



CONFEDERATION OF CHESS FOR AMERICA

REGULATIONS FOR THE PANAMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

1. FREQUENCY.

- 1.1 THE PANAMERICAN OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE ORGANIZED THE EVEN YEARS UNDER THE AEGIS OF CCA BY A FEDERATION ENTRUSTED WITH THIS TASK BY THE CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLY, AT LEAST ONE YEAR IN ADVANCE.

2. PARTICIPATION.

- 2.1 ENTITLED TO PARTICIPATE ARE CHESS PLAYERS FROM NATIONAL FEDERATIONS BELONGING TO CCA.
- 2.2 EACH FEDERATION BELONGING TO CCA SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEND ONE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP. THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION WILL HAVE A SECOND PLACE AND WILL HOLD A PLAYER IN RESERVE TO MAKE AN EVEN NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.
- 2.3 BESIDES THE PARTICIPATION ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 2.2 EACH FEDERATION MAY SEND AS MANY PARTICIPANTS AS IT WISHES, SUBJECT TO PAYMENT OF THEIR BOARD AND LODGING, FOR WHICH THEIR FEDERATION SHALL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE.
 - 2.3.1 THE PLAYERS PLACED 1-3 IN THE PREVIOUS CHAMPIONSHIP WILL HAVE A PERSONAL RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP
 - 2.3.2 THE PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A WRITTEN ACCREDITATION FROM THEIR OWN FEDERATION AS REGISTERED PLAYERS.
- 2.4 AT LEAST FIVE MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP THE ORGANIZERS SHALL SEND TO THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT THE INVITATION LETTER FOR HIS APPROVAL.
- 2.5 AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND AFTER THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL THE ORGANIZERS SHALL SEND THE INVITATION LETTER TO ALL FEDERATIONS BELONGING TO CCA. COPIES OF THE INVITATION WILL BE SENT TO THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT AND THE ZONAL PRESIDENTS.
- 2.6 AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP EACH FEDERATION ACCEPTING THE INVITATION SHALL REGISTER ITS ENTRIES WITH THE ORGANIZERS. COPIES OF THE ENTRIES WILL BE SENT TO THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT AND THE ZONAL PRESIDENTS.
- 2.7 PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION EACH FEDERATION MUST PAY TO CCA THE ENTRY FEE FOR EACH PARTICIPANT QUOTED IN ARTICLE 2.5, CCA FINANCIAL REGULATIONS, (USD 50 PER PLAYERS). COPY OF THE PAYMENT MUST BE GIVEN TO THE ORGANIZER. HOWEVER IF NO PAYMENT HAVE BEEN DONE PLAYERS MAY PAY IT BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST ROUND. NO PARTICIPANT SHALL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEE.

3. PLAYING SCHEDULE.

- 3.1 THE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILL NOT LAST MORE THAN 14 DAYS, INCLUDING THE OFFICIAL DAYS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.
- 3.2 THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE PLAYED IN A 11 ROUNDS SWISS SYSTEM
 - 3.2.1 DEPENDING OF THE NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS THE ORGANIZERS CAN REDUCE THE NUMBER OF ROUNDS.
- 3.3 THE PARTICIPANTS MUST BE PRESENT AT THE OPENING CEREMONY THAT SHALL BE HELD IN THE EVENING OF THE DAY OF ARRIVAL.

4. PLAYING CONDITIONS.

- 4.1 THE CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE PLAYED ACCORDING THE FIDE LAWS OF CHESS.
- 4.2 IN EACH GAME THE SESSION OF PLAY SHALL BE SEVEN HOURS WITH THREE TIME CONTROLS: 40 MOVES IN THE FIRST TWO HOURS, THEN 20 MOVES IN ONE HOUR, THEN HALF AN HOUR TO FINISH THE GAME WITH ACCUMULATION OF TIME, PER PLAYER. ANY OTHER FIDE APPROVED TIME CONTROL CAN BE USED
- 4.3 AN OFFICIAL FIDE SWISS SYSTEM RULES SHALL BE USED. IN CASE OF COMPUTER PAIRINGS AN OFFICIAL FIDE SWISS PROGRAM SHALL BE USED.

