

OCEANIA CHESS CONFEDERATION (OCC)

FIDE ZONE 3.6 – REGULATIONS

AS ADOPTED 21 JANUARY 2012

1. ZONE CHAMPIONSHIPS (ZONALS)

- 1.1 Oceania Zone Championships are the responsibility of the FIDE Zone 3.6 President in consultation with the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) Executive Board and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF). Sections D.I.01, D.I.02 and D.I.03 of the FIDE Handbook shall apply unless specifically stated below.
- 1.2 These tournaments are official World Championship and Women's World Championship Qualifying events. The winners will qualify for the next stage of the World Championship Cycle (currently known as the FIDE World Cup).
- 1.3 The format of the Zone Championships is determined by the organiser and shall be specified in the Entry Form together with prize money and other conditions. Normally, Oceania conducts 9-round Swiss events with an Open Zone Championship (open to men and women) and a separate Women's Zone Championship (open to women only). If there are less than 12 players in either event then it shall be held as an all-play-all with extra rounds scheduled as necessary.
- 1.4 Seeded players may be nominated by their Federations in accordance with paragraph 1.3.2 of the FIDE Handbook Section D.01. These seeded players shall receive free entry and free twin-share bed and breakfast accommodation for 7 (seven) nights courtesy of the organisers. No expenses or pocket money shall be paid by the organisers but the Oceania Chess Confederation will consider requests for travel grants. All other players must pay the required special Zone Championship entry fees which include a sum payable to FIDE and ACF.
- 1.5 Play-offs for World Championship places shall be held on the final day in accordance with FIDE regulations (four rapid play games followed if necessary by two five minute games if necessary followed by one sudden death game) . If there are more than two players tied then the top two players (after application of FIDE tie-breaks) shall contest the play-off.
- 1.6 FIDE Titles will be applied for but see Section 6 below.
- 1.7 All ties for titles will be resolved by the application of FIDE tie-breaks.
- 1.8 Players registered with Federations from outside the Zone are ineligible to play in Zone Championships.

2. SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 2.1 Oceania Senior Championships are the responsibility of the FIDE Zone 3.6 President in consultation with the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) Executive Board and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF).
- 2.2 These events are official title events and are also qualifying events for free accommodation (where offered) in the next Asian Seniors Championships, World Seniors Championships, Asian Seniors Women's Championships and World Seniors Women's Championships.
- 2.3 The format of the Oceania Seniors Championships is determined by the organiser and shall be specified in the Entry Form together with prize money and other conditions. Normally, Oceania conducts one Open 7-round Swiss event (open to both men and women).
- 2.4 No expenses or pocket money shall be paid by the organisers but the Oceania Chess Confederation will consider requests for travel grants. All players must pay the required entry fees.
- 2.5 All ties will be resolved by FIDE tie-breaks.
- 2.6 Players registered with Federations from outside the Zone may be permitted to play in Seniors Championships but are ineligible to represent the Zone in Asian or World events.

3. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS (U20)

- 3.1 Oceania Junior Championships are the responsibility of the FIDE Zone 3.6 President in consultation with the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) Executive Board and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF).
- 3.2 These are official Oceania Junior title events.
- 3.3 The format of the Oceania Junior Championships is determined by the organiser and shall be specified in the Entry Form together with prize money and other conditions. Normally, Oceania conducts 10-player all-play-all events with a Junior Championship (open to boys and girls) and a separate Girl's Championship (open to girls only).
- 3.4 Seeded players may be nominated by their federations and shall receive free entry and free billeted accommodation courtesy of the organisers. No expenses or pocket money shall be paid by the organisers but the Oceania Chess Confederation will consider reasonable requests for travel grants. The organisers are entitled to invite additional players.
- 3.5 FIDE Titles will be applied for but see Section 6 below.
- 3.6 All ties will be resolved by the application of FIDE tie-breaks.
- 3.7 Players registered with Federations from outside the Zone are ineligible to play in Oceania Junior Championships.

4. YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS (U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, U8)

- 4.1 Oceania Youth Championships are the responsibility of the FIDE Zone 3.6 President in consultation with the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) Executive Board and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF).
- 4.2 These are official Oceania Youth title events.
- 4.3 The format of the Championships is determined by the organiser and shall be specified in the Entry Form together with prize money and other conditions. Normally, Oceania conducts swiss events for each age group, with a Junior Championship (open to boys and girls) and a separate Girl's Championship (open to girls only).
- 4.4 Seeded players may be nominated by their federations and shall receive free entry. No accommodation, expenses or pocket money shall be paid by the organisers but the Oceania Chess Confederation will consider requests for travel grants.
- 4.5 FIDE Titles will be applied for but see Section 6 below.
- 4.6 All ties will be resolved by the application of FIDE tie-breaks.
- 4.7 Players registered with Federations from outside the Zone are ineligible to play in Oceania Youth Championships.

5. TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

- 5.1 Oceania Teams Championships are the responsibility of the FIDE Zone 3.6 President in consultation with the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) Executive Board and the Asian Chess Federation (ACF).
- 5.2 These are official Oceania Teams title events.
- 5.3 The format of the Championships is determined by the organiser and shall be specified in the Entry Form together with prize money and other conditions. Normally, Oceania conducts 4-player Open events with a maximum average FIDE Rating of 2250.
- 5.4 All ties will be resolved by the application of FIDE tie-breaks.
- 5.5 Players registered with Federations from outside the Zone are eligible (and indeed encouraged) to play in Oceania Teams Championships.

6. TITLES

- 6.1 All FIDE Titles should be applied for without delay.
- 6.2 Recommendations that FIDE titles be conditional will be determined by FIDE.
- 6.3 Oceania Champion titles may be awarded annually as determined by the FIDE Zone 3.6 President in consultation with the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) Executive Board.

7. AWARDING OF EVENTS

- 7.1 Decisions relating to the awarding of events to any particular Federation or organiser are the responsibility of the FIDE Zone 3.6 President in consultation with the Oceania Chess Confederation (OCC) Executive Board.