

ARTICLE V – I.C.C.D. Chess Olympiad

1. (a) The duration of the **I.C.C.D.** Chess Olympiad shall not exceed 10 days including days of arrival and departure.
- (b) There shall be two events, namely
 - (i) The Deaf Chess Olympiad;
 - (ii) The Ladies Deaf Chess Olympiad;
- (c) The events described in ART. IV. 1. (b) shall be run at the same time and at the same location.

2. Participants

- (a) At the **I.C.C.D.** Chess Olympiad, one team from every country-member of the **I.C.C.D.** is entitled to play in the tournament. This team is composed of four players and a reserve player, who shall be listed in a fixed board order (1 to 5) by the team captain at the beginning of the tournament. This board order may not be changed during the tournament.
- (b) At the Ladies Deaf Chess Olympiad, one team from every country-member of the **I.C.C.D.** is entitled to play in the tournament. This team is composed of two lady-players and a reserve lady-player, who shall be listed in a fixed board order (1 to 3) by the team captain at the beginning of the tournament. This board order may not be changed during the tournament.
- (c) The second team of the host **I.C.C.D.** country-member may participate in the tournament but only if there is an odd number of the teams participating in the tournament.
- (d) By the words “player”, “participant”, both male and female competitors are meant. By the words “**I.C.C.D.** World Team Champion”, they also apply to both events described in ART. V. 1. (b) unless otherwise specified as in ART. V. 3. (g) (ii).

3. Tournament Rules

- (a) The tournament shall be run on an all-play-all basis where each team shall play one match against every other team.
- (b) If the number of the teams participating is 11 or more, then a 9 round Swiss System shall be used.
- (c) (i) Each match between teams shall be played over 4 boards.
(ii) Each match between ladies teams shall be played over 2 boards.
- (d) In single games, a victory is counted as 1 point, a draw as 0.5, and a defeat as 0 point.
In the match, a victory for the team counts as 2 match points, a draw as 1 match point, and a loss as 0 match point. Each team’s place in the order of ranking will be decided by the number of game points it has scored.
- (e) If teams gain the same number of game points, the following factors, in the order given, shall decide about their ranking with the exception of the case described in ART. V. 3. (i).
 - (i) the better result in the team matches according to the won and drawn games
 - (ii) the mutual results of the teams who have gained the same number of points
 - (iii) the better results at the first two boards in the tournament as a whole
 - (iv) the best score with black in all matches starting with first board.

- (f) (i) The winner of the Deaf Chess Olympiad shall be awarded the title of “**I.C.C.D. Chess Olympiad Champion.**”
- (ii) The winner of the Ladies Deaf Chess Olympiad shall be awarded the title of “**I.C.C.D. Ladies Deaf Chess Olympiad Champion.**”
- (g) The title of “**I.C.C.D. Chess Olympiad Champion**” is awarded by the **I.C.C.D.** only for the period prior to the next Deaf Chess Olympiad. The period may not, however, exceed eight years, if the Deaf Chess Olympiad is not held at the date provided for in the Regulations.
- (h) “If the I.C.C.D. Chess Olympiad Champion who won, the players are classed to equal points, then it shall be determined by the following:**
 - a) The player winning the game outright;**
 - b) If the game between them is drawn, then the decision is made via Article V, point 3 (e).”**
- (i) Each team is obliged to play right through the tournament.
If a team is forced by circumstances beyond its control to withdraw from the tournament, the I.C.C.D. Board shall take the necessary steps.

3. Detailed Tournament Rules

- (a) The F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess must be strictly observed.
- (b) **Order of Play**
In the **all-play-all system**, as prescribed in ART. V.3 (a) and (b), the order of play is so regulated that the competitions are played according to the international tables of rounds (Berger-Schurig).
Small changes may be made by the chief Arbiter in order either to pair teams from the same country-member in the first round or to avoid pairing teams from the same country-member.
In the team competitions the team whose number comes first has the white pieces on boards one and three.
- (c) The official F.I.D.E. rate of play shall comply. ~~is 60 moves in 3 hours, the first 40 moves in 2 hours and then 20 moves in 1 hour.~~**
If circumstances make it absolutely necessary, the chief Arbiter may make the necessary changes in the hours of play. ~~However, if before the last round there remain some adjourned games, these games must be finished before the last round commences. If there are several adjourned games belonging to preceding rounds, termination must be arranged in the ascending order of rounds unless there are obstacles of a practical nature.~~ Rates of play other than described above must first be approved by the I.C.C.D. Executive Board.
- (d) ~~At the commencement of the game the clocks are to show 4 o'clock.~~**
~~As soon as the signal for the start of the game has been given the clock of the player who has the white pieces will be started by the player who has the black pieces.
If the player who has the black pieces is not present, the Arbiter starts the clock of the one who has the white pieces.
The game is lost by the player who arrives at the chess board more than an hour late, for the beginning of the game. The time of delay is counted from the start of the game.~~

