



CONFEDERATION
OF CHESS FOR
AMERICAS

Regional Youth Chess Championship

Regional Youth 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 different categories and genders events.
- 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 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 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 at each age group.
- 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 in the corresponding age category or in a higher age category in both the Regional and Pan American Youth Championships and shall be considered an official player if they fulfil the conditions of article 2.1 above.
 - B. Players placed 1st in the U12, U16 & U20 CARIFTA Championships shall have the personal right as official players in the subsequent CAC Regional Youth Championships if they fulfil the conditions of article 2.1 above and general regulations. If the players placed 1st in the U18 category are no longer qualified by age then they shall be considered official players in the next Pan American U20 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. The Championships must not exceed 9 days including official day of arrival and departure.
- 3.2. Each Championship shall be a maximum of 9 rounds for a Swiss or Round Robin Tournament, depending on the number of players.



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- 3.3. When there are less than 8 participants then the Tournament will not be held and the players will be entered in the other Championship of the same age category. When the total of participants for the merged age categories is less than 9 then the Championships of this age category shall not be held and the players shall be merged in the next (higher) age category. Medals will be awarded for merged events as if the events had been separate.
- 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. 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.

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



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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, or have qualified with personal right, (plus one coach for each federation if his federation has 4 or more players participating), the Organizing Committee shall cover 60% of the cost to provide board and lodging from the official day of arrival to the night before the official day of departure. 40% is to be paid by the official participants for board and lodging.
- 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.
- 5.3. In addition to the requirements in the General Regulations, the Chief Arbiter shall be paid a stipend of USD1500 and the Appeals Committee President shall be paid an honorarium of USD1200.