

NZCF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8 JANUARY 2022
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO
THE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS AND TOURNAMENT RULES

REMIT 1:

The definition of "New Zealand chess player" in Supplementary Regulations Definitions is amended to:

"New Zealand chess player" means one who holds New Zealand citizenship or has resided in New Zealand for the past 12 months as the holder of a residence class visa as defined by the Immigration Act 2009 or successor legislation.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** This includes resident visas, permanent resident visas under the Immigration Act 2009, and resident permits under older legislation, but does not include temporary visas. Because Australians are granted resident visas on arrival to NZ, residing in NZ for 12 months avoids Australian visitors meeting the definition i.e. they would have to live in NZ as well. This aligns the definition with eligibility for registering with FIDE as NZL, although it is not proposed to require that.*

REMIT 2:

Tournament Rules 1.1.1 Annual Events is amended to **add New Zealand Lightning Championship.**

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** This tournament has been held for a number of years but is currently an omission from the list of official events*

REMIT 3:

Tournament Rules 1.1.4 Eligible Players is revoked and subsequent rules renumbered.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** The registration system was replaced in 2019.*

REMIT 4:

Tournament Rules 1.2.1 is amended to:

1.2.1 BID AND APPOINTMENT OF CONTROLLING AUTHORITY AND TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

A controlling authority (which may be a club or regional association) bidding to organise an NZCF tournament shall provide a document to the Council in support of their bid outlining:

- **Budget including sponsorship, entry fees, prize funds, levies, payment for officials, any support requested from Council, and any other expected income and expenditure**
- **Proposed dates, formats and time controls of all tournaments included in the bid**
- **Location and venue**
- **Proposed tournament organiser**
- **Any other information required in regulations for specific tournaments or requested by Council**

Council may provide budget and other document templates for controlling authorities bidding for tournaments and may request additional information it deems necessary.

Bids may be made at any time. When a satisfactory bid is received for any NZCF tournament or tournaments, Council may award the tournament(s) to the controlling authority and tournament organiser. Council may consider any factors it thinks fit in awarding the tournament but is not required to award a tournament. Where no bid is received within 18 months of Congress or 9 months of any other tournament, Council shall call for bids. Where no bid is received within 12 months of Congress or 6 months of any other tournament, Council may organise any event and appoint a tournament organiser directly.

REMIT 5:

Tournament Rules 1.2.2 is amended to:

1.2.2 DUTIES OF TOURNAMENT ORGANISER

The tournament organiser shall appoint the chief arbiter in consultation with the Council, appoint other arbiters in consultation with the chief arbiter and the Council, and make all such financial, social and other arrangements and do all such things as may be necessary or desirable for the conduct of the tournament, register NZCF events for FIDE rating (or delegate this to the chief arbiter), make regulations for the conduct of the tournament (or delegate this to the chief arbiter) provided that any regulations made are published on the tournament entry form or website in advance of the tournament and not in contravention of the Laws of Chess, NZCF Constitution or Regulations, or FIDE Regulations except to the extent permissible by same.

REMIT 6:

Tournament Rules 1.2.3 is amended by **adding the words “or tournament organiser” after “controlling authority”.**

REMIT 7:

Tournament Rules 1.2.4 is revoked

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 4-7 update the Tournament Rules to align with current NZCF and FIDE practice of tournaments having a single named Tournament Organiser rather than a tournament committee appointed by a club, and moving to a system in which Council awards tournaments to clubs based on a written bid with a budget and other supporting material rather than tournaments being awarded by the AGM which can be poorly timed for some events. Arbiters are appointed in consultation with Council to allow for coordination in development, norms etc. and payment of officials does not require specific consent of Council as this will be vetted as part of the budget.*

Remit 8:

Tournament Rules 1.3.1 is amended to:

1.3.1 POWER TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR NZCF EVENTS

NZCF shall pay all FIDE rating fees for NZCF events and provide sufficient scoresheets for NZCF events where the proposed time control requires the recording of moves by the Laws of Chess.

The Council may approve other financial assistance such as paying shipping costs of NZCF equipment, guarantees against loss up to a specified limit, waiving

tournament levies either partially or in full, or grants to controlling authorities of NZCF tournaments. Any financial assistance must be used solely for the organisation of the tournament.

