



CONFEDERATION OF CHESS FOR AMERICA

REGULATIONS FOR THE PANAMERICAN RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

1. FREQUENCY.

- 1.1 THE PANAMERICAN RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE ORGANIZED ANNUALLY 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 EACH FEDERATION BELONGING TO CCA HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEND AS MANY PLAYERS AS IT WISHES TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP.
- 2.2 THE ZONAL PRESIDENTS OF EACH ZONE BELONGING TO CCA SHALL SELECT TWO PLAYERS FROM THEIR OWN ZONE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP.
- 2.3 AT LEAST FIVE MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP THE ORGANIZERS SHALL SEND TO THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT THE INVITATION LETTER FOR HIS APPROVAL.
- 2.4 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.
- 2.5 AT LEAST TWO MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP EACH FEDERATION ACCEPTING THE INVITATION SHALL REGISTER ITS ENTRIES WITH THE ORGANIZERS.
- 2.6 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 ALLOW TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEE.

3. PLAYING SCHEDULE.

- 3.1 THE CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE PLAYED IN ELEVEN ROUNDS ON A SWISS SYSTEM, IN THREE OR FOUR DAYS.
- 3.2 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 ONE HOUR: HALF AN HOUR PER PLAYER TO FINISH HIS GAME.
- 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 PARTICIPANTS OR THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FEDERATIONS. THE APPEAL COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE 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 WRITING TO THE APPEALS COMMITTEE WITHIN TEN MINUTES 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 THE NEXT ROUND.

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-BRAKING 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.
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 - E) THE BUCHOLZ.
- 7.1.1 IF 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 PARTICIPANTS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS SHALL BE PAID BY THEIR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS OR BY THEMSELVES.

- 8.2 THE BOARD AND LODGING EXPENSES FROM THE OFFICIAL DAYS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SHALL BE COVERED BY THE ORGANIZERS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS SELECTED ACCORDING ARTICLE 2.2.
- 8.3 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 PANAMERICAN RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP IS USD 6000.
- 9.2 BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST ROUND, A LIST OF THE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED TO THE HIGHEST PLACED PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING ANY SPECIAL PRIZE, SHALL BE PUBLISHED.