



CONFEDERATION
OF CHESS FOR
AMERICAS

Regional Junior (U-20) Championship

Regional Junior Championships (Absolute & Girls)

1. General Regulations & Rules

- 1.1. The Championships shall be governed by the General Regulations for CCA Competitions and these Rules.
- 1.2. The Championships shall be held at a single venue, if possible. In exceptional cases as determined by the Continental Assembly, or between Assemblies by the Continental Board, separate venues may be used for the two categories.
- 1.3. There will be three separate regional youth championships. No federation may participate in two regions:

The Northern event for: Canada, Mexico and the USA

The Central American & Caribbean event for: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Belize, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Grenada, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Netherlands Antilles, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent & the Grenadines, Surinam, Trinidad & Tobago and US Virgin Islands.

The Southern Event for: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Perú, Uruguay and Venezuela

2. Participation

- 2.1. All chess players who shall not have reached the age of 20 before January 1st of the year in which the Championships are held are eligible to participate. There shall be separate events for absolute and girls.
- 2.2. The following have a personal right as official players and are entitled to participate provided they fulfil the condition of Rule 2.1 above:



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- a. Defending Champions in their respective categories shall have the personal right to participate the following year only.
 - b. The previous year Regional Youth U18 Champions if they are no longer eligible for the U18 category.
 - c. The Carifta U20 Champions are also considered officials to participate in the CAC Regional U20 Junior Championship.
- 2.3. In addition to the players mentioned in Rule 2.2 above, each CCA member federation shall have the right to send one official participant for each event. A Federation may be represented by a girl in the Absolute category.
- 2.4. CCA member federations shall have the right to send as many additional players as they wish. The Federation shall be held responsible for all costs and participants must fulfil the conditions of 2.1.
- 2.5. All participants must have written accreditation from their federation.

3. Schedule and System

- 3.1. 3.1. The Championships must not exceed 10 days including official day of arrival and departure.
- 3.2. 3.2. Each Championship shall be a maximum of 9 rounds for a Swiss or Round Robin Tournament, depending on the number of players.
- 3.3. 3.3. When either Championship has 8 or fewer participants, then the event shall be merged with the other category.
- 3.4. 3.4. The rate of play shall be 90 minutes for the whole game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
- 3.5. 3.5. Participants must be present at the opening ceremony that shall be held in the evening of the day of arrival. The closing ceremony shall take place not later than the day after the end of the Championships.



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4. Designation of the Winners.

4.1. The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament, two or more players are tied for the first place or for any prize, the tie shall be broken in accordance with the following tiebreak systems:

A. In a Swiss System Championship

- i. Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
- ii. The greater number of wins
- iii. The greater number of games with black (un-played games shall be counted as played with white)
- iv. Buchholz cut 1
- v. Buchholz
- vi. Sonneborn-Berger.
- vii. By age in favor of the younger player

B. In a Round Robin Championship:

- i. Direct encounter
- ii. The greater number of wins
- iii. Sonneborn-Berger
- iv. Koya system
- v. By age in favor of the younger player

5. Financial Regulations

5.1. For players who are hosted as official participants according to articles 2.2 & 2.3 above, the board and lodging expenses shall be covered 60% by the Organizers from the official day of arrival until the night before the official day of departure. The official participants shall pay 40% of the board and lodging expenses.

5.2. All other participants shall be responsible for their own board and lodging. The Organizing Committee shall offer reasonable and favorably priced accommodation and meals and shall state the costs in the Invitation.



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- 5.3. In addition to the requirements in the General Regulations, the Chief Arbiter shall be paid a stipend of USD1200 and the Appeals Committee President shall be paid an honorarium of USD1000.

6. Prizes

- 6.1. The top 3 players shall be awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.
- 6.2. The winners of the championships have the personal right to participate in the next PanAmerican & Regional Juniors U20, if they meet the requirement of article 2.1.
- 6.3. Titles and norms will be awarded in accordance to FIDE Regulations.