REMIT 9:

Tournament Rules 1.3.2 is amended to:

1.3.2 TOURNAMENT REPORT

The controlling authority or tournament organiser must submit a tournament report including financial statement within two months of the completion of the tournament (also note the duty in 1.8.2 to send score sheets from the tournament to NZCF). Any controlling authority committing a breach of this regulation may be disqualified from receiving further financial assistance from NZCF for a period of up to ten years. The Chief Arbiter is responsible for submitting NZCF and FIDE rating reports.

REMIT 10:

Tournament Rules 1.3.3 is amended to:

1.3.3 REFUND OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

If other financial assistance is provided in terms of 1.3.1 and subsequently found to be in excess of the amount required to meet the expenses of the tournament, the balance remaining shall be refunded to NZCF by the controlling authority. If the tournament report required by 1.3.2 is not provided or significant irregularities are discovered, the Council may require the repayment of any financial assistance received, payment of levies, or not make any payments of financial assistance as the case may be.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 8-10 provide for some automatic assistance for NZCF events and other options for assistance in addition to grants, the requirement to provide a tournament report to Council following the conclusion of the event(s), and potential cancellation or repayment of the assistance if the report is not provided or irregularities discovered.*

REMIT 11:

Tournament Rules 1.4.1 is amended to:

1.4.1 SPONSORSHIP GRANTS

Financial sponsorship arranged by the Council shall be deemed to be financial assistance from the Federation for the purposes of tournament rule 1.3.

REMIT 12:

Tournament Rules 1.4.2 is amended to:

1.4.2 PUBLICITY ARRANGEMENTS

Whenever an NZCF tournament is receiving sponsorship, the tournament organiser shall ensure that all publicity concerning the tournament carries the sponsor's name. The tournament organiser shall liaise with the media. Representatives of the sponsor shall be invited to all official functions during the course of the tournament.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 11-12 update the sponsorship section with wording consistent with 1.3 and replacing tournament committee with tournament organiser as elsewhere in these remits.

REMIT 13:

Tournament Rules 1.5.1 is amended to:

1.5.1 ENTRY FEES

Entry fees for NZCF tournaments shall be set by the Tournament Organiser in consultation with the Council.

REMIT 14:

Tournament Rules 1.5.2 is amended to:

1.5.2 CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES

The closing dates for entry and dates after which late entry fees apply for an NZCF tournament shall be fixed by the tournament organiser in consultation with the Council.

REMIT 15:

Tournament Rules 1.5.3 is amended to:

1.5.3 ENTRY FEES MUST FOLLOW ENTRIES

The entry fee for an NZCF tournament must be paid at the same time as entering. Entries shall be disregarded until the entry fee is paid.

REMIT 16:

Tournament Rules 1.5.4 is amended to:

1.5.4 ENTRIES TO STATE CODE NUMBERS

Every entry to an NZCF tournament shall include the player's NZCF rating code number and FIN (FIDE ID number).

REMIT 17:

Add new section Tournament Rules 1.5.5:

1.5.5 ENTRY LIST

The current list of entries to an NZCF tournament shall be maintained on the tournament website.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 13-17 update the NZCF Tournament Entries section to follow common practice and also replace Federation with NZCF for consistency in the document. Note that indicative entry fees will be included in the original budget as part of the bid so will be vetted by Council as part of that process.

REMIT 18:

Tournament Rules 1.6.2 is amended to:

1.6.2 SWISS SYSTEM

Swiss system pairings shall be made using FIDE-approved pairing software in accordance with the FIDE regulations for Swiss tournaments for the time being in

force. NZCF ratings shall be used for pairings unless otherwise stipulated on the entry form and/or tournament website.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remit 18 updates this rule to provide for approved software and for NZCF ratings to be used for pairings unless otherwise stated while leaving the flexibility for organisers and arbiters to use FIDE ratings where that is the better option.*

REMIT 19:

Tournament Rules 1.6.3 is amended to:

1.6.3 PLAYING TIMETABLE

All games shall be played in the sessions as laid down in the official entry form or website unless the chief arbiter decides that exceptional circumstances necessitate a change. In no case shall a decision to alter the day or time of play in any round be left to one of the interested parties.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remit 19 updates this rule to reflect modern terms (tournament director to chief arbiter and tournament programme to entry form and website).*

REMIT 20:

Tournament Rules 1.7.2 is amended to:

1.7.2 TIE-BREAKING IN A ROUND-ROBIN

If required (see 1.12.2), the following order of tie-breaks shall apply by default in all NZCF tournaments unless specified otherwise beforehand in the entry form or tournament website:

