANISERS FOR NZCF TOURNAMENTS

1.2.1 BID AND APPOINTMENT OF CONTROLLING AUTHORITY AND TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

A controlling authority (which may be a club or regional association) bidding to organise an NZCF tournament shall provide a document to the Council in support of their bid outlining:

- Budget including sponsorship, entry fees, prize funds, levies, payment for officials, any support requested from Council, and any other expected income and expenditure
- Proposed dates, formats and time controls of all tournaments included in the bid
- Location and venue
- Proposed tournament organiser
- Any other information required in regulations for specific tournaments or requested by Council

Council may provide budget and other document templates for controlling authorities bidding for tournaments and may request additional information it deems necessary.

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Bids may be made at any time. When a satisfactory bid is received for any NZCF tournament or tournaments, Council may award the tournament(s) to the controlling authority and tournament organiser. Council may consider any factors it thinks fit in awarding the tournament but is not required to award a tournament. Where no bid is received within 18 months of Congress or 9 months of any other tournament, Council shall call for bids. Where no bid is received within 12 months of Congress or 6 months of any other tournament, Council may organise any event and appoint a tournament organiser directly.

1.2.2 DUTIES OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

The tournament organiser shall appoint the chief arbiter in consultation with the Council, appoint other arbiters in consultation with the chief arbiter and the Council, and make all such financial, social and other arrangements and do all such things as may be necessary or desirable for the conduct of the tournament, register NZCF events for FIDE rating (or delegate this to the chief arbiter), make regulations for the conduct of the tournament (or delegate this to the chief arbiter) provided that any regulations made are published on the tournament entry form or website in advance of the tournament and not in contravention of the Laws of Chess, NZCF Constitution or Regulations, or FIDE Regulations except to the extent permissible by same.

1.2.3 AUTHORITY OF NZCF COUNCIL

- a) Notwithstanding tournament rule 1.2.2 the Council shall always be deemed to have full authority over the organisation of an NZCF tournament and shall have power to direct in writing that its wishes be adhered to by the controlling authority or tournament organiser.
- b) The Council shall have power to change the venue of an NZCF tournament if the controlling authority declines to carry out the wishes of the Council.

1.3 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM N.Z.C.F.

1.3.1 POWER TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NZCF EVENTS

NZCF shall pay all FIDE rating fees for NZCF events and provide sufficient scoresheets for NZCF events where the proposed time control requires the recording of moves by the Laws of Chess.

The Council may approve other financial assistance such as paying shipping costs of NZCF equipment, guarantees against loss up to a specified limit, waiving tournament levies either partially or in full, or grants to controlling authorities of NZCF tournaments. Any financial assistance must be used solely for the organisation of the tournament.

1.3.2 TOURNAMENT REPORT

The controlling authority or tournament organiser must submit a tournament report including financial statement within two months of the completion of the tournament (also note the duty in 1.8.2 to send score sheets from the tournament to NZCF). Any controlling authority committing a breach of this regulation may be disqualified from receiving further financial assistance from NZCF for a period of up to ten years. The Chief Arbiter is responsible for submitting NZCF and FIDE rating reports.

1.3.3 REFUND OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If other financial assistance is provided in terms of 1.3.1 and subsequently found to be in excess of the amount required to meet the expenses of the tournament, the balance remaining shall be refunded to NZCF by the controlling authority. If the tournament report required by 1.3.2 is not provided or significant irregularities are discovered, the Council may require the repayment of any financial assistance received, payment of levies, or not make any payments of financial assistance as the case may be.

1.4 SPONSORSHIP AND PUBLICITY

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1.4.1 SPONSORSHIP GRANTS

Financial sponsorship arranged by the Council shall be deemed to be financial assistance from NZCF for the purposes of tournament rule 1.3.

1.4.2 PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS

Whenever an NZCF tournament is receiving sponsorship, the tournament organiser shall ensure that all publicity concerning the tournament carries the sponsor's name. The tournament organiser shall liaise with the media. Representatives of the sponsor shall be invited to all official functions during the course of the tournament.

