



NEW ZEALAND
CHESS
F E D E R A T I O N

New Zealand Master Titles

NZCF NEW ZEALAND MASTER TITLES

1. AWARD OF TITLES

The title of **New Zealand National Master** shall be awarded by the NZCF Council to any New Zealand Player who qualifies under the following rules. Each such award shall be ratified by the Federation's following annual general meeting.

2. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

It is the responsibility of each individual player to monitor their qualification. On achieving qualification a player may apply by notifying the NZCF Secretary by email. On request the player shall supply their detailed tournament results showing master points scored, and that the minimum rating requirement has been fulfilled.

3. ONLINE REGISTER

NZCF will maintain an online list of title holders, and, where practical, an online register of master points gained by all active New Zealand players.

4. QUALIFICATION

For the title of National Master **one hundred (100) master points** shall be required.

A player who achieves **forty (40) master points** shall be known as a Candidate Master.

The award of the title of National Master shall be subject to a player having attained, at any time past or present, a minimum standard time-limit rating of NZCF 1900 or FIDE 1900.

5. MASTER POINTS

The following shall apply from 7th July 2019 and shall not be retrospective. Any master points or titles obtained prior to 7th July 2019 under the previous rules shall continue to be valid.

5.1 FOR EACH NEW ZEALAND CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACING	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
POINTS	45	35	25	20	15	10	5

5.2 FOR EACH NZ MAJOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACING	1st
POINTS	5

5.3 FOR EACH NORTH ISLAND OR SOUTH ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACING	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
POINTS	20	15	10	5

5.4 FOR EACH NZ JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACING	1st
POINTS	5

5.5 FOR EACH NZ OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (TOP DIVISIONS ONLY).

PLACING	1st
POINTS	5

NZCF NEW ZEALAND MASTER TITLES

5.6 FOR EACH NZ SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

PLACING	1st
POINTS	5

5.7 FOR EACH NZ RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP, NORTH ISLAND RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP & SOUTH ISLAND RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP.

PLACING	1st
POINTS	5

5.8 FOR AN OPEN TOURNAMENT (STANDARD TIME LIMITS OR RAPID)

20 participants or more:

PLACING	1st
POINTS	5

40 participants or more:

PLACING	1st	2nd
POINTS	10	5

NOTE: For an Open tournament to qualify it **must** be NZCF rated and/or FIDE rated.

5.9 FOR AN ALL-PLAY-ALL TOURNAMENT (STANDARD TIME LIMIT ONLY)

Average rating 1900 or over (NZCF or FIDE)

PLACING	1st
POINTS	5

Average rating 2100 or over (NZCF or FIDE)

PLACING	1st
POINTS	10

NOTE: For an All-Play-All to qualify it must be NZCF rated and/or FIDE rated, and must contain a minimum of 10 players, at least 5 of whom must be New Zealand players.

6. FURTHER CONDITIONS

6.1 The final ranking of non-NZ players **shall not be counted** when determining a player's tournament standing for master points.

6.2 Where two or more players tie for any place the available master points shall be shared equally among the tied players. Fractions shall be eliminated by rounding to the nearest whole number.

6.3 Only tournaments within New Zealand are valid for master points.

6.4 Blitz events (time limits faster than Rapid play) are ineligible.

7. VALIDITY

Titles are valid for life and date from the last day of the tournament in which qualification was completed.

These New Zealand Master title rules supersede all previous New Zealand master title rules.

8. INTERPRETATION

NZCF Council shall be responsible for any interpretation of these rules.