

CONFEDERATION OF CHESS FOR AMERICA
REGULATIONS FOR CARIFTA CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. Organization

1.1. The CARIFTA Chess Championships shall be organized annually over the Easter Holiday under the aegis of the CCA by a National Federation or Organizer of a CARIFTA Member Country entrusted with this task according with the bidding procedure approved by the Continental Assembly, at least one year in advance.

1.2. The following are CARIFTA Member Countries :

Anguilla	Haiti
Antigua & Barbuda	Jamaica
Aruba	Martinique
Bahamas	Montserrat
Barbados	Netherlands Antilles
Belize	St. Lucia
Bermuda	St. Vincent & The Grenadines
British Virgin Islands	Suriname
Dominica	Trinidad & Tobago
French Guyana/ Cayenne	Turks & Caicos Islands
Grenada	US Virgin Islands
Guadeloupe	St. Kitts & Nevis
Guyana	Cayman Islands

2. Selection of Organizer

2.1. Any National Federation or organizer of a CARIFTA Member Country may bid for the right to organize the CARIFTA Chess Championships.

2.2. Each bid will contain the following particulars:

- Tournament Venue
- Concession rates for hotel rooms and meals for participants
- A statement that the proposed Organizer accepts all the requirements stipulated in these regulations
- Applicant's Name
- Signatures and authentications

2.3. Each proposal shall be accompanied by an invitation to the Continental President or his representative to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions with all expenses paid by the applicant.

2.4. Each proposal shall be delivered to the Continental Secretariat in accordance with the regulations of the CCA bidding procedure.

2.5. The CCA Continental Assembly shall decide on the winning applicant in accordance with the regulations of the CCA the bidding procedure.

3. Finance

3.1. CCA will be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the CARIFTA Chess Championships organization. This shall be a fixed sum agreed between the organizer and the Continental President before the start of the event.

3.2. The income provided by the CARIFTA Chess Championships through admission charges, concessions, photography, radio, will go to the organizer.

3.3. Broadcast rights: The television and internet web transmission rights, including video and film rights, shall belong to CCA and the income divided as follows: 50% to CCA and 50% to the Organizer.

4. Participation

4.1. Participation is open to National Federations of CARIFTA Member Countries.

4.2. The participants must not have reached their 12th, 16th or 20th birthday on January 1st in the year in which the Championships is being held.

4.3. In the instance where a participant resides for an extended period (over a year) in a CARIFTA member country for which he does not have citizenship

he shall be allowed to compete for the country in which he resides. Proof of residence must be presented to the CARIFTA organizers.

- 4.4. Each Federation shall have the right to send one official participant to each category (Under 12, Under 16 and Under 20 - Open and Girls). A Federation may be represented by a girl in the Open Category.
- 4.5. Besides the participation established in Article 4.4 each Federation may register any number of additional players, subject to payment of their board and lodging, for which they or their federation shall be held responsible.
- 4.6. All participants must be registered through their National Federation.
- 4.7. At least four months before the start of the event the organizers shall send to the Continental President a copy of the Invitation Letter for his approval.
- 4.8. At least three months before the start of the tournament and after the Continental President's approval the organizers shall send the invitation letter to all CARIFTA Federations.
- 4.9. At least two months before the start of the tournament, each Federation accepting the invitation shall register its entries with the organizers. The date of birth and country of citizenship of participants must be given and must correspond with the date of birth and citizenship given in their passport or travel document. For participants who are not citizens of the country they are representing proof of residence must also be provided. A copy of the register will be sent to the Continental President.
- 4.10. Prior to participation, each Federation must pay to CCA the entry fee for each participant as quoted in Article 2.5 of CCA Financial Regulations. A copy of the payment must be given to the Organizer. However if no payment has been made players may pay it before the start of the first round. No participant shall be allowed to participate without payment of entry fee.

5. Playing schedule

- 5.1. The CARIFTA Chess Championships shall be held over the Easter Holiday and not last more than 6 days, including the official days of arrival and departure.
- 5.2. Each category of the CARIFTA Chess Championship shall be played as a seven round Swiss System if there are more than eight participants in the category.
- 5.3. If a category of the CARIFTA Chess Championship has eight (8) participants, the category shall be played as a Round Robin Tournament.
- 5.4. When a category of the CARIFTA Chess Championship has less than eight (8) participants, the players shall be entered in the other category of the same age group.

5.5. If both categories (total boys and girls) of the same age group have less than eight (8) participants, the players shall be entered in the next age category.

