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### **CHAPTER 1 INTERPRETATION**

"Active Member" A member who has played an average of at least 2, in the case of student, and 3, in the case of a non-student member, rated games every month during the Selection Period.

"Bonus Points" Points added to a player's rating as an award for outstanding performance in tournaments during the Selection Period to arrive at the player's Selection Index.

"Categories" For both male and female: Open; Youth (Under 26); Junior (Under 20); Under 18; Under 16; Under 14; Under 12; Under 10.

"Council" The National Executive Council of the JCF

"Cut-off Date" In relation to a local tournament, the end of the penultimate month prior to the month in which the Tournament is to begin, and, in relation to an overseas event, a date sixty days before the beginning of the month in which the overseas event is scheduled to begin.

"Designated Region" A region of Jamaica with sufficient members and/or chess activity to be designated as such by the Council and placed under the control of a Regional Committee.

The Designated Regions are for the time being:

- (a) The Corporate Area
- (b) St. Catherine
- (c) Manchester

- (d) The Western Zone ? St. James, Hanover and Westmoreland
- (e) The Eastern Zone ? Portland and St. Thomas

"JCF" The Jamaica Chess Federation.

"National Champions" The holders (male and female) of the following titles:?

- Jamaica National Champion
- National Youth Champion (Under 26 year)
- National Junior Champion (Under 20)
- National Champion (Under 18)
- National Champion (Under 16)
- National Champion (Under 14)
- National Champion (Under 12)
- National Champion (Under 10)

"Non-JCF event" An event organized by any affiliated body in which more than two-thirds of the participants are not ordinary members of the JCF, except that for the purpose of collecting rating fees FIDE events and international tournaments recognized by the JCF shall be considered JCF events.

"Selection Index" The aggregate of the Rating of the player and any bonus points awarded during the Selection Period.

"Selection Period" The period of 6 months leading up to the Cut?off Date, unless otherwise specified by the Council.

"Status" The sex and age group of a member whether male or female and whether student, junior, youth or adult.

"Student" A person who is below the age of 25 and is pursuing a full-time course of studies at an educational institution.

## **CHAPTER 2 MEMBERSHIP**

2.01 All ordinary members shall be classified as either Student or Non-student members for the purpose of determining fees.

2.02 All applicants for ordinary membership shall submit to the Council the following:

- (a) A membership application form (Prescribed Form No. 1) duly completed and signed by the Applicant.
- (b) The prescribed application fee;
- (c) The Membership fee for a period of at least 1 year.

2.03 A group application of not less than 4 persons may be made by an affiliated club on behalf of its members, in which event the Application shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee per ordinary member in the group.

2.04 (a) Ordinary Membership may be renewed at any time before it has lapsed by payment of the appropriate membership fee to the Council.

(b) After ordinary membership has lapsed for non-payment of membership fee, it may be renewed by payment of the membership fee and the prescribed Renewal Fee to the Council, provided that this is done before the end of the third month after the month in which it had lapsed. After the period of 3 months lapse, a fresh application for membership shall be made.

2.05 The Council shall within 1 month of the date of receipt of the application for ordinary membership or of fee for renewal of Membership EITHER issue to the applicant a Membership Card (Prescribed Form No. 2) OR return the amount received as membership fee with a notification of its non-approval of membership.

2.06 The Council at its discretion shall accept such persons as associate members who have

(a) applied in writing to become associate members, or

(b) who have played in JCF rated tournaments or

(c) who have ceased to be ordinary members.

Associate membership shall carry no rights or obligations on either the part of the associate member or the JCF

### **CHAPTER 3 FEES**

3.01 All fees received by the JCF shall be accounted for by the Treasurer of the JCF and lodged to the JCF's Bank Account.

3.02 The following are the prescribed fees:

(a) Application for membership / affiliation \$50.00  
Group Application Fee per member \$40.00

(b) Annual affiliation of a Club ? \$100.00

(c) Annual membership \$100.00  
For a three-year period \$250.00

(d) Clubs additional / new member \$80.00

(e) Additional Renewal fee for lapsed membership / affiliation  
for individual membership \$10.00  
for Club's affiliation \$20.00

(f) Appeals to Appeals Committee \$50.00

(g) Rating fee for non-JCF events per game \$2.00

(h) Tournament entry fees

(1) National Championship (Open Category) \$100.00

(2) Other National Championships \$ 50.00

(3) Club events \$ 30.00

(4) Other events ? minimum \$ 20.00

(i) Fine for un-notified withdrawal from tournaments:

Individuals \$ 50.00

Clubs \$100.00

3.03 Students and their affiliated Clubs are allowed a 50% discount on all prescribed fees.

3.04 There shall be no application of membership fees necessary for persons designated as honorary members or as associate members.

3.05 The Council retains the right to waive the payment of membership fees for such persons or classes of persons as it deems fit.