1.5 TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

1.5.1 ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for NZCF tournaments shall be set by the Tournament Organiser in consultation with the Council.

1.5.2 CLOSING DATES FOR ENTRIES

The closing dates for entry and dates after which late entry fees apply for an NZCF tournament shall be fixed by the tournament organiser in consultation with the Council.

1.5.3 ENTRY FEES TO ACCOMPANY ENTRIES

The entry fee for an NZCF tournament must be paid at the same time as entering. Entries shall be disregarded until the entry fee is paid.

1.5.4 ENTRIES TO STATE CODE NUMBER

Every entry to an NZCF tournament shall include the player's NZCF rating code number and FIN (FIDE ID number).

1.6 THE DRAW

1.6.1 ROUND ROBIN TOURNAMENTS

The draw for round robin tournaments shall be made in accordance with Berger tables published by FIDE, and may be made manually or with FIDE-approved pairing software.

1.6.2 SWISS SYSTEM

Swiss system pairings shall be made using FIDE-approved pairing software in accordance with the FIDE regulations for Swiss tournaments for the time being in force. NZCF ratings shall be used for pairings unless otherwise stipulated on the entry form and/or tournament website.

1.6.3 PLAYING TIMETABLE

All games shall be played in the sessions as laid down in the official entry form or website unless the chief arbiter decides that exceptional circumstances necessitate a change. In no case shall a decision to alter the day or time of play in any round be left to one of the interested parties.

1.7 SCORING

1.7.1 GAME POINTS

The player who wins a game scores one point. Players who draw each score half a point.

1.7.2 TIE-BREAKING IN A ROUND-ROBIN

The following order of tie-breaks shall apply by default in all NZCF tournaments unless specified otherwise beforehand:

Direct Encounter

Most Wins

Sonneborn-Berger

Koya

Most Wins with Black

Drawing of Lots

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1.7.3 TIE-BREAKING IN A SWISS

The following order of tie-breaks shall apply by default in all NZCF tournaments unless specified otherwise beforehand:

Direct Encounter

Buchholz Cut 1

Buchholz

Most Wins

Most Wins with Black

Drawing of Lots

1.8 DUTIES OF PLAYERS

1.8.1 RECORD OF MOVES

In every game each player shall keep, on an official score sheet provided for the purpose, a correct record in any recognised notation of the moves on each side numbered in consecutive order.

1.8.2 OFFICIAL RECORD OF GAME

The players shall sign accurate legible copies of the game scores in algebraic notation to be handed in as required by the chief arbiter. The score sheets signed by the players shall be official records of the game and shall be the property of NZCF. Should one or both players refuse to cooperate the arbiter may accept such evidence as he thinks fit to ascertain the result of the game in question. Following the end of the tournament, all score sheets from the tournament shall be sent to NZCF by the Tournament Organiser unless agreed otherwise by the Council.

1.8.3 PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS

No player may, without the sanction of the tournament organiser, make any arrangements with any other players (except such as is provided for in the FIDE Laws of Chess or in the NZCF rules and regulations) which might affect the result of the game or of the tournament.

1.9 WITHDRAWALS

1.9.1 NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Notice of withdrawal from any NZCF tournament shall be forwarded to the tournament organiser who shall decide whether or not the entry fee shall be refunded.

1.9.2 REFUND OF ENTRY FEE

The entry fee of every entrant who withdraws after commencing play shall be forfeited. The Council may decide that any player who withdraws after the commencement of play in any tournament shall forfeit the right to play in future tournaments.

1.9.3 CANCELLATION OF RESULTS

If at the time of withdrawing from a round robin a player has played less than half of his games the results of his games shall be cancelled.

1.10 APPEALS

1.10.1 RIGHT OF APPEAL

A player may appeal any ruling of an arbiter provided that such appeal is made in writing to the chief arbiter immediately after the ruling and before the appellant has made any subsequent move.

1.10.2 APPEALS COMMITTEE

An appeal shall be referred to an appeals committee of three disinterested persons who may have been elected by a prior meeting of players or who may be appointed by the tournament organiser.

