



NEW ZEALAND  
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# Supplementary Bylaws

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# Introduction

These Supplementary Bylaws are to be read in conjunction with, but are not a part of, the Constitution of the New Zealand Chess Federation Incorporated (“**NZCF**” or “**the Society**”). Interpretations, definitions and terms in the NZCF Constitution have the same meanings in the Supplementary Bylaws unless the context requires otherwise.

Changes to the Supplementary Bylaws may only be made in accordance with the Constitution.

For the avoidance of doubt, in the case of any contradiction between the Supplementary Bylaws and the Constitution, the Constitution prevails.

## 1. Definitions

- 1.1. “**Club**” means a Club Member, Associate Member or Affiliate.
- 1.2. “**FIDE**” means the Federation Internationale des Echecs.
- 1.3. “**New Zealand chess player**” means a New Zealand citizen or someone who has resided in New Zealand for more than six (6) of the past 12 months as the holder of a residence class visa as defined by the Immigration Act 2009 or successor legislation.

## 2. Membership Subscriptions and Categories

### 2.1. Club Members and Associate Members

- 2.1.1. Membership subscriptions for Club Members and Associate Members will be for a calendar year. For the avoidance of doubt, new Club Members will be liable for the full subscription unless the Council decides otherwise.
- 2.1.2. NZCF will issue invoices in November of each year, to be payable by 20 December of the same year. Where no subscription is payable, this will be advised in writing.
- 2.1.3. Subscriptions will be calculated as the **1-year membership** subscription in 2.2.2.2 as at 31 October of the relevant year, multiplied by 10, less the amount calculated in 2.1.4. Where this would reduce the subscription below \$0, no subscription will be payable.
- 2.1.4. For each **1-year membership** or **Club Member membership** of an Individual Member who is also a member of the Club or Associate Member by 31 October of the current year, the subscription in 2.1.1 will be reduced one-half of the **1-year membership** subscription in 2.2.2.2.

### 2.2. Individual Members

- 2.2.1. Individual Members may join:
  - 2.2.1.1. For 1 month (**1-month membership**); or
  - 2.2.1.2. For 1 year (**1-year membership**); or
  - 2.2.1.3. For members of Club Members or Associate Members (**Club Member membership**), until the later of:
    - 1 year from date of submission to NZCF by the Club Member or Associate Member; or
    - 31 March of the following year
- 2.2.2. Membership Subscriptions:
  - 2.2.2.1. **1-month membership** – \$5
  - 2.2.2.2. **1-year membership** – \$25
  - 2.2.2.3. **Club Member membership** – \$20

- 2.2.3. Subscriptions in 2.2.2 are due when applying to join NZCF, and are payable prior to the start of the next month or year as applicable while remaining an Individual Member. NZCF will issue invoices or other written reminders to Individual Members at least 1 month prior to the expiry date of **1-year membership** or **Club Member membership**. For **Club Member membership**, the relevant Club Member or Associate Member will also receive written notification e.g. invoices, reminders and/or a list of members.
- 2.2.4. An Individual Member's membership category and expiry date are at the sole discretion of the Council.

### 3. Competition Fees

#### 3.1. Application and Rates

- 3.1.1. Competition Fees shall apply to all competitions rated by NZCF unless exempt or waived. The rates for each player in a competition will be:
- 3.1.1.1. Rapid time control – \$5
  - 3.1.1.2. Standard time control – \$10

#### 3.2. Exemptions

- 3.2.1. Whether a Competition is exempt is at the sole discretion of the Council.
- 3.2.2. Competitions for individual players are exempt if:
- They are organised by a Club for individual players; and
  - No entry fee is charged; and
  - All players are Individual Members **and** are members of the organising Club
- 3.2.3. For the purposes of 3.2.2, Individual Members will be considered to a member of the organising Club if the NZCF's register of members confirms this. For Individual Members where the NZCF's register of members does not confirm that the Individual Members are also members of the organising Club, but who are bona fide members of the organising Club, a written declaration to that effect from the organising Club will be accepted.
- 3.2.4. Competitions for teams are exempt if:
- They are organised by a Club; and
  - Only teams representing Clubs may play; and
  - No entry fee is charged; and
  - All teams represent Clubs; and
  - All players are Individual Members **and** members of the Club whose team they competed in and for.
- 3.2.5. For the purposes of 3.2.4, Individual Members will be considered to a member of the Club if the NZCF's register of members confirms this. For Individual Members where the NZCF's register of members does not confirm that the Individual Members are also members of the Club, but who are bona fide members of the Club, a written declaration to that effect from the Club will be accepted.
- 3.2.6. A false declaration in 3.2.3 or 3.2.5 will be considered misconduct and may result in a financial penalty being imposed by the Council on the Club of \$100 for each individual player falsely declared.
- 3.2.7. Round Robin tournaments where WIM, IM, WGM, and/or GM norms are available
- 3.2.8. Interschool Competitions where interschool fees apply

- 3.3. An invoice will be issued for Competition Fees following the conclusion of a liable competition. The calculation date will be the date of the last day. Competition Fees will not be charged for players who did not play any games in the competition.
- 3.4. Competition Fees must be paid by the due date on the invoice or otherwise within one month of completion of the event. A penalty of \$100 may be imposed on each occasion by the Council on any competition organiser that is late to pay Competition Fees more than twice in a 12-month period.

## 4. FIDE

### 4.1. FIDE Membership

- 4.1.1. NZCF is and shall remain a member of FIDE.

### 4.2. FIDE-rated Competitions

- 4.2.1. FIDE rules require TRF files of results to be submitted for rating by the Federation rating officer at least five (5) days prior the end of the month. For competitions which end within the last five (5) days of the month, TRF files of results must be submitted at least five (5) days prior to the end of the next month.
- 4.2.2. Organisers of FIDE-rated competitions are responsible for ensuring that this condition is met – any late and/or penalty fees will be charged to the organiser.
- 4.2.3. A penalty of \$100 may be imposed on each occasion on any organiser that is late more than twice in a 12-month period.

### 4.3. Application of FIDE Rules, Regulations etc.

- 4.3.1. All games shall be played according to the current version of the Laws of Chess as adopted by FIDE, subject to such additions, exceptions or amendments as may appear from time to time in the bylaws, regulations or policies of NZCF. This clause shall apply to all games played in any competition conducted, sponsored, rated or recognised by NZCF and to all games played under the conduct of or recognised by any Club except to the extent such Club may have varied the same.
- 4.3.2. Notice of any variation from the FIDE Laws of Chess or other rules shall be given in the invitation, entry form or official website of the competition.

## 5. Disputes Resolution Procedure

- 5.1. The Council shall maintain a Disputes Resolution Procedure which shall be available to members. Complaints shall be made in accordance with the Disputes Resolution Procedure.
- 5.2. The Council shall maintain a document on Bullying and Harassment which shall be available to members.