5. CHIEF ARBITER AND HIS ASSISTANTS.

- 5.1 THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT, AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH THE ORGANIZERS, SHALL APPOINT THE CHIEF ARBITER.
- 5.2 THE ORGANIZERS MAY APPOINT AS MANY DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT ARBITERS AS NECESSARY.
- 5.3 THE ORGANIZERS MUST PROVIDE FREE BOARD AND LODGING TO THE CHIEF ARBITER, REFUND HIS TRAVEL COST AND PAY HIM IN USD A SUITABLE HONORARIUM FOR HIS WORK.
- 5.4 OTHER ARBITERS AND OFFICIALS MAY BE PAID IN LOCAL CURRENCY.

6. APPEALS COMMITTEE.

- 6.1 BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST ROUND AN APPEALS COMMITTEE SHALL BE APPOINTED FROM AMONG THE PLAYERS OR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERATIONS. THE APPEAL COMMITTEE SHALL BE PRESIDED BY THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT OR HIS NOMINEE AND SHALL CONSIST OF FOUR MORE MEMBERS AND TWO RESERVE MEMBERS, REPRESENTING SEVEN DIFFERENT FEDERATIONS. NO MEMBER OF THE APPEAL COMMITTEE SHALL TAKE PART IN A DECISION CONCERNING HIS OWN FEDERATION.
- 6.2 A PROTEST AGAINST AN ARBITER'S DECISION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITTING TO THE APPEALS COMMITTEE WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER THE END OF THE RELEVANT ROUND, ACCOMPANIED OF A USD 50 DEPOSIT. IF THE PROTEST IS CORRECT THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE REIMBURSED, IF THE PROTEST IS DENIED THE DEPOSIT SHALL BE FORFEITED IN CCA'S FAVOUR.
- 6.3 THE APPEALS COMMITTEE WILL ISSUE A DECISION, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE MID-DAY OF THE NEXT DAY FOLLOWING THE PROTEST.

7. DESIGNATION OF THE WINNER.

- 7.1 THE FINAL RANK OF THE PLAYERS IS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF POINTS SCORED. IF AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT TWO OR MORE PLAYERS ARE TIE FOR THE FIRST PLACE THE TIE SHALL BE BROKEN ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING TIE-BREAKING SYSTEMS:

- A).-THE SUM OF PROGRESSIVE SCORES.
- B).-THE SUM OF PROGRESSIVE SCORES CUTS.
- C).-THE RESULTS BETWEEN THE TIED PLAYERS, IF THEY ALL HAVE PLAYED EACH OTHERS.
- D).-THE MEDIAN BUCHOLZ 1
- E).-THE BUCHOLZ.

7.2 IF ACCORDING WITH THE FINAL STANDING TWO OR MORE PLAYERS ARE TIED FOR A WINNING PRIZE PLACE (S), THE PRIZE (S) SHALL BE SHARED.

8. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

- 8.1 THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE AND HIS BOARD AND LODGING SHALL BE PAID BY THE ORGANIZERS. HE SHALL RECEIVE AN HONORARIUM OF USD 1,000 FOR HIS WORK.
- 8.2 THE TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF THE PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS SHALL BE PAID BY THEIR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS OR BY THEMSELVES.
- 8.3 THE BOARD AND LODGING EXPENSES FROM THE OFFICIAL DAYS OF ARRIVAL TO THE NIGHT BEFORE THE OFFICIAL DAY OF DEPARTURE SHALL BE COVERED BY THE ORGANIZERS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS REGISTERED ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 2.2.
- 8.4 OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL COVER THEIR OWN BOARD AND LODGING. THE ORGANIZERS WILL INFORM IN ADVANCE ABOUT HOTEL RATES AND SPECIAL DISCOUNTS.

9. PRIZES.

- 9.1 THE MINIMUM PRIZE FUND FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS USD 10,000.
- 9.2 THE WINNER OF THE PANAMERICAN OPEN SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP, BEING COVERED HIS ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS EXPENSES BY THE CONTINENTAL ORGANIZER
- 9.3 THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION WILL AWARD PRIZES FOR AT LEAST THE TEN TOP CLASSIFIED PLAYERS
- 9.4 BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST ROUND, A LIST OF PRIZES TO BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST PLACED PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING ANY SPECIAL PRIZE, SHALL BE PUBLISHED.
- 9.5 THE ORGANIZERS WILL ALSO AWARD GOLD, SILVER AND BRONZE MEDALS TO THE PLAYERS TAKING THE FIRST THREE PLACES IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.