1.10.3 WEIGHT OF EVIDENCE

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The appeals committee must give pre-eminent weight to the arbiter's testimony as regards anything which occurred in his presence. The committee shall give its decision in writing to the chief arbiter.

1.10.4 FURTHER RIGHT OF APPEAL

Notwithstanding the above rules both players shall have the further right of appeal to the Council, provided that the procedures set out in tournament rules 1.10.1, 1.10.2 and 1.10.3 have first been properly exhausted. An appeal must be lodged within seven days of the last day of the tournament. An appeal to the Council cannot be made on a question of fact. An appeal which fails to meet these provisions is void.

1.10.5 ABSOLUTE DISCRETION

In exercising the power conferred in tournament rule 1.10.4 the Council shall have absolute discretion as to the evidence it acts upon and as to the right of any member affected or other person to be heard.

1.10.6 ALTERATION OF RESULTS

In extreme circumstances the Council, on upholding an appeal, shall have the discretion to alter the result of any game or games affected and may make consequential alterations to the final placings or the award of titles. In addition the Council may direct the controlling authority to compensate any player for loss of prize money arising from the decision appealed against.

1.10.7 INTERPRETATION OF RULES

A decision of the Council on an appeal shall establish an interpretation of the rule or rules in question. Such decision shall be published on the NZCF website and shall be applied in all future NZCF tournaments or NZCF-rated games.

1.11 CONDUCT OF PLAYERS

1.11.1 POWER TO BAN PLAYERS

The Council shall have power to ban from future NZCF tournaments and other NZCF-rated tournaments any player who wilfully infringes the NZCF or FIDE's rules or regulations or whose conduct is offensive, dishonourable or detrimental to the interests, welfare or standing of chess.

1.11.2 ABSOLUTE DISCRETION

In exercising the power conferred in tournament rule 1.11.1 the Council shall have absolute discretion as to the evidence it acts upon and as to the right of any player affected or other person to be heard.

1.11.3 NOTICE OF BANNING

Notice of banning from tournaments shall be given in writing to the offending player by the secretary.

1.11.4 RIGHT OF APPEAL

Any player banned from NZCF or other rated tournaments shall have the right of appeal to an independent tribunal of three persons appointed by the Council. Such appeal shall be made in writing to the secretary within fourteen days of receipt of the notice of banning.

1.11.5 PUBLICATION OF NAME

The name of any player banned from NZCF and other rated tournaments and the duration of ban shall be published on the NZCF website.

1.12 PRIZES AND TROPHIES

1.12.1 PRIZE MONEY

The controlling authority shall take steps to ensure that the prize money is as attractive as the position allows.

1.12.2 TIES

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In the event of a tie in any tournament the prize money shall be shared equally among the tied players and they shall be jointly awarded the trophy or trophies.

1.12.3 ENGRAVING COSTS

The Council shall reimburse trophy winners for the costs of engraving their names.

1.12.4 RATING-BASED PRIZES

The same ratings shall be used for rating-based prizes as used for pairing (see 1.6.2).

2. ANNUAL CONGRESS

2.1 GENERAL

2.1.1 EVENTS

The Annual Congress shall consist of the New Zealand Championship, the Major Open, the New Zealand Rapid Championship, the New Zealand Lightning Championship, the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships and such subsidiary tournaments as the controlling authority shall decide.

2.1.2 DATES

The Annual Congress shall be held in January.

2.1.3 FORMAT OF THE NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP AND MAJOR OPEN

The New Zealand Championship and Major Open may be organised as separate tournaments or combined if agreed by Council as part of the bid. If separate, they shall be played concurrently on the same dates with the same round times and time control.

2.1.4 VENUE

The venue of Congress shall be fixed by the Council not later than six months prior to the start of the Congress.

2.1.5 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Council at its discretion may alter the annual Congress tournament dates, pairing systems and format by agreement with the controlling authority, including the time controls, if required or desirable to facilitate the conduct of the annual Congress.

