

Regulations For The Jamaica Chess Federation Grand Prix

1.	Introduction
1.1	Regulations The body ultimately responsible for any changes to these Regulations is the JCF Executive Council based on recommendations from the JCF Rules Committee.
1.2	The Jamaican Grand Prix The Jamaican Grand Prix (JGP) is an annual series of chess events organized by the Jamaica Chess Federation (JCF), which in any particular year will form the basis to determine the participants in the National Championships (Absolute and Female) to be held in the following year.
1.3	Championships The invitees for the following years National Championships (Absolute and Female) shall be the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) defending champion(b) the top 9 players (absolute & female) from the JGP.(c) two specially invited persons chosen by the JCF Executive Council based on recommendations from the JCF Ratings & Selection Committee
1.4	Substitutes Should any of the invitees in 1.2 fail to accept their invitation, then they will be replaced by the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the next players, in order (absolute & female), from the JGP.(b) specially invited persons chosen by the JCF Executive Council based on recommendations from the JCF Ratings & Selection Committee

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2.	Format
2.1	Components The JGP shall consist of the Open (FIDE rated) sections of four nominated chess tournaments, as follows: (a) John Powell Memorial (b) Robert Wheeler Open (c) Harold Chan Open (d) Frederick Cameron Open
2.2	Points & Treatment of Ties Points shall be awarded to players in the top six places in each of the JGP events as follows: (a) 1 st - 72 (b) 2 nd - 60 (c) 3 rd - 48 (d) 4 th - 36 (e) 5 th - 24 (f) 6 th - 12 In the case of any tie, the points awarded will be split equally.
2.3	Withdrawals Players who withdraw from any of the events in the JGP must immediately notify the Chief Arbiter of that event, before pairings are published for the next round. The notification must include an acceptable reason for such withdrawal. Players who fail to do so (a) shall not be eligible for any JGP points (b) shall not be considered for invitation to the National Championships of the following year (c) may be subject to further disciplinary action by the JCF.
2.4	Ranking & Ranking Tiebreaks The final ranking of the JGP will be determined by the highest number of cumulative points. However, with the objective of determining clear, single positions in the case that two or more players have equal cumulative points, the following criteria (in descending order) will be used to decide the overall positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Using only the best three results for each player2. 4th result not already taken in the top three results3. No. of actual game result points scored in the four tournaments4. No. of 1st places5. No. of 2nd places6. No. of wins7. Drawing of lots