#### **CHAPTER 4 AFFILIATION OF CLUBS**

4.01 A group of at least four ordinary members may apply to the Council for affiliation as a Club.

4.02 Every such application shall be on the application form (Prescribed Form No. 3) duly completed and signed by two members on behalf of the Club and accompanied by the following:

(a) the prescribed application fee;

(b) a copy of the Club's constitution (if any);

(c) a list of the names of its members with the signatures beside the names;

(d) evidence that the members are members of the JCF in good standing or their membership fees;

(e) Affiliation fee for 1 year.

(f) Name, address and telephone number of ?

(1) the Captain;

(2) the President; and

(3) the member who is authorized to act, sign documents and/or accept any notice or document on behalf of the Club.

4.03 For every additional / new member, the Club shall send to the Council the name of the additional / new member, an acknowledgment of membership signed by him / her and the prescribed fee for additional / new member (and his / her JCF membership, if the person is a non-member).

4.04 (a) The affiliation of a Club may be renewed by the payment of the appropriate affiliation fee to the Council any time before the affiliation has lapsed.

(b) After the lapse of affiliation for non-payment of affiliation fee, affiliation may be renewed by the payment of the affiliation fee and the prescribed Renewal Fee to the Council provided that this is done before the end of the third month from the month in which the affiliation had lapsed. After the 3 month period a fresh application for affiliation shall be made.

4.05 The Council shall within 1 month of the receipt of the relevant documents and/or the appropriate fees EITHER issue to the Club an Affiliation Certificate (Prescribed Form No. 4) or renewal thereof OR return the amounts received for affiliation fee with a written notification of refusal of affiliation or renewal thereof.

4.06 An affiliated Club shall have the right to participate in Club / Team events of the JCF, subject to the specific ruling of the Council and the rules of the JCF as to membership, entry fees or otherwise.

## **CHAPTER 5 SELECTION**

5.01 The Council shall establish a Selection Committee of its members to make recommendations on the selection of players to represent Jamaica in international tournaments and to play in National Championships or any other closed tournament, to organize training programmes for national representatives.

5.02 For the purpose of selection, the Selection Committee shall consider as valid data the specific tournaments designated as Selection tournaments or, in case no such tournaments are designated, all tournaments rated by the JCF

5.03 The National Champion for every category shall have the right of first selection in so far as the selection relates to the category.

5.04 In all other situations, preference shall be given to active members according to their Selection Indices.

5.05 If two or more members have the Selection Indices, preference, in the following order, shall be given to the member who

- (1) has played the most games; then
- (2) has played the most games in the Selection Period; then
- (3) is the oldest, then
- (4) is the winner in a play-off among the members.

5.06 The Council shall cause to be published at least once every three months a list of Cut-off Dates for various tournaments and the Selection Indices of all active ordinary members.

5.07 Unless otherwise specified the cut-off date for an international tournament shall be ninety days before the first day of the month in which the tournament commences and the selection period shall be the period of six months leading up to the cut-off date.

5.08 Unless otherwise specified the cut-off date for the National Chess Championship shall be forty days before the first day of the month in which the National Championship is scheduled to commence and the selection period shall be the period of six months leading up to the cut-off date.

5.09 Notwithstanding the selection of a player to represent Jamaica, the Jamaica Chess Federation reserves the right to call upon such selectee to pay all or any portion of the entry fees and travel costs which the JCF or its sponsors are unable or unwilling to pay.

5.10 The eight active members with the highest Selection Indices as of 31st May of every year shall be selected to play in a tournament against the reigning National Champion for the title of National Chess Champion of Jamaica. The Council shall have the right to select three other members, at least one of which shall be a player from outside the Corporate Area provided that their ratings are above 1800.

5.11 The Jamaica National Championships (male and female) in the Olympiad year shall be the Selection Tournament for the National Team to represent Jamaica in the Chess Olympiad. In case the Olympiad precedes the National Championship in the calendar year however the Olympiad teams shall be selected on the basis of a round robin Selection Tournament organized or designated for the purpose of selecting the teams. If such a selection tournament cannot be held for any reason then the Olympiad Teams shall be selected, subject to paragraph 5.03 above, using the Selection Index.

5.12 For Championship tournaments other than the National Chess Championship, at least the five active members with the highest Selection indices in their categories and the reigning National Champion shall be selected to compete for the titles in their respective categories.

## **CHAPTER 5 SELECTION**

5.13 An Alien shall not be selected for any National Championships or National Team unless he has been resident in Jamaica for more than 1 year and the Council is satisfied that he shall remain so resident for a minimum period of 1 year after the end of the tournament for which it is proposed to select him.

5.14 Non-resident members who are citizens of Jamaica are eligible for selection.

5.15 In case of selection for international tournaments the Selection Committee shall organize such training programs for the players as it deems fit and shall retain the option to exclude from their recommendations to the Council the names of any players who in the opinion of the Selection Committee have failed to participate adequately in such training programs.