Direct Encounter

Most Wins

Sonneborn-Berger

Koya

Most Wins with Black

Drawing of Lots

REMIT 21:

Tournament Rules 1.7.3 is amended to:

1.7.3 TIE-BREAKING IN A SWISS

If required (see 1.12.2), the following order of tie-breaks shall apply by default in all NZCF tournaments unless specified otherwise beforehand in the entry form or tournament website:

Direct Encounter

Buchholz Cut 1

Buchholz

Most Wins

Most Wins with Black

Drawing of Lots

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 20-21 update tie-breaks to the current FIDE tie-breaks but retain Direct Encounter as first tie-break.*

REMIT 22:

Tournament Rules 1.8.2 is amended to:

1.8.2 OFFICIAL RECORD OF GAME

The players shall sign accurate legible copies of the game scores in algebraic notation to be handed in as required by the chief arbiter. The score sheets signed by the players shall be official records of the game and shall be the property of NZCF. Should one or both players refuse to cooperate the arbiter may accept such evidence as he thinks fit to ascertain the result of the game in question. Following the end of the tournament, all score sheets from the tournament shall be sent to NZCF by the Tournament Organiser unless agreed otherwise by the Council.

REMIT 23:

Tournament Rules 1.8.3 is amended to:

1.8.3 PRIVATE ARRANGEMENTS

No player may, without the sanction of the tournament organiser, make any arrangements with any other players (except such as is provided for in the FIDE Laws of Chess or in the NZCF rules and regulations) which might affect the result of the game or of the tournament.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 22-23 update references to arbiters and organisers.

REMIT 24:

Tournament Rules 1.9.1 is amended to:

1.9.1 NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL

Notice of withdrawal from any NZCF tournament shall be forwarded to the tournament organiser who shall decide whether or not the entry fee shall be refunded.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remit 24 updates the previous process to the preferred option of tournament organisers receiving all withdrawal requests and deciding on refunds.

REMIT 25:

All references in Tournament Rules Section 1.10 Appeals to tournament directors and tournament committees are replaced by references to arbiter, chief arbiter and tournament organiser as applicable.

REMIT 26:

Tournament Rules 1.10.7 is amended to:

A decision of the Council on an appeal shall establish an interpretation of the rule or rules in question. Such decision shall be published on the NZCF website and shall be applied in all future NZCF tournaments or NZCF-rated games.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 25-26 update the Appeals Section references to arbiters and organisers as applicable and replace the reference to the Bulletin with the website.

REMIT 27:

Tournament Rules 1.11.1 is amended to:

1.11.1 POWER TO BAN PLAYERS

The Council shall have power to ban from future NZCF tournaments and other NZCF-rated tournaments any player who wilfully infringes the NZCF or FIDE's rules or regulations or whose conduct is offensive, dishonourable or detrimental to the interests, welfare or standing of chess.

REMIT 28:

Tournament Rules 1.11.3 is amended to:

1.11.3 NOTICE OF BANNING

Notice of banning from tournaments shall be given in writing to the offending player by the Secretary.

REMIT 29:

Tournament Rules 1.11.5 is amended to:

1.11.5 PUBLICATION OF NAME

The name of any player banned from NZCF and other rated tournaments and the duration of debarment shall be published on the NZCF website.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 27-29 modernise the words used from debar to ban, bulletin to the website and add infringements of FIDE rules and regulations to the potential grounds for banning. This makes it clearer that breaches of FIDE fair play (anti-cheating) rules can be grounds for banning.*

REMIT 30:

Add new Tournament Rules section:

1.12.4 RATING-BASED PRIZES

The same ratings shall be used for rating-based prizes as used for pairing (see 1.6.2).

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remit 30 adds this to align with standard practice and Vega functionality.*

REMIT 31:

Tournament Rules 2.1.1 is amended to:

2.1.1 EVENTS

The Annual Congress shall consist of the New Zealand Championship, the Major Open, the New Zealand Rapid Championship, the New Zealand Lightning Championship, the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships and such subsidiary tournaments as the controlling authority shall decide.

