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### 1. ORGANIZATION

- 1.1 Zonal tournaments are to be held in the first half of the uneven year, prior to the continental chess championships.
- 1.2 The respective zone president, or a deputy appointed by him, shall be responsible for the organization of the tournaments in his zones with the approval of the continental president, in conformity with FIDE regulations.
  - 1.2.1 When choosing the venue; the promotion, environment, accommodation, meals, fees and transport shall be taken into account. If two or more federations are interested in the organization of a zonal, they should send their proposal to the secretary of the CCA, which will prepare a comparative grid between all the proposals, to make a decision.
  - 1.2.2 In exceptional cases the zonal president, with the approval of the continental president may adjust the allocation of official players in the zonal tournaments.
- 1.3 If in a zone, it is not possible to hold a zonal tournament under these regulations, the zonal president is empowered to modify them.

### 2. Participation.

- 2.1 Every participant in the zonal tournament should be a member of the CCA & a FIDE member federation in conformity with the rules established in, fide handbook.
- 2.2 Each federation belonging to the specific zone shall have the right to send two official representatives to the tournament (**absolute and women**), under the conditions established in 8.2. The zone president, with the approval of the continental president may augment the number of official players allocated to the federations.
  - 2.2.1 Besides the participation established in article 2.2 each federation may register any number of extra players, subject to payment of their board and lodging, for which their federation shall be held responsible.
  - 2.2.2 The participants must have written accreditation from their federation as registered players.
  - 2.2.3 In the zones where preliminary sub zonals are played, the participation in the zonal tournament as official players is determined by the results of the sub zonal tournaments. Other allocation



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of places in the zonal tournament shall be decided by the zonal president, with the approval of the continental president

- 2.3 At least six months before the start of the tournament and after the zonal president's approval the organizers shall send the invitation letter to the continental president, CCA secretary and the zonal president.

After approval, the invitation will be sent by the organizer to all member federations of the zone

- 2.4 At least two months before the start of the tournament each federation accepting the invitation shall register its entries with the organizers. Copy of the entries will be sent to CCA secretary.
- 2.5 Prior to participation each federation must pay to CCA **the entry fee for each participant as quoted in article 2.5, financial regulations**. Copy of the receipt must be given to the organizer. No participant shall be allowed to participate without payment of the entry fee.

### 3. Playing schedule

- 3.1 The zonals will not last more than 12 days, including the official days of arrival and departure. The playing schedule shall be approved by the zonal president.
- 3.2 When the championship has 10 or fewer participants the event shall be played as a round robin tournament. The host country will have a reserve extra player if the number of players is uneven.
- 3.3 When the championship has 11 or more participants a 9 round Swiss System shall be played.
- 3.4 Participants must be present at the opening ceremony that shall be held in the evening of the day of arrival.

### 4. Playing conditions.

- 4.1 FIDE's specific regulations for these tournaments, the CCA general tournament regulations **including its annex 2 will be valid for establishing the playing conditions**



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## 5. Chief arbiter and his assistants.

- 5.1 CCA, in agreement with the zone president, will appoint the chief arbiter.
- 5.2 the organizers may appoint as many deputy and assistant arbiters as necessary.
- 5.3 the organizers must provide free board and lodging to the chief arbiter, refund his travel cost and pay him the stipend established in the CCA financial regulations.
- 5.4 other arbiters and officials may be paid in local currency.

## 6. Appeals committee.

- 6.1 Before the start of the first round an appeals committee shall be appointed from among the participants or the representatives of the federations involved. The appeals committee shall consist of three members and two reserve members, representing five different federations. The chairman of the appeals committee is the continental president or his nominee. No member of the appeal committee shall take part in a decision concerning his own federation unless the parties involved are from the same federation.
- 6.2 A protest against an arbiter's decision must be submitted in writing to the appeals committee within one hour after the end of the relevant round, accompanied of usd100.00 deposit. If the protest is upheld the deposit shall be reimbursed, if the protest is denied the deposit shall be forfeited in CCA's favor.
- 6.3 The appeals committee will issue a decision, if possible, before the next round. The decision of the appeals committee shall be final.
- 6.4 The appeals committee chairman shall be provided by the organizer's free accommodation, meals, refunded his travel cost and the stipend stablished in the CCA financial regulations.

## 7. Designation of the winner.

- 7.1 For the tournaments where the competition is played as a Swiss System event, 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, the tie shall be broken by technical tie-breaks as per the fide tie-break regulations effective upon approval of the invitation.
- 7.2 For the tournaments where the competition is played as a round robin event, 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, the tie shall be broken by technical tie-breaks as per the fide tie-break regulations effective upon approval of the invitation.



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## 8. Financial regulations.

- 8.1 The travelling expenses of the participants and accompanying persons shall be paid by their national federations or by themselves.
- 8.2 The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to lunch on the official day of departure shall be covered by the organizers for the participants registered according to article 2.2.
- 8.3 Other participants will cover their own board and lodging. The organizers will inform in advance about hotel rates and special discounts.
- 8.4 Board and lodging of the zonal president and **other CCA board members** will be to the account of the organizers.

## 9. Classification and prizes.

- 9.1 The zonal president shall determine the number of classificatory places in each sub zonal tournament. The number of zonal qualification places.
- 9.2 Not later than one week after the end of a sub zonal tournament the zonal president shall report the results to the continental president and the CCA secretariat. The host federation rating officer shall register the tournament and shall send fide all the required information according to fide regulations.
- 9.3 If in a particular zone no zonal tournament is held, this zone shall not receive a place in the subsequent zonal tournament. In special circumstances a decision shall be taken by the continental president.
- 9.4 The organizing federation will award prizes for at least the first five places in each tournament.
- 9.5 **The minimum prize fund for the tournament is USD 6000 (absolute) and USD 4000 (women). The first prize shall consist of at least 20% of the prize fund.**
- 9.6 If two or more players finish tied for a prize place(s), the prizes shall be added and shared equally.
- 9.7 Before the start of the first round, a list of prizes to be awarded to the highest placed participants, including any special prize shall be published.
- 9.8 Titles & norms will be awarded according to fide regulations.

## 10. Logistics

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



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