~~(e) Adjournment of a game~~

- ~~(i) In case a game is not finished at the elapse of time prescribed for play, the player whose turn it is, shall, on the demand of the Arbiter, write down his next move in complete notation on his score sheet, put his score sheet along with that of his adversary into an envelope provided by the Arbiter, seal the envelope and then stop his clock. After this, he shall hand the envelope to his adversary who will act as prescribed in ART. V. 4. (e) (ii) below. If the player makes the said move on the board he must write it down on his score sheet nevertheless.~~
- ~~(ii) The adversary of the player who has sealed his move shall inscribe on the envelope~~
- ~~1. the name of the player and the country he represents~~
 - ~~2. the position at the moment of adjournment of the game~~
 - ~~3. the time used by each player~~
 - ~~4. the name of the player who has sealed his move and the number of the said move.~~
 - ~~5. offer of a draw (using the symbol =), if it has been done before the adjournment of the game.~~
 - ~~6. the date and time of the resumption of the game as advised by the Arbiter.~~
- ~~Note: Written announcements by the Arbiter shall be on the notice board.~~
- ~~(iii) When the writing of the information indicated in paragraphs (i) and (ii) above has been finished, the envelope is to be handed to the Arbiter, who will examine the information inscribed, put his signature on the back of the envelope at the spot where it has been sealed, and be responsible for its safe keeping.~~
- ~~(iv) In case of the unreadable writing on the score sheet, the player shall, with the team captain present, restore the unreadable writing on a new score sheet.~~

(f) Arbiters

In addition to the duties incumbent on the Arbiter according to ART. V. 4. (c), (d), (e), (g) and (h), he is required to see particularly that players observe chess etiquette and do not disturb either their adversaries (e.g., by repeated offers of a draw) or other players (e.g., by assembling round a chess board).

(g) Team captains

The rights and duties of the team captain are as follows:

- (i) Before the commencement of a round the team captain must submit to the Arbiter and the captain of the other team a list of the names of the players taking part in that round.

If a player fails to appear at the board **at the appointed time** his adversary will get the points.

If a team is unable to participate in full strength, only the lower boards may be left out, and all players present must move up.

~~If a team is incomplete at the scheduled commencement of the match but is expecting more players to arrive, there are two possibilities:~~

~~(a) The team waits for the missing players. In that case all clocks of that team will be started.~~

~~(b) The team is confident that a player will appear and leaves his board out. If that player does not appear at all, all points from the left out board onwards shall be lost.~~

(ii) The captain is authorised, in his capacity as captain, to remain in the space reserved for the players, but it will be his duty to see that those of his team's players who do not take part in that round or have finished their games do not remain in the said space.

(iii) At the end of play, the captain shall be responsible for reporting the results to the Arbiter as well as providing the latter with score sheets on which all terminated games are legibly recorded.

(iv) The captain must abstain from any intervention during play. He is, however, entitled to advise the players of his team to accept or make an offer of a draw, on condition that he does not make any comments concerning the present situation on the chessboard and confines himself to giving only a brief remark which can in no way be interpreted as an opinion about the possible end of the game.

Any communication between the captain and his players must be made under the control of the Arbiter or the captain of the other team.

(v) The captain is entitled to nominate a deputy but is required to do so in a written form to the Arbiter.

(vi) Only the captain is authorised to lodge protests or any claims on the part of the players.

(vii) When duties as specified in items 4 (g). (ii) and (iii) have been carried out by the team captain, then the team captain must leave the playing area.

(h) **Records**

The chief Arbiter shall draw up for each round a record giving the results of each match and each game.

At the end of the tournament the chief Arbiter shall compile, on the basis of these records, a final record in a tabulated form containing all the results.

This final record must be signed by the chief Arbiter and countersigned by both the I.C.C.D. President and the Secretary-General immediately after the end of the tournament.

The organiser of the said tournament shall send within two weeks to the office of **I.C.C.D.** a package which includes records of all games, tables and the final official tournament table.

(i) Penalties

If a player fails to observe the Laws of Chess, the Regulations and the directives by the Arbiter, or fails to behave correctly inside the tournament building, the following penalties may be imposed:

oral warning or written censure given by the chief Arbiter or the council of arbitration:
loss of the game;

provisional or definite disqualification of the offender by a decision of the council of arbitration.

(j) Assistants

The assistant of a player does not have the same rights as the captain of the team and is regarded, at tournaments, as having the same rights and duties as an ordinary spectator.