2.2 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

2.2.1 NEW ZEALAND CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Championship tournament shall be styled Chess Champion of New Zealand until the close of the following New Zealand Championship tournament.

2.2.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The Championship tournament shall be conducted as a swiss with a minimum of nine rounds and twenty players, except as provided under tournament rule 2.2.9.

2.2.3 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

There shall be one playing session each day which starts between 1pm and 3pm and is a minimum of an hour and a half after any games, based on a 60 move game, played in the morning as part of other events.

Players eligible for the Championship tournament are those rated 2000 or higher on the latest NZCF standard rating list or 2100 or higher on the latest FIDE rating list.

2.2.4 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

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2.2.5 OPEN OR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY FOR A CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

Whether the Championship is open to all entries, or to New Zealand players only, or entry is restricted based on rating, shall be included in the bid and agreed with Council. When entry to the Championship is restricted based on rating, players may be eligible to enter the Championship tournament based on rating or automatic qualification. Players eligible on rating are those rated 2000 or higher on any NZCF standard rating list or 2100 or higher on any FIDE standard rating list since the most recent Congress. Players eligible based on automatic qualification are the:

- Current New Zealand Champion
- Current Major Open Champion
- Current New Zealand Junior Champion
- Current North Island Champion
- Current South Island Champion

2.2.6 INVITATIONS TO OVERSEAS PLAYERS

Where the Championship is not restricted to New Zealand players (see 2.2.5), the Council and controlling authority may agree to invite overseas players. Such invitees may be offered conditions and will be chosen to enhance the status of the tournament or improve international title norm possibilities.

2.2.7 SPECIAL CASE APPLICATIONS

Any New Zealand player who does not qualify for the Championship where entry is restricted by rating (see 2.2.8) but who nevertheless wishes to be considered for selection may apply to be treated as a special case. Such an entry shall be sent to the tournament organiser and NZCF Secretary and considered by the Council or selectors appointed by Council. The onus is on the applicant to prove exceptional circumstances and the Council or selectors must be reasonably certain that the player's actual strength is consistent with the principles of 2.2.5. The effect of the player's selection on their development and the tournament as a whole may be taken into account.

2.2.8 EFFECT OF SMALL ENTRY

If, after the application of the above rules, there are no more than 10 entries then, notwithstanding tournament regulation 2.2.2, the Championship shall be conducted as a round-robin of 10 players. If the Championship is intended to be conducted over more than nine rounds, these numbers may be adjusted accordingly.

2.2.9 FILLING VACANT PLACES

If the Championship field, whether a Swiss or round robin, is not filled by the application of the above rules, the vacant place or places shall be offered in succession to the highest-rated players entered in the Major Open. This rule shall be used, if necessary, to avoid having a bye in the Championship tournament. Any player promoted shall pay the difference between the Major Open and Championship entry fees.

2.2.10 OLYMPIAD SELECTION

The New Zealand Champion shall be selected automatically for the New Zealand Olympiad team if eligible and available, and subject to any requirements set by the Council of all Olympiad team members. This shall only apply if the title of New Zealand Champion is not shared, and only in an Olympiad selection year as agreed by Council and noted on the entry form and tournament website

2.3 MAJOR OPEN

2.3.1 MAJOR OPEN CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the Major Open tournament shall be styled New Zealand Major Open Champion until the close of the next such tournament. If the New Zealand Championship and Major Open are combined into one tournament (see 2.1.3), the New

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Zealand player who attains the highest place of those who meet the criteria in 2.3.2 shall be styled the New Zealand Major Open Champion until the close of the next such tournament.

2.3.2 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS

No player with a current New Zealand standard rating of 2100 or higher shall be eligible to play in the Major Open.

Note: Players with an NZCF rating from 2000 to 2099 are eligible to play in either the New Zealand Championship or Major Open. This rule would not exclude from the Major Open a player with an NZCF rating of 2099 even if his FIDE rating was over 2100. Also, any player applying for, but not receiving, special consideration for his Championship entry would be eligible to play in the Major Open.