REMIT 32:

Tournament Rules 2.1.1 is amended to:

2.1.1 EVENTS

The Annual Congress shall consist of the New Zealand Championship, the Major Open, the New Zealand Rapid Championship, the New Zealand Lightning Championship and such subsidiary tournaments as the controlling authority shall decide.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 31-32 add the NZ Lighting Championship as an official event at Congress, and Remit 31 also adds the NZ Junior and Age Group Championships. These are listed separately to enable a vote on that. If remit 31 passes, remit 32 will be withdrawn.*

REMIT 33:

Tournament Rules 2.1.2 is amended to:

2.1.2 DATES

The Annual Congress shall be held in January.

REMIT 34:

Tournament Rules 2.1.3 is amended to:

2.1.3 FORMAT OF THE NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP AND MAJOR OPEN

The New Zealand Championship and Major Open may be organised as separate tournaments or combined if agreed by Council as part of the bid. If separate, they shall be played concurrently on the same dates with the same round times and time control.

REMIT 35:

Tournament Rules 2.1.4 and 2.1.5 are revoked.

REMIT 36:

Tournament Rules 2.1.6 is renumbered and amended to:

2.1.4 VENUE

The venue of Congress shall be fixed by the Council not later than six months prior to the start of the Congress.

REMIT 37:

Tournaments Rules 2.1.7 is renumbered and amended to:

2.1.5 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Council at its discretion may alter the annual Congress tournament dates, pairing systems and format by agreement with the controlling authority, including the time controls, if required or desirable to facilitate the conduct of the annual Congress.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 33-37 updated to reflect minimum standards rather than the prescriptive approach of the current rules and also renumber the sections after combining two sections into one and moving a second section.*

REMIT 38:

Tournament Rules 2.2.2 is amended to:

2.2.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The Championship tournament shall be conducted as a Swiss with a minimum of nine rounds and twenty players, except as provided under tournament rule 2.2.9.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remit 38 replaces 9 or 11 rounds with a minimum of 9 as a minimum standard but flexibility to run longer events where desirable.*

REMIT 39:

Tournament Rules 2.2.3 is amended to:

2.2.3 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

There shall be one playing session each day which starts between 1pm and 3pm and is a minimum of an hour and a half after any games, based on a 60 move game, played in the morning as part of other events.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remit 39 moves the playing schedule into this section and provides a minimum standard and some flexibility around that for organisers.*

REMIT 40:

Tournament Rules 2.2.4 is amended to:

2.2.4 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remit 40 provides a minimum standard and flexibility for organisers and moves time controls to the correct section while renumbering accordingly.*

REMIT 41:

Tournament Rules 2.2.5 is amended to:

2.2.5 OPEN OR CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY FOR A CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

Whether the Championship is open to all entries, or to New Zealand players only, or entry is restricted based on rating, shall be included in the bid and agreed with Council. When entry to the Championship is restricted based on rating, players may be eligible to enter the Championship tournament based on rating or automatic qualification. Players eligible on rating are those rated 2000 or higher on any NZCF standard rating list or 2100 or higher on any FIDE standard rating list since the most recent Congress. Players eligible based on automatic qualification are the:

- **Current New Zealand Champion**
- **Current Major Open Champion**
- **Current New Zealand Junior Champion**
- **Current North Island Champion**
- **Current South Island Champion**

Explanatory Note: Remit 41 allows for open or closed Championships as agreed by Council with the controlling authority, while retaining rating eligibility and qualification for champions from other NZCF tournaments for closed Championships. Renumbering as above is continued.

REMIT 42:

Tournament Rules 2.2.6 is revoked and subsequent sections renumbered.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remit 42 revokes this as the arrangement for entries reflected a previous era before websites provided for online entries and entry lists, and 1.5 Entries covers requirements for all NZCF tournaments.

REMIT 43:

Tournament Rules 2.2.7 is renumbered and amended to:

2.2.6 INVITATIONS TO OVERSEAS PLAYERS

Where the Championship is not restricted to New Zealand players (see 2.2.4), the Council and controlling authority may agree to invite overseas players. Such invitees may be offered conditions and will be chosen to enhance the status of the tournament or improve international title norm possibilities.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remit 43 renumbers the section and provides for this to be by agreement between Council and the controlling authority, and also the option for conditions for the invited overseas players.

REMIT 44:

Tournament Rules 2.2.8 is renumbered and amended to:

2.2.5 SPECIAL CASE APPLICATIONS

Any New Zealand player who does not qualify for the Championship where entry is restricted by rating (see 2.2.4) but who nevertheless wishes to be considered for selection may apply to be treated as a special case. Such an entry shall be sent to the tournament organiser and NZCF Secretary and considered by the Council or selectors appointed by Council. The onus is on the applicant to prove exceptional circumstances and the Council or selectors must be reasonably certain that the player's actual strength is consistent with the principles of 2.2.4. The effect of the player's selection on their development and the tournament as a whole may be taken into account.