5.6. Participants must be present at the opening ceremony.

6. Playing conditions.

6.1. The tournament shall be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

6.2. The rate of play is an approved FIDE time control.

6.3. The official rules of FIDE Swiss System shall be used. In case of computer pairings and an official FIDE Swiss program shall be used.

7. Chief Arbiter and his Assistants.

7.1. Continental President, after consultations with the organizers, shall appoint the Chief Arbiter who must be an International Arbiter.

7.2. The organizers may appoint as many Deputy and Assistant Arbiters as necessary.

7.3. The organizers must provide free board and lodging to the Chief Arbiter, refund his travel cost (economy class ticket) and pay him in US Dollars a suitable honorarium for his work.

7.4. The other arbiters and officials may be paid in local currency.

8. Immediately after the end of the CARIFTA Chess Championships, the Chief Arbiter shall draw up a report and send it without delay to the Continental President. The report shall be written in one of the Official FIDE Languages and shall contain the result of the championships. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the course of the event. If there were difficulties, conflicts or incidents during the CARIFTA Chess Championships they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

9. Appeals Committee.

9.1. Before the start of the first round an Appeals Committee shall be appointed from among the participants or the representatives of the Federations involved. The Appeals Committee shall be presided by the Continental President or his nominee and consist of four members and two reserve members, representing seven different Federations. No member of the appeals committee shall take part in a decision concerning his own Federation.

9.2. 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 with a deposit of US\$50.00. If the protest is found to have merit

the deposit shall be reimbursed, if the protest is denied the deposit shall be forfeited in organizer's favour.

9.3. The Appeals Committee will issue a decision, if possible, before the next round.

10. Designation of the winner.

10.1. 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 tied for a classificatory place the tie shall be broken according to the below tie-breaking systems; if not, the Appeals Committee Chairman is entitled to decide the way the tie shall be broken over the chessboard.

10.2. In a Swiss System Tournament:

- A) Result between the tied players if they have all played each other
- B) Sum of progressive scores.
- C) Sum of progressive scores cuts.
- D) Median Bucholz 1
- E) Bucholz
- F) Age in favour of the younger player

10.3. In a Round Robin Tournament:

- A) Result between the tied players if they have all played each other
- B) Koya system.
- C) Koya system extended.
- D) Sonenborn Berger.
- E) Age in favour of the younger player

11. Financial regulations.

11.1. The travelling expenses, board and lodging of the Appeals Committee Chairman shall be covered by the organizers. A stipend of US\$ 500 shall be paid to him.

11.2. The travelling expenses of the participants and accompanying persons shall be paid by their National Federations or by themselves.

11.3. The board and lodging expenses from the official day of arrival to the lunch on the official day of departure shall be covered by the organizers for

the participants registered according to Article 4.4 plus one Delegate per Federation represented in the Championships.

- 11.4. Other participants will cover their own board and lodging. The organizers will inform in advance about hotel rates and special discounts.

12. Classification and prizes.

- 12.1. Before the start of the first round, the list of prizes to be awarded to the highest place participants, including any special prizes, shall be published.
- 12.2. The Organizers shall also award gold, silver and bronze medals to the players taking the first three places in each age category.
- 12.3. Players entered in another section under Articles 5.4 and 5.5 who are placed 1st - 3rd among themselves, shall be entitled to the medals originally provided for their category.
- 12.4. The winner of each age category in the CARIFTA Chess Championships has the personal right to participate as an official player in the next CARIFTA Chess Championships as a Defending Champion of the corresponding age category, or higher age category as stipulated in Article 4.2. This privilege must be exercised in the subsequent year of qualification.
- 12.5. The winners of the Under 12 and Under 16 age categories in the CARIFTA Chess Championships, who belong to a CCA Member Federation, also have the personal right to participate as an official player in the corresponding age category of the next Regional Youth Chess Festival. This privilege must be exercised in the year of qualification.
- 12.6. The winners of the Under 20 age categories in the CARIFTA Chess Championships, who belong to a CCA Member Federation, also have the personal right to participate as an official player in the corresponding age category of either the next Regional Youth Chess Festival or Central American and Caribbean Junior Championships. This privilege must be exercised only once in the year of qualification.

13. End of the CARIFTA Chess Championships.

- 13.1. The Closing Ceremony shall take place no later than one day after the end of the CARIFTA Chess Championships.
- 13.2. Not later than one month after the Closing Ceremony, the organizer should present the Continental President a report of the tournament and a full statement of accounts for amounts due to CCA from rights specified in Article 3.2 and Entry Fees in Article 4.10.