2.4 NEW ZEALAND RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

2.4.1 NEW ZEALAND RAPID CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Rapid Championship tournament shall be styled Rapid Chess Champion of New Zealand until the close of the following New Zealand Rapid Championship tournament.

2.4.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The Rapid Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with between seven and ten rounds.

2.4.3 TIME CONTROL

Time control shall be any acceptable FIDE rapid time control that has an increment.

2.4.4 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The Rapid Championship shall be played either immediately before or after the conclusion of the New Zealand Championship event unless the Council agrees otherwise to facilitate the conduct of the New Zealand Championship as an international tournament. The Rapid Championship shall be played over one or two days. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 15 minutes assuming a 60 move game and one lunch break per day of at least 30 minutes where rounds are played in the morning and afternoon.

2.5 NEW ZEALAND LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

2.5.1 NEW ZEALAND LIGHTNING CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Lightning Championship tournament shall be styled Lightning Chess Champion of New Zealand until the close of the following New Zealand Lightning Championship tournament.

2.4.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The Lightning Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with between seven and ten rounds.

2.4.3 TIME CONTROL

Time control shall be any acceptable FIDE lightning time control that has an increment.

2.4.4 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The Lightning Championship shall be played either immediately before or after the conclusion of the New Zealand Rapid Championship event. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 5 minutes assuming a 60 move game.

3. OTHER NZCF TOURNAMENTS

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3.1 NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP

3.1.1 NEW ZEALAND WOMEN'S CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Women's Championship tournament shall be styled New Zealand Women's Champion until the close of the next such tournament.

3.1.2 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The New Zealand Women's Championship shall be conducted as a swiss tournament with a minimum of seven rounds.

3.1.3 DATES AND VENUE

The New Zealand Women's Championship shall be held on dates agreed by the controlling authority and the Council but shall not be held on the same dates as another NZCF tournament.

3.1.4 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

3.1.5 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

3.1.6 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations Council may at the request of the controlling authority, approve the alteration of the timing, format or time controls for the New Zealand Women's Championship if it is satisfied that any such alteration will contribute to the effective conduct of the championship.

3.2 NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR AND AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

3.2.1 TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The New Zealand Junior Championship shall be a swiss tournament with a minimum of six rounds.

3.2.2 DATES AND VENUE

The New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships shall be held as part of Congress commencing on the second day of the New Zealand Championship unless otherwise agreed by the Council. There shall be one playing session each day held in the morning.

3.2.3 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move

3.2.4 NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Junior Championship tournament shall be styled New Zealand Junior Champion until the close of the next such tournament.

3.2.5 AGE LIMIT

The New Zealand Junior Championship shall be restricted to players who have not attained the age of twenty (20) before 1st January in the year in which the tournament is held.

3.2.6 ELIGIBILITY FOR WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The New Zealand Junior Champion shall be entitled to represent New Zealand in the immediately following World Junior Championship.

3.2.7 NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLPUPIL CHAMPION

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The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships and is enrolled in primary or secondary school in the most recent or current year will be styled the New Zealand Schoolpupil Champion until close of the next such tournament.

3.2.8 NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPION

The New Zealand female player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships will be styled the New Zealand Junior Girls Champion until close of the next such tournament.

3.2.9 NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLGIRLS CHAMPION

The New Zealand female player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships and is enrolled in primary or secondary school in the most recent or current year will be styled the New Zealand Schoolgirls Champion until close of the next such tournament.

3.2.10 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

The eligible New Zealand players who attain the highest places in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships will be styled the New Zealand Age Group Champions until close of the next such tournament. The age groups shall be under 16, under 14, under 12, under 10 and under 8. Players are eligible for an age group if they have not yet attained the relevant age before 1 January in the year in which the tournament is held but are only eligible for the age group nearest their own age.

3.3 NORTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

3.3.1 SWISS SYSTEM

The North Island Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with a minimum of eight rounds.