5. Organisation

- (a) The Organising Committee of the country-member of the **I.C.C.D.** entrusted with the organisation of the official World Championship shall be responsible for the preparation of the games, including measures to maintain order, and for publications, announcement of the World Championship, technical and financial matters, and the organisation itself. The accommodation of the guests must also be considered.
- (b) Within 14 months prior to be the beginning of the tournament the country- member entrusted with its organisation shall submit to the Executive Board of the **I.C.C.D.** complete information on the following points:
- (i) place of the tournament;
 - (ii) dates of beginning and approximate end of the tournament;
 - (iii) material conditions for the participants;
 - (iv) itinerary, visa regulations, etc.;
 - (v) costs of accommodation with half or full board.

The Organising Committee, together with the **I.C.C.D.**, shall send invitations to the country-members of the **I.C.C.D.** at least one year in advance, if possible. The programme envisaged will be submitted to all country-members immediately after it is ready, but at least four weeks before the beginning of the tournament.

- (c) At least six months before the beginning of the tournament in question, the country-members must give their definite decision concerning their participation of the tournament to the **I.C.C.D.**

Three months before the opening of the tournament every country-member must submit a list of the names of the competitors to the Organising Committee. This list must be typed in duplicate, the second copy to be conveyed to the **I.C.C.D.**

- (d) A registration fee is to be remitted to the treasury of the **I.C.C.D.** together with the entry according to ART. V. 5. (c). This fee to be fixed by the Congress is for each team taking part in the Deaf Chess Olympiad.

If the definite entry is not fulfilled there can be no claim to refunding this registration fee.

The entry of the team in accordance with ART. V. 5. (c) shall be invalid as long as the registration fee has not been paid.

In case of withdrawal of a registered team before the event and late payment, an additional fee shall be imposed as determined by the Congress.

- (e) Each country-member must inform the Organising Committee of any changes in the list of the names of players entered fourteen days prior to the opening of the tournament.

- (f) (i) To ensure strict observance of the provisions of these Regulations and the F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess, the Organising Committee must submit the name of the nominated chief Arbiter to the **I.C.C.D.** 5 months before the event.
 - (ii) The **I.C.C.D.** will only approve if the nominated Arbiter is amongst the current official list of the F.I.D.E. Arbiters.
 - (iii) The Organising Committee itself shall nominate one or two assistant arbiters, one of whom must be deaf and conversant in the International Sign Language.
 - (iv) The assistant arbiters are only permitted by the chief Arbiter whenever necessary at certain times to act as arbiters.
- (g) Protests against any decision by the chief Arbiter can be lodged with the council of arbitration. The complainant must deposit the fee (to be fixed by the Congress) as security at the time the protest is lodged. This fee will be refunded if the decision is in his favour. If not, the **I.C.C.D.** of the tournament shall be the beneficiary.

The **Council of Arbitration** includes the following persons:

- (i) the chief Arbiter;
 - (ii) one representative of the **I.C.C.D.** Board;
 - (iii) three members representing three participating country-members of the **I.C.C.D.** and elected by the captain: these persons can be either team captain or players.
- (h) No member of the council of arbitration shall have the right to vote when decisions are debated involving his own country-member. **Notwithstanding** this provision every member of the council of arbitration shall be entitled to take part in the discussion of any question submitted to the council.
- (i) A decision by the council of arbitration shall come into force immediately: and it shall be final as regards the result of the tournament. The losing party may, however, bring the decision before the **I.C.C.D.** Congress, which shall then confine itself to declaring whether or not the decision was right, without this declaration affecting the result of the tournament.
- (j) Each participant in the tournament must hold a membership card of his country-member of the **I.C.C.D.**
- (k) Country-members which are unable to take part in the Deaf Chess Olympiad must inform the Executive Board of the **I.C.C.D.** and state the reasons preventing their participation.

6. Prizes

- (a) The holders of the first three placing teams at the **I.C.C.D.** Chess Olympiad, namely the five players, each of the first three placing teams shall receive a medal and a diploma each from the organiser. All other participants shall receive a souvenir letter each.
- (b) The holders of the first three placing teams at the **I.C.C.D.** Chess Olympiad, namely the three lady players, each of the first three placing teams shall receive a medal and a diploma each from the organiser. All other participants shall receive a souvenir letter each.
- (c) In addition, the **I.C.C.D.** Chess Olympiad Champion shall receive both a special document and a special trophy from the **I.C.C.D.**
- (d) The **I.C.C.D.** document and trophy for the **I.C.C.D.** Chess Olympiad Champion shall remain the property of their representative country-member.

7. Finances

- (a) Travelling expenses and subsistence allowances at **I.C.C.D.** Chess Olympiad shall be borne by the country-members of the players. All other costs shall be borne by the organiser.
- (b) The costs of prizes, medals and documents according to ART. V. 6. (a) and (b) shall be borne by the organiser.
- (c) The costs of the document and trophy for the **I.C.C.D.** Deaf Chess Olympiad Champion according to ART. V. 6. (c) shall be **borne** by the **I.C.C.D.**
- (d) Other prizes, brilliancy prizes for best individual results of players, etc. depend on the voluntary initiative of the Organising Committee of the tournament.