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AMERICAS

Regional School Championships

Regional School 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 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17 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.



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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:

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 and shall be considered an official player if they fulfil the conditions of article 2.1 above. They shall be hosted with free accommodation and meals by the Organizer.

2.3. CCA member federations or School Associations shall have the right to enter as many players as they wish. The Federation, Schools or the participants themselves shall be held responsible for all costs and participants must fulfil the conditions of 2.1. A Federation may be represented by a girl in the Absolute category.

2.4. All participants must have written accreditation from their federation and school and must be currently studying.

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 Round Robin or Swiss Tournament respectively, depending on the number of players.

3.3. When there are less than 9 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 entered 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.



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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.

3.6. Winners have a personal right for the following year's championship as set out in article 2.2 and to the FIDE World Schools Championships if they satisfy the relevant age regulation.

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



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5. Prizes

- 5.1. The top three placed players shall receive trophies, 4th & 5th placed players shall receive medals.
- 5.2. The three best ranked schools or federations shall receive trophies. To determine the final ranking, the better ranked player in each category shall be awarded points as follows:
 - a. 1st place = 5 points
 - b. 2nd place = 4 points
 - c. 3rd place = 3 points
 - d. 4th place = 2 points
 - e. 5th place = 1 point

The total number of points scored by each school/fed shall determine the final ranking.

6. Financial Regulations

- 6.1. In addition to the requirements in the General Regulations, the Chief Arbiter shall be paid a stipend of USD 1000, the Appeals Committee President shall be paid an honorarium of USD 800.
- 6.2. Each participating federation with 4 or more players in the event shall be entitled to have one coach with free accommodation and meals provided by the organizers.



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