3.3.2 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

3.3.3 DATES, PLAYING TIMES, SCHEDULE

The North Island Championship shall be held in the school holidays between the second and third term in the school year. There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

3.3.4 NORTH ISLAND CHAMPION

The North Island player who attains the highest place in the North Island Championship tournament shall be styled North Island Champion until the close of the following North Island Championship.

3.3.5 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations Council may at the request of the controlling authority, approve the alteration of the timing, format or time controls for the North Island Championship if it is satisfied that any such alteration will contribute to the effective conduct of the championship.

3.4 NORTH ISLAND RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

3.4.1 DATE AND VENUE

The North Island Rapid Championship shall be held either immediately before or following, and at the same venue as the North Island Championship unless otherwise agreed with Council.

3.4.2 PLAYING TIMES, SCHEDULE, FORMAT AND TIME CONTROLS

The North Island Rapid Championship shall be an open swiss system tournament with a minimum of six rounds. The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE rapid time control that has an increment. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 15 minutes and a lunch break of at least 30 minutes, both assuming a 60 move game.

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3.4.3 NORTH ISLAND RAPID CHAMPION

The North Island player who attains the highest place in the North Island Rapid Championship tournament shall be styled North Island Rapid Champion until the close of the following North Island Rapid Championship.

3.5 SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

3.5.1 SWISS SYSTEM

The South Island Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with a minimum of eight rounds.

3.5.2 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

3.5.3 DATES, PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The South Island Championship shall be held in the school holidays between the third and fourth term in the school year. There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

3.5.4 SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPION

The South Island player who attains the highest place in the South Island Championship tournament shall be styled South Island Champion until the close of the following South Island Championship..

3.5.5 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations Council may at the request of the organising authority, approve the alteration of the timing, format or time controls for the South Island Championship if it is satisfied that any such alteration will contribute to the effective conduct of the championship.

3.6 SOUTH ISLAND RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

3.6.1 DATE AND VENUE

The South Island Rapid Championship shall be held either immediately before or following, and at the same venue as the South Island Championship unless otherwise agreed with Council.

3.6.2 PLAYING TIMES, SCHEDULE, FORMAT AND TIME CONTROLS

The South Island Rapid Championship shall be an open swiss system tournament with a minimum of six rounds. The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE rapid time control that has an increment. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 15 minutes and a lunch break of at least 30 minutes, both assuming a 60 move game.

3.6.3 SOUTH ISLAND RAPID CHAMPION

The South Island player who attains the highest place in the South Island Rapid Championship tournament shall be styled South Island Rapid Champion until the close of the following South Island Championship.

3.7 NEW ZEALAND SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

3.7.1 NEW ZEALAND SENIOR AND VETERAN CHAMPIONS

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Seniors Championship tournament shall be styled New Zealand Senior Champion until the close of the next such tournament. The New Zealand veteran (see 4.3) player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Seniors Championship tournament shall be styled New Zealand Veteran Champion until the close of the next such tournament.

3.7.2 SWISS SYSTEM

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The New Zealand Seniors Championship shall be conducted as a swiss tournament with a minimum of six rounds.

3.7.3 DATES

The New Zealand Seniors Championship shall be held on dates agreed by the controlling authority and the Council but shall not be held on the same dates as another NZCF tournament.

3.7.4 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

3.7.5 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

3.7.6 AGE LIMIT

The New Zealand Seniors Championship shall be limited to who have or will attain the age of 50 during the year of the tournament (see 4.2).

3.7.7 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations Council may at the request of the controlling authority, approve the alteration of the timing, format or time controls for the New Zealand Seniors Championship if it is satisfied that any such alteration will contribute to the effective conduct of the championship.

4. AGE RANGE DEFINITIONS

4.1. JUNIOR

All chess players who shall not have reached the age of **xx** before January 1st of the year in which the tournaments are held are eligible to participate. Where **xx** is 08,10,12 etc...

4.2 SENIOR

50+ Must have reached or will reach the required age (50) during the year of competition.

4.3 VETERAN

65+ Must have reached or will reach the required age (65) during the year of competition

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