REMIT 45:

Tournament Rules 2.2.9 is renumbered and amended to:

TOURNAMENT RULES 2.2.7 EFFECT OF SMALL ENTRY

If, after the application of the above rules, there are no more than 10 entries then, notwithstanding

2.2.2, the Championship shall be conducted as a round robin of 10 players. If the Championship is intended to be conducted over more than nine rounds, these numbers may be adjusted accordingly.

REMIT 46:

Tournament Rules 2.2.10 is renumbered and amended to:

2.2.8 FILLING VACANT PLACES

If the Championship field, whether a Swiss or round robin, is not filled by the application of the above rules, the vacant place or places shall be offered in succession to the highest-rated players entered in the Major Open. This rule shall be used, if necessary, to avoid having a bye in the Championship tournament. Any player promoted shall pay the difference between the Major Open and Championship entry fees.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 44-46 renumber and update for consistency with other proposed changes.

REMIT 47:

New Tournament Rules section 2.2.9 is added:

2.2.9 OLYMPIAD SELECTION

The New Zealand Champion shall be selected automatically for the New Zealand Olympiad team if eligible and available, and subject to any requirements set by the Council of all Olympiad team members. This shall only apply if the title of New Zealand Champion is not shared, and only in an Olympiad selection year as agreed by Council and noted on the entry form and tournament website.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: THIS remit adds a rule to regulate the common practice of offering automatic selection to the Olympiad team for the NZ champion if eligible (NZL-registered) and outright champion i.e. not in the case of a shared title.

REMIT 48:

Tournament Rules 2.3.1 is amended to:

2.3.1 MAJOR OPEN CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the Major Open tournament shall be styled New Zealand Major Open Champion until the close of the next such tournament. If the New Zealand Championship and Major Open are combined into one tournament (see 2.1.3), the New Zealand player who attains the highest place of those who meet the criteria in 2.3.2 shall be styled the New Zealand Major Open Champion until the close of the next such tournament.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remit 48 replaces the current rule providing for an 11 round Swiss (covered elsewhere) with a rule regarding the title of Major Open champion (an apparent omission).

Remit 49:

Tournament Rules 2.4.2 is amended to:

2.4.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The Rapid Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with between seven and ten rounds.

REMIT 50:

Add new Tournament Rules section 2.4.3

2.4.3 TIME CONTROL

Time control shall be any acceptable FIDE rapid time control that has an increment.

REMIT 51:

Add new Tournament Rules section 2.4.4

2.4.4 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The Rapid Championship shall be played either immediately before or after the conclusion of the New Zealand Championship event unless the Council agrees otherwise to facilitate the conduct of the New Zealand Championship as an international tournament. The Rapid Championship shall be played over one or two days. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 15 minutes assuming a 60 move game and one lunch break per day of at least 30 minutes where rounds are played in the morning and afternoon.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 49-51 add some minimum standards as guidance for organisers while providing flexibility.*

REMIT 52:

Add new Tournament Rules section 2.5

2.5 NEW ZEALAND LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP**2.5.1 NEW ZEALAND LIGHTNING CHAMPION**

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Lightning Championship tournament shall be styled Lightning Chess Champion of New Zealand until the close of the following New Zealand Lightning Championship tournament.

2.5.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The Lightning Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with between seven and ten rounds.

2.5.3 TIME CONTROL

Time control shall be any acceptable FIDE lightning time control that has an increment.

2.5.4 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The Lightning Championship shall be played either immediately before or after the conclusion of the New Zealand Rapid Championship event. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 5 minutes assuming a 60 move game.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remit 52 adds a new section for the NZ Lightning Championship.*

REMIT 53:

Tournament Rules section 3.1.2 is amended to:

3.1.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The New Zealand Women's Championship shall be conducted as a Swiss tournament with a minimum of seven rounds.

REMIT 54:

Tournament Rules section 3.1.3 is amended to:

3.1.3 DATES

The New Zealand Women's Championship shall be held on dates agreed by the controlling authority and the Council but shall not be held on the same dates as another NZCF tournament.

