



NEW ZEALAND
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SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

UPDATED JULY 2023

These regulations to be read in conjunction with, but are not a part of, the Constitution of the New Zealand Chess Federation (Incorporated). Changes to these regulations may only be made by the Federation in general meeting – last amended 11 January 2023 effective from 1 July 2023.

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1. DEFINITIONS

"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.

"Senior player" means a player who has attained or will attain the age of fifty years by 31st December of the current calendar year.

2. MEMBERSHIP: AFFILIATED CLUBS

2.1. AFFILIATION FORM

The annual Club Affiliation form (downloadable from the NZCF website) must be completed and emailed to the NZCF Secretary by 15 November each year. It will include the following required information:

- Name and contact details of the Officers of the Club.
- Details of club meeting time and venue.
- Contact details that the Club agrees to have posted on the NZCF website
- Names of all club members (this is a declaration of club membership).

Following receipt of this form the Club will be invoiced by NZCF, with the invoice due for payment no later than 31st December. A Club must report and pay for additional members (who join 15th November – 31st December) no later than 31st December.

2.2 DUE DATE FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES

Each Affiliated Club shall make payment to NZCF no later than 31st December each year to cover Membership fees retrospectively for that Calendar Year.

2.3 AMOUNT

The amount payable to NZCF by the Club shall be calculated as \$15 for each individual Club Member who belonged to the Club during the Calendar Year.

3. MEMBERSHIP: ASSOCIATED MEMBERS

3.1. AFFILIATION FORM

The annual Club Affiliation form (downloadable from the NZCF website) must be completed and emailed to the NZCF Secretary by 15 November each year. It will include the following required information:

- Name and contact details of the Officers of the Club.
- Details of club meeting time and venue.
- Contact details that the Club agrees to have posted on the NZCF website
- Names of all club members (this is a declaration of club membership).

3.2 DUE DATE FOR MEMBERSHIP FEES

Each Associated Club shall make payment to NZCF no later than 31st December each year to cover Membership fees retrospectively for that Calendar Year.

3.3 AMOUNT

The amount payable to NZCF by the Associated Member shall be calculated as \$15 for each individual Club Member who belongs to the Club during the relevant Calendar Year.

4. OPT OUT FOR CASUAL JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP

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4.1 It is generally expected that Clubs will declare all members, Adult and Junior, thus entitling all their players to NZCF benefits. However, NZCF does recognise that some Clubs may have large casual junior sections. In such cases a Club may request an opt out be granted by NZCF Council, in which case the junior numbers would not be submitted. Any Club seeking an opt out should request this from NZCF Council by 31st January each year, or otherwise as soon as practicable.

Any Club given permission to opt out their junior members must make it clear to their juniors that their Club membership status does not include NZCF benefits such as being able to play rated events.

5. ARREARS & SUSPENSIONS

5.1 ARREARS

Any affiliated club or associate member 1 month or more overdue in payment of Membership fees will be deemed to be in arrears.

5.2 AUTOMATIC SUSPENSION

Any affiliated club which does not meet the requirements of regulations 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 within three months of the due dates shall be automatically suspended. Reinstatement will be granted by the Council, subject to the member meeting these requirements. Any associated club which does not meet the requirements of regulations 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 within three months of the due dates shall be automatically suspended. Reinstatement will be granted by the Council, subject to the member meeting these requirements.

6. ELIGIBILITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO PLAY NZCF RATED TOURNAMENTS

6.1 All New Zealand players who play more than one NZCF rated tournament in a calendar year must be a current member of either a NZCF Affiliated or an Associated Club. For the avoidance of doubt, a valid Club membership must mean that the player will be included in the annual list of members supplied to NZCF by their Club.

6.2 It is the personal responsibility of the individual player to ensure they are a valid member of a Club prior to playing their second event of the year.

6.3. A player who breaches 6.1. may first be warned by NZCF Officials, and in the event of failing to rectify may be reported to NZCF Council and subject to the following penalties:

A penalty fee of \$100

In persistent cases a ban of up to 1 year from participating in NZCF rated events.

6.4 Tournament organisers are not obliged to check that players are valid club members. On specific request Tournament Organisers and member Clubs are required to cooperate with NZCF to help ensure eligibility rules are followed by individual players.

6.5 To cater for individual players who for whatever reason find it inconvenient to join a regular club, NZCF will offer the option of a "Lone Wolf" Membership for \$50 per annum, payable to

ANZ account 01 05350073257 00.

Email secretary@newzealandchess.co.nz to advise payment has been made. This NZCF Lone Wolf Club shall be considered an Associate Member of NZCF, existing solely to assist tournament players to comply with NZCF Club Membership rules.

6.6. Non-New Zealand players are exempt from 6.1 and are not required to be Club Members unless they are ordinarily Resident in NZ.

6.7 Life Members of NZCF are exempt from rule 6.1. (as per rule 4.4. of the Constitution).

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7. TOURNAMENT LEVIES AND REPORTS

7.1 LEVY RATES

Tournament levies shall apply to all open tournaments rated by the Federation. The rates for each player shall be:

TOURNAMENT	LEVY
New Zealand Championship	\$7
New Zealand Major Open	\$7
New Zealand Seniors Championship	\$7
New Zealand Women's Championship	\$7
New Zealand Rapid Championship	\$7
North Island Championship	\$7
South Island Championship	\$7
North Island Rapid Championship	\$7
South Island Rapid Championship	\$7
Other open tournaments	\$7

NZCF Council shall have the right to waive or reduce levies for an event where it considers it appropriate.

7.2 EXEMPTIONS

Exemptions from tournament levies include club internal and invitational events for which no entry fees are charged.

7.3 DELIVERY TO FEDERATION

Tournament levies shall be forwarded to the Federation within one month of completion of the event, together with rating reports and results for rating of all rated events, and tournament reports as specified in regulation 4.4. The controlling authority is responsible for ensuring that these requirements are met.

7.4 REPORTING OF FIDE-RATED TOURNAMENTS

In the case of FIDE-rated tournaments, the FIDE rules require the results to be forwarded to FIDE by the chief arbiter (tournament director) or Federation rating officer within a fortnight of completion of the event. Controlling authorities of FIDE-rated events are responsible for ensuring that this condition is met, and if results are forwarded direct to FIDE a copy of that notification is to be sent to NZCF.

8. RULES OF PLAY

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8.1 APPLICATION OF F.I.D.E. RULES

Games shall be played according to the current version of the Laws of Chess as adopted by the Federation Internationale des Echecs, subject to such additions, exceptions or amendments as may appear from time to time in the rules or regulations of NZCF. This rule shall apply to all games played in any tournament or match conducted, sponsored or recognised by NZCF and to all games played under the conduct of or recognised by any affiliate except insofar as such affiliate may have varied the same.

8.2 VARIATIONS

Notice of any variation from the FIDE Laws of Chess or other rules shall be given in the tournament invitation or entry form.

8.3 DEFAULT TIME

Unless otherwise specified in the official programme of the tournament, any player who initially arrives at the chessboard more than 30 minutes after the start of the round shall lose the game.

9. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

9.1 All complaints shall be made in writing to the Secretary, who will act as Complaints Officer, and who shall submit same to the Council for consideration.

(a) The Council shall maintain a document on Complaints Procedure which shall be available to members.

(b) The Council shall maintain a document on Bullying and Harassment which shall be available to members.