

General Regulations for CCA Competitions

1. Governing Regulations

1.1. These Regulations are applicable to the following CCA competitions:

- a. PanAmerican Junior Championships
- b. PanAmerican Youth Championships
- c. PanAmerican Amateur Championships
- d. PanAmerican School Championships
- e. PanAmerican Veteran & Senior Championships
- f. Regional Junior Championships
- g. Regional Youth Championships
- h. PanAmerican University Championship
- i. Regional Absolute/Women Championships
- j. Regional Scholl Championships

1.2. These Regulations come into effect from January 01, 2024.

1.3. All the Competitions listed above shall be organized annually under the aegis of the CCA by a federation entrusted with the task by the Continental Assembly and in accordance with the bidding procedure.

1.4. Participants refers to players and accompanying persons (including officials, trainers, media, etc.).

2. Bid, Inspection Visit & Evaluation Report

2.1. Organizers for all Competitions shall be designated at least one year before the Competition is to be held. All bids must be made on the prescribed form with all relevant information regarding the bid and duly signed by the appropriate person.

2.2. In particular the bid shall contain information on the tournament venue, concession rates for hotel rooms, meals for the participants and any registration fees that will be charged. It must be accompanied by a statement that the proposed administrator accepts all the requirements stipulated in the regulations together with the applicants name, signature and authentication.

2.3. Each proposal shall be accompanied by an invitation to the Continental President, or his representative, to inspect the proposed venue and examine and approve all other conditions with all expenses paid by the applicant.

2.4. Each proposal shall be delivered to the General Secretary in the prescribed manner set out in the bidding procedure.

2.5. The Continental Assembly shall decide on the winning applicant in accordance with the bidding procedure.

2.6. If there are no bids for an event then the CCA Continental Board shall decide whether to hold it under different conditions from those stipulated in the regulations.

3. Organization

3.1. At least 5 months before the start of the event, the Organizers shall send the Invitation to the General Secretary for approval.

3.2. After the approval, invitations to participate shall be sent to all CCA member federations at least 4 months before the event.

3.3. The Organizing Committee shall endeavour to facilitate participants who may require visas. The participants are obliged to stay in the official hotels appointed by the Organizing Committee, unless the organizers decide otherwise.

3.4. The host federation Rating Officer shall register the tournament and send all information to FIDE according to the regulations.

4. Registration of Participants

4.1. At least two months before the beginning of the Competition, the participating federations shall register its participants with the administrators. The birth date of each player must be given and must correspond with the birth date given in his passport or other travel document. In addition their FIDE ID number and personal e-mail address is required. All travel documents must also be submitted if visas are required. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for submission and application for visas.

4.2. Prior to participation, each federation must pay to CCA for each participant, the entry fee as set out in CCA Financial Regulations. Copy of the payment must be given to the organizer. If no payment has been made then it must be paid before the first round (subject to rules for late registration) or the player cannot participate in the event.

4.3. Fees for late registration, withdrawal or no show shall be charged as follow:

- a. Late registration after the deadline date: two times of stipulated CCA entry fee
- b. Withdrawal after submission of registration: two times of stipulated CCA entry fee and one night's hotel expenses
- c. No show after registration: two night's hotel expenses
- d. If a player registers late and withdraws or does not appear, the federation will be invoiced by the CCA Treasurer the fee for late registration and two night's hotel expenses.
- e. The Organizer shall send the list of participants to the General Secretary and Treasurer.
- f. The Organizer shall be responsible for publishing the list of participants on the CCA website and also the tournament rounds & results on Chess Results.
- g. CCA shall compensate 50% of the penalty fees received, to the organizer.

5. Schedule, System and Rate of Play

5.1. There shall be no more than 2 consecutive days where two rounds may be played.

5.2. In all CCA competitions the traditional term "FIDE rating" or "rating" of a player means the classical rating, coming from the original rating list which FIDE has published since 1971. For blitz or rapid competitions, the tournament invitation (or the tournament regulations) will clarify the terms "FIDE blitz rating" or "FIDE rapid rating" naming them as such to avoid confusion.

5.3. An official FIDE Swiss rules system shall be used and in the case of computer pairings, an official FIDE Swiss program must be used. All Championships shall be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

5.4. The time limit shall be that approved by CCA.

6. Financial Regulations

6.1. All players shall be required to pay Entry Fees to CCA as stipulated by the CCA Financial Regulations.

6.2. All participants may be required to pay a Registration Fee to the Organizing Committee and this shall be not more than USD100 per person. The Registration Fee is to include the costs for airport transfers, Accreditation Cards, Daily Bulletins, Certificates, etc.

7. Medical

7.1. From the duration of day of arrival and until day of departure, the Organising Committee shall insure the participants for medical services. The Organizing Committee shall not be responsible for medical services needed for treatment of chronic or other illnesses which already existed before their arrival at the Competition.

8. Technical Officials

8.1. The Chief Arbiter, who must be a FIDE International Arbiter, is appointed by the Continental President. The Organizer shall appoint as many Deputy and Assistant Arbiters as necessary but must include male and female persons.

8.2. Before the start of the first round, the Appeals Committee, comprising 3 persons shall be formed. The Continental President or his nominee shall preside and another two persons shall be selected from the participating federations. In addition, there should be 2 reserve members. All the members of the Appeal panel should be from different federations, if possible, and no member shall take part in a decision affecting a player of his own federation, unless the parties involved are from the same federation. No member of the Appeals panel shall be younger than 21 years.

8.3. The Organizing Committee shall be responsible for the travel expenses of the Chief Arbiter and President of the Appeals Committee. They shall be provided with free board and lodging. They shall be paid stipends in accordance with the regulations for the event.

9. Appeals

9.1. A protest against the decision of an Arbiter must be submitted in writing to the Chief Arbiter, within one hour after the end of the respective round.

9.2. A protest fee of USD100 shall be payable, which is refundable if the protest is upheld. The Appeals Committee may also decide to refund the fee if it considers the appeal was not frivolous. Otherwise the fee is forfeited in favour of CCA.

9.3. The Appeals Committee will issue a decision, if possible, before the start of the next round. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final, binding and takes effect immediately.

9.4. The Appeals Committee shall keep a record of all proceedings and submit a final report to CCA.

10. Prizes

10.1. Before the beginning of the first round, a list of the titles and prizes to be awarded to the highest placed participants, plus any special prizes, shall be published together with the rules for their award. The Organizing Committee shall also award Gold, Silver and Bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each event.

10.2. The prize fund, if any, shall be stipulated in the Invitation.

10.3. Country or Team prizes shall be stated according to the event regulations.

11. Reports

11.1. On completion of the Competition, the Chief Arbiter and the Chairman of the Appeals Committee shall deliver their reports to CCA. The reports shall deal with the course of the Competition and include supporting documents, if appropriate.

11.2. Within 2 weeks after the Closing Ceremony, the Organizing Committee shall submit a written report to CCA. The rating officer shall send to FIDE the results on the server within 2 weeks of the end of the event.

12. Other

12.1. The CCA will be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organisation of the event. This shall be a fixed sum agreed between the Administrator and the Continental President before the start of the event.

12.2. The Organizers must provide cellular contact numbers of a bilingual representative who may assist participants on arrival at the host country or terminal.