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GENERAL

The purpose of the “ISF Chess Technical Rules and Regulations” is to provide standardised rules and regulations for all Chess competitions. This document is set up in accordance with the ISF Statutes, the ISF Sport Policy and the ISF General Competition Regulations.

This document is intended to ensure that all matters related to competitions are conducted in a fair and orderly manner. The specific objectives of this document are to:

1. Define and specify the **general conditions** under which participants can take part in the ISF chess events;
2. Determine the **delegation composition**;
3. Determine the **sport program**;
4. Determine the **technical rules**;
5. Set the **draw** procedure;
6. Set **protests and appeals** procedure.

Please note that the technical rules and regulations are applicable to all ISF events. In case of variation of rules and regulations in relation to the type of event, the variation will be specified in the text.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS

The competition will be run according to the ISF rules and regulations and FIDE (International Chess Federation) Laws of Chess technical rules under the direction of the ISF Technical Commission of Chess. Any decisions over matters not mentioned in the present document will be taken by the ISF Technical Commission.

- The ISF Chess events are open to school teams and/or selected teams and/or individuals. Specific sports formats shall be described in the event bulletins.
- The competition is categorised as: boys category and girls category.
- The composition of each delegation, the number of teams/individuals, and the final sport events that each ISF Chess event is accepting will be defined for each event accordingly.
- The competition is held over minimum four (4) days for OTB (Over The Board) events. **The number of competition days for Online events will be determined by the TC.**

AGE CATEGORY

- For the **U15 category**, students aged 13, 14 and 15 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.
- For the **U18 category**, students aged 16, 17, and 18 on 31 December of the year of the competition concerned can participate.

2. DELEGATION COMPOSITION

Each delegation will consist of:

- Head of delegation
- Deputy Head of delegation (where applicable)
- Additional adults
- Athletes
- Team officials
 - Coaches
 - Other team officials

HEAD OF DELEGATION (HOD)

- HOD shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, the ISF Technical Commission and the ISF Delegate.
- They may not combine their role of HoD with that of a coach or any other official role.
- Each delegation is entitled to enter one (1) HoD.

DEPUTY HEAD OF DELEGATION (Deputy HoD)

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- Number of Deputy HoD depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ADDITIONAL ADULTS

- The function of additional adults can be: interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.
- The presence of additional adults is not mandatory.
- The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process.
- Any other additional persons not specified during registration or exceeding the limit specified in this document will not be considered part of the official delegation and will not be accredited by the LOC.
- Number of additional adults depends on the size of the delegation. Specific numbers shall be defined in the event bulletins.

ATHLETES

- Athletes must be students attending schools that provide general education.
- Athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country which they represent.

TEAM OFFICIALS

Coaches

- The presence of a coach is mandatory.
- Teams or individuals cannot participate in the competition without the presence of a coach.
- The maximum number of coaches is determined by the number of athletes.
- Each delegation shall enter a minimum of one (1) coach per team.

Other Team officials

- The function of other team officials can be: doctor, trainer, physiotherapist, statistician, team manager etc.



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- The presence of the other team officials is not mandatory.
- The function of the other team officials must be specified during the registration process.
- Any person not specified during registration or exceeding the limit will not be considered part of the team.
- Each delegation shall enter up to one (1) other team official each per team.

3. SPORT PROGRAM

EVENTS

- Tournaments

4. TECHNICAL RULES

Swiss pairing system with minimum 7 rounds. If the number of players does not exceed 8, the round robin system shall be used.

Prizes , Tie-breaks, Time control will be written at the Tournament Regulations.

Online Chess Events:

1. The competition is organised for individuals and will be held in two stages:
 - Qualification tournaments
 - Final tournaments
2. Qualification tournaments will be organised for each category.
3. Qualification tournaments will be played in a Swiss System format. Number of rounds, time control, tie-breaks will be written in tournament regulations.: Each of the 4 categories will be played individually.
4. Players according to final ranking of the qualification tournament will be qualified for finals of each category.
5. Finals will be played in a Swiss System format. Number of rounds time control, time control, prizes will be written in the tournament regulations. Each of the categories will play their finals separately.

5. DRAW

- The ISF is responsible for establishing criteria's and fixing timing of the draw.
- The ISF Technical Commission is responsible of the draw.

6. PROTESTS AND APPEALS

Appeals regulations will be written in the tournament regulations.



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