



CONFEDERATION OF CHESS FOR AMERICA

REGULATIONS FOR THE PANAMERICAN U-20 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

APPROVED BY THE 1999 CONTINENTAL ASSEMBLY

1. FREQUENCY.

- 1.1 THE PANAMERICAN U-20 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE ORGANIZED EVERY TWO YEARS, IN THE ODD-NUMBERED 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 EACH FEDERATION BELONGING TO CCA SHALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEND ONE TEAM OF NATIONAL PLAYERS, QUALIFIED BY BIRTH, CITIZENSHIP OR NATURALIZATION TO THE CHAMPIONSHIP. ELIGIBILITY RULES IN CHAPTER C.05, PARTICIPATION IN FIDE INDIVIDUAL AND TEAM COMPETITIONS, FIDE HANDBOOK SHALL APPLY.

THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION WILL HAVE A SECOND PLACE AND WILL HOLD A TEAM IN RESERVE TO MAKE AN EVEN NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS.

- 2.2 THE TEAMS SHALL CONSIST OF FOUR PLAYERS AND A MAXIMUM OF TWO RESERVE PLAYERS.
- 2.3 THE PLAYING MEMBERS OF THE TEAM MUST NOT HAVE REACHED THE AGE OF 20 BY JANUARY THE 1ST OF THE YEAR IN WHICH THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS HELD.
- 2.4 EVERY TEAM SHALL BE HEADED BY A CAPTAIN IN MATTERS OF PLAY, AND BY A CHIEF OF DELEGATION IN ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS. THE ORGANIZERS SHALL NOT INCUR IN ANY EXPENSES FOR ANY CAPTAIN OR CHIEF OF DELEGATION WHO IS NOT THE PERSON LISTED UNDER ARTICLE 2.2.

3. ORGANIZATION.

- 3.1 AT LEAST FIVE MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION SHALL SUBMIT TO THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT THE DRAFT INVITATION. THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT SHALL INFORM THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION WHETHER HE APPROVES THE DRAFT, ADVISING AT THE SAME TIME OF ANY MODIFICATIONS HE MAY DEEM NECESSARY.
- 3.2 AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION SHALL SEND THE FINAL INVITATION TO ALL CCA FEDERATIONS. COPIES OF THE INVITATION SHALL BE SENT TO THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT AND THE ZONAL PRESIDENTS.
- 3.3 THE CCA MEMBER FEDERATIONS INTENDING TO PARTICIPATE SHALL SEND THEIR ENTRIES TO THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION AT LEAST THREE MONTHS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP. COPIES OF THE ENTRIES SHALL BE SENT TO THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT AND THE ZONAL PRESIDENTS TO WHICH THE FEDERATION BELONGS, GIVING THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

THE NAMES AND BIRTHDATES OF THE PARTICIPANTS.
THE NAME OF THE CAPTAIN AND CHIEF OF DELEGATION
ANY INFORMATION REQUIRING IN CONNECTION WITH VISAS.

4. PLAYING CONDITIONS.

- 4.1 THE PANAMERICAN U-20 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE PLAYED ACCORDING THE FIDE LAWS OF CHESS.
- 4.2 THE CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL NOT LAST MORE THAN 13 DAYS, INCLUDING OFFICIAL DAYS OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE.
- 4.3 WHEN THERE WOULD BE 10 OR FEWER PARTICIPANTS A ROUND-ROBIN TOURNAMENT SHALL BE HELD
- 4.4 WHEN THERE WOULD BE 11-16 PARTICIPANTS THE CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE PLAYED WITH PRELIMINARIES AND FINAL TOURNAMENT.
 - 4.4.1 FOR THE PRELIMINARY PHASE, TEAMS SHALL BE DIVIDED INTO GROUPS, WITH FOUR TEAMS PER GROUP. IN EACH GROUP A SINGLE ROUND-ROBIN SHALL BE PLAYED, QUALIFYING THE FIRST TWO TOP TEAMS INTO THE FINAL PHASE.
 - 4.4.2 THE RESULT OF THE MATCH BETWEEN TWO QUALIFYING TEAMS IN THE PRELIMINARY PHASE, ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 4.41, SHALL BE CARRIED OVER INTO THE FINAL PHASE, SO THEY WILL NOT PLAY EACH OTHER IN THE FINAL PHASE. ACCORDING TO THIS SHALL BE NECESSARY TO ADJUST THE PAIRING NUMBERS IN THE FINAL PHASE SUCH THAT THE CARRIED-OVER MATCHES SHALL CORRESPOND TO THE FIRST ROUND OF THE FINAL PHASE.
- 4.5 WHEN THE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SHALL EXCEED 16, THE CHAMPIONSHIP SHALL BE PLAYED IN A 9 ROUNDS SWISS SYSTEM. THE OLYMPIC PAIRING RULES, D-II.07, ANEX D SHALL APPLY, EXCEPT ARTICLES 9 AND 13.
- 4.6 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 ANOTHER FIDE APPROVED TIME CONTROL CAN BE USED..

5. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

- 5.1 THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF THE PLAYERS AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS SHALL BE PAID BY THEIR NATIONAL FEDERATIONS.
- 5.2 THE BOARD AND LODGING FROM THE OFFICIAL DAY OF ARRIVAL TO THE NIGHT BEFORE THE OFFICIAL DAY OF DEPARTURE SHALL BE BORNE BY THE ORGANIZERS FOR THE PARTICIPANTS SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE 2.2.
- 5.3 EACH PARTICIPATING FEDERATION SHALL PAY TO CCA THE ENTRY FEE STIPULATED IN CCA FINANCIAL REGULATIONS BEFORE THE START OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP. (USD 125 PER TEAM) HOWEVER IF NO PAYMENT HAVE BEEN DONE TEAMS MAY PAY IT BEFORE THE START OF THE FIRST ROUND. NO TEAM WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEE.
- 5.4 EACH PARTICIPATING FEDERATION SHALL CONTRIBUTE AN AMOUNT OF USD 10 OR THE EQUIVALENCY IN LOCAL CURRENCY PER PLAYER PER DAY TOWARDS THIS COSTS TO THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION.

5.5 THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION SHALL PROVIDE FREE BOARD AND LODGING TO THE CHIEF ARBITER, REFUND HIS TRAVEL COSTS AND PAY HIM A SUITABLE HONORARIUM FOR HIS WORK.

6. DIRECTION OF THE TOURNAMENT.

6.1 THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION SHALL APPOINT THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR WHICH SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MATTERS OF ORGANIZATION INSIDE THE TOURNAMENT HALL.

6.2 THE CONTINENTAL PRESIDENT, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION, SHALL APPOINT THE CHIEF ARBITER.

6.3 THE ORGANIZING FEDERATION SHALL APPOINT AS MANY DEPUTY AND ASSISTANT ARBITERS AS NECESSARY.

6.4 WHEN THE TOURNAMENT IS PLAYED IN A SWISS SYSTEM, THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR IN AGREEMENT WITH THE CHIEF ARBITER MAY APPOINT A PAIRING COMMITTEE. THE PAIRINGS COMMITTEE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE CHIEF ARBITER

7. APPEALS COMMITTEE

7.1 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 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.

7.2 A PROTEST AGAINST AN ARBITER'S DECISION MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE APPEALS COMMITTEE WITHIN TWO HOURS AFTER THE END OF THE RELEVANT ROUND, ACCOMPANIED OF A USD 100 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.

7.3 THE APPEALS COMMITTEE WILL ISSUE A DECISION, IF POSSIBLE, BEFORE THE NEXT ROUND.

8. TEAM CAPTAINS.

8.1 THE DUTIES AND RIGHTS OF TEAMS CAPTAINS ARE AS DEFINED IN THE FIDE TOURNAMENT RULES AND OLYMPIC RULES.

9. DESIGNATION OF THE WINNER.

9.1 THE FINAL RANK OF THE TEAMS IS DETERMINED BY THE NUMBER OF POINTS SCORED.

9.2 IF AT THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT TWO OR MORE TEAMS ARE TIE FOR THE FIRST PLACE THE TIE SHALL BE BROKEN ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING TIE-BREAKING SYSTEMS:

A) WHEN SWISS SYSTEM IS USED:

MATCH POINTS.
DIRECT ENCOUNTER
BUCHOLZS

B) WHEN ROUND ROBIN IS USED:

MATCH POINTS
DIRECT ENCOUNTER
SONNENBORN-BERGER

10. PRIZES

10.1 THE THREE TOP PLACED TEAMS SHALL RECEIVE TROPHIES

10.2 EVERY MEMBER OF THE WINNING TEAM (MEMBERS AND CAPTAIN) SHALL RECEIVE GOLDEN MEDALS. EQUALLY THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAMS FINISHING SECOND AND THIRD PLACE SHALL RECEIVE SILVERY AND BRONZE MEDALS, RESPECTIVELY.

10.3 THE PLAYERS WHO OBTAINED THE BEST RESULT ON THEIR RESPECTIVE BOARDS SHALL RECEIVE GOLDEN MEDALS. TO BE ELEGIBLE PLAYERS NUMBERED 1-4- SHOULD PLAY AT LEAST 60% OF THE GAMES. RESERVES (PLAYERS 5-6) SHOULD PLAY 50% OF THE GAMES.