REMIT 55:

Tournament Rules section 3.1.4 is amended to:

3.1.4 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

REMIT 56:

Add new Tournament Rules sections 3.1.5 and 3.1.6

3.1.5 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

3.1.6 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations Council may at the request of the controlling authority, approve the alteration of the timing, format or time controls for the New Zealand Women's Championship if it is satisfied that any such alteration will contribute to the effective conduct of the championship.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 53-56 update this section with some minimum standards while retaining some flexibility for organisers.

REMIT 57:

Tournament Rule 3.2.1 is amended to:

3.2.1 SWISS SYSTEM

The New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships shall be conducted as a Swiss tournament with a minimum of six rounds.

REMIT 58:

Tournament Rules section 3.2.2 is amended to:

3.2.2 DATES, PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships shall be held as part of Congress commencing on the second day of the New Zealand Championship unless otherwise agreed by the Council. There shall be one playing session each day held in the morning.

REMIT 59:

Add new Tournament Rules section 3.2.3 and renumber subsequent rules:

3.2.3 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

REMIT 60:

Add new Tournament Rules section 3.2.7:

3.2.7 NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLPUPIL CHAMPION

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships and is enrolled in primary or secondary school in the most recent or current year will be styled the New Zealand Schoolpupil Champion until close of the next such tournament.

REMIT 61:

Add new Tournament Rules section 3.2.8

3.2.8 NEW ZEALAND JUNIOR GIRLS CHAMPION

The New Zealand female player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships will be styled the New Zealand Junior Girls Champion until close of the next such tournament.

REMIT 62:

Add new Tournament Rules section 3.2.9

3.2.9 NEW ZEALAND SCHOOLGIRLS CHAMPION

The New Zealand female player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships and is enrolled in primary or secondary school in the most recent or current year will be styled the New Zealand Schoolgirls Champion until close of the next such tournament.

REMIT 63:

Add new Tournament Rules section 3.2.10

3.2.10 AGE GROUP CHAMPIONSHIPS

The eligible New Zealand players who attain the highest places in the New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships will be styled the New Zealand Age Group Champions until close of the next such tournament. The age groups shall be under 16, under 14, under 12, under 10 and under 8. Players are eligible for an age group if

they have not yet attained the relevant age before 1 January in the year in which the tournament is held but are only eligible for the age group nearest their own age.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 57-63 add some minimum standards while retaining flexibility, and other titles added (age groups and girls' titles).*

REMIT 64:

Tournament Rules section 3.3.1 is amended to:

3.3.1 SWISS SYSTEM

The North Island Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with a minimum of eight rounds.

REMIT 65:

Tournament Rules 3.3.2 is amended to:

3.3.2 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

REMIT 66:

Tournament Rules 3.3.3 is amended to:

3.3.3 DATES, PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The North Island Championship shall be held in the school holidays between the second and third term in the school year. There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

REMIT 67:

Add Tournament Rules section 3.3.5:

3.3.5 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations Council may at the request of the controlling authority, approve the alteration of the timing, format or time controls for the North Island Championship if it is satisfied that any such alteration will contribute to the effective conduct of the championship.

***EXPLANATORY NOTE:** Remits 64-67 provide minimum standards rather than prescriptive requirements, while still retaining flexibility.*

Remit 68:

Tournament Rules 3.4.1 is amended to:

3.4.1 DATE AND VENUE

The North Island Rapid Championship shall be held either immediately or following, and at the same venue as the North Island Championship unless otherwise agreed with Council.

REMIT 69:

Tournament Rules 3.4.2 is amended to:

3.4.2 PLAYING TIMES, SCHEDULE, FORMAT AND TIME CONTROLS

The North Island Rapid Championship shall be an open swiss system tournament with a minimum of six rounds. The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE rapid time control that has an increment. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 15 minutes and a lunch break of at least 30 minutes, both assuming a 60 move game.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 68-69 provide minimum standards in line with current practice rather than prescriptive requirements, while still retaining flexibility.

REMIT 70:

Tournament Rules section 3.5.1 is amended to:

3.3.1 SWISS SYSTEM

The South Island Championship tournament shall be conducted as an open swiss tournament with a minimum of eight rounds.

REMIT 71:

Tournament Rules 3.5.2 is amended to:

3.5.2 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

REMIT 72:

Tournament Rules 3.5.3 is amended to:

3.5.3 DATES, PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

The South Island Championship shall be held in the school holidays between the third and fourth term in the school year. There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 70-72 provide minimum standards rather than prescriptive requirements, while still retaining flexibility.

REMIT 73:

Tournament Rules 3.6.1 is amended to:

3.6.1 DATE AND VENUE

The South Island Rapid Championship shall be held either immediately or following, and at the same venue as the South Island Championship unless otherwise agreed with Council.

REMIT 74:

Tournament Rules 3.6.2 is amended to:

3.6.2 PLAYING TIMES, SCHEDULE, FORMAT AND TIME CONTROLS

The South Island Rapid Championship shall be an open swiss system tournament with a minimum of six rounds. The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE rapid time control that has an increment. Round times shall provide sufficient time between rounds to provide at least 15 minutes and a lunch break of at least 30 minutes, both assuming a 60 move game.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remits 73-74 provide minimum standards in line with current practice rather than prescriptive requirements, while still retaining flexibility.

REMIT 75:

Add new Tournament Rules section 3.7:

3.7 NEW ZEALAND SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP**3.7.1 NEW ZEALAND SENIOR AND VETERAN CHAMPIONS**

The New Zealand player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Seniors Championship tournament shall be styled New Zealand Senior Champion until the close of the next such tournament. The New Zealand veteran (see 4.3) player who attains the highest place in the New Zealand Seniors Championship tournament shall be styled New Zealand Veteran Champion until the close of the next such tournament.

3.7.2 SWISS SYSTEM

The New Zealand Seniors Championship shall be conducted as a swiss tournament with a minimum of six rounds.

3.7.3 DATES

The New Zealand Seniors Championship shall be held on dates agreed by the controlling authority and the Council but shall not be held on the same dates as another NZCF tournament.

3.7.4 TIME CONTROL

The time control shall be any acceptable FIDE standard time control that allows for title norms and has an increment sufficient to require notation be kept for every move.

3.7.5 PLAYING TIMES AND SCHEDULE

There shall be either one or two playing sessions each day. Where there are two sessions scheduled for one day, there shall be one morning and one afternoon round, with a minimum of an hour and a half between the two sessions, based on a 60 move game.

3.7.6 AGE LIMIT

The New Zealand Seniors Championship shall be limited to who have or will attain the age of 50 during the year of the tournament (see 4.2).

3.7.7 COUNCIL DISCRETION

Notwithstanding anything in these regulations Council may at the request of the controlling authority, approve the alteration of the timing, format or time controls for the New Zealand Seniors Championship if it is satisfied that any such alteration will contribute to the effective conduct of the championship.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Remit 75 adds this section with some minimum standards while retaining some flexibility for organisers.

REMIT 76:

Add Tournament Rules section 1.1.10:

1.1.10 BYES

Unless otherwise stated on the entry form or tournament website, pairing-allocated byes are scored as one point. Tournaments may also provide for players to take half-point byes i.e. not be paired for a particular round and scored as one-half of a point. Where tournaments provide for these, players should not be able to take them in the last three rounds or take more than two in the tournament, and should be notified to an arbiter at least one round in advance or, for the first round, when entering. Availability and any restrictions or conditions should be stated on the entry form or tournament website. For NZCF tournaments, availability, restrictions and conditions should be agreed with the Council.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Half-point byes are common in open tournaments, so some guidance is provided for organisers.

REMIT 77:

Amend Tournament Rules section 1.1.3 to:

All NZCF tournaments (see 1.1.1) and tournaments rated by NZCF or FIDE shall be conducted according to NZCF's rules and regulations unless the Council directs otherwise.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Clarifies that the Tournament Regulations apply to all NZCF or FIDE-rated tournaments, not just NZCF tournaments.

REMIT 78:

That the Tournament Rules are renamed Tournament Regulations.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: Makes it clearer that these are regulations in terms of the NZCF Constitution and FIDE regulations and the Laws of Chess.

REMIT 79:

The Council is empowered to make changes to the Tournament Rules changed by the Federation in general meeting to give effect to any FIDE rules, regulations, standards or other FIDE or legal requirements.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: This allows updates based on FIDE changing current regulations etc. or introducing new requirements which contradict these regulations, or NZ law changes requiring action. Note that the Council is constitutionally able to create, add to or change regulations other than the Supplementary Regulations without

needing to pass remits at an annual or special general meeting (NZCF Constitution section 3.3.3), but this is limited by not being able to change regulations amended or added by the AGM or an SGM. In the event clubs disagree with any changes made, they can be reversed at the following AGM or by calling an SGM.