5.16 Notwithstanding the preceding Bye-laws, the Council reserves the right to select or bar from selection any member on the basis of his or her deemed performance during the selection period. Moreover, the Council shall have the right to bar from selection any player who has in the course of the preceding fourteen months been expelled from a tournament or who has lost one or more games by default without an acceptable explanation or who has withdrawn from a National Chess Championship or any tournament organized by the Jamaica Chess Federation.

5.17 The Council may, in determining the Selection Indices of players, award them such Bonus Points as it thinks fit for outstanding performance in tournaments, as follows:

(a) In Ladder Tournaments, 200, 180, 160, 140, 120, 100, 80, 60, 40, 20 for the first ten places respectively in relation to every category;

(b) 50 for 1st place in an open Swiss Tournament;

(c) 30 for 1st place in a closed Tournament.

5.18 The Council, on the advice of the Selection Committee, shall on or before the 1st day of January in each year in which an Olympiad or other international team tournament is scheduled select a Men's and Women's squad consisting of no more than six women and no more than ten men on the basis of their Selection indices at that date. The Squad will be subject to review and change monthly and will undergo such training and make such preparations for participation in the Olympiad or international team event as shall be necessary.

## **CHAPTER 6 RATING**

6.01 Only games actually played over the board in events designated or approved by the Council for rating purposes shall be rated. Games decided by default will not be rated and should therefore be clearly indicated on the table submitted for rating as default results. Games started and decided by time forfeit shall be rated, as well as adjourned games not resumed by either or both players.

6.02 Events played under a time control with clocks will not be rated unless the players are allowed at least one hour to complete the game. The Council shall however allow separate rating files and records to be maintained for games played at a rate of play faster than one hour per game provided these ratings shall not be used for selection purposes for international events played at the normal time control.

6.03 All games to be rated shall be submitted to the Rating Committee of the Council on the results form (Prescribed Form No. 5) immediately on completion of the event or as soon as possible thereafter, and unless the games are played in an event organized by the JCF, shall be



accompanied by the appropriate Rating Fee and signed game scores and arbiter's report as evidence of the results.

6.04 The formulae and computer programs used for the calculation of the Ratings shall be based on the Elo System of Rating as adapted from the book, The Rating of Chess Players Past and Present and shall be the ones in use at the date of the adoption of these Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations by the Council.

6.05 For rating purposes the Jamaica Chess Federation shall recognize and use JCF ratings in preference to the ratings of any other rating body except in the following instances:

- a) Where the player's JCF rating is provisional and he or she has a current published rating based on seventeen games or more from any Federation or rating body using the Elo Rating System.
- b) Where the player, although having an established JCF rating, is based overseas and has a more current published rating based on seventeen games or more from the overseas body rating his or her games using the Elo Rating System.

6.06 In the case of a game or number of games played against an unrated foreign player by a JCF member representing Jamaica whose games played in the event are to be rated by the JCF, the foreign player shall be assigned the following as established ratings:-

- a) In the case of events restricted to female players without age restriction 2000
- b) In case of events for either sex with age ranges:-
  - Over 16 but under 20 2100
  - Over 12 but under 16 2000
  - Under 12 1800
- c) In events with no age or gender restriction 2200

6.07 In the case of events played overseas which are not tournaments in which JCF members are participating as official representatives of Jamaica the following rules shall apply:-

- (a) Only tournaments for which all necessary and verifiable data are submitted will be rated.
- (b) Subject to paragraph 6.05 above and in the absence of any indication to the contrary all foreign ratings calculated using the Elo system or any adaptation thereof or any ratings which are convertible to Elo Ratings shall be used in the calculation of the ratings of players rated under the JCF Rating System.
- (c) Where they are used F.I.D.E. Ratings, USCF Ratings Foreign Elo Ratings or any other ratings converted to Elo Ratings shall be treated as established Jamaican ratings based on a minimum of 17 games.

## **CHAPTER 6 RATING**

6.08 For the purpose of calculating the provisional ratings of any two unrated players who play against each in a tournament the assumed rating of 1600 shall be used in the calculation, except where the tournament being rated is restricted by age to players under 12 years old, in which case an assumed rating of 1200 shall be used.

6.09 Notwithstanding any of these regulations, the Jamaica Chess Federation retains the right to reject or accept for good cause, any event submitted for rating.

6.10 The Council shall cause to be published at least at quarterly intervals the ratings of all players who have competed in rated tournaments for the previous twelve-month period. The Council shall also publish at regular intervals such other information derived from the rating system as may be of interest to the Council, the Selection Committee and the members of the JCF

## **CHAPTER 7 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FUNCTIONS**

7.01 The President of the JCF shall preside at all meetings of the Council. In his absence, one of the Vice-Presidents may preside and in their absence, the meeting may elect a Chairman. In the event of a tie in the voting at Council meetings, the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

7.02 The quorum at meetings of the Council shall be five members.

7.03 The Council shall meet at least once every month and shall endeavour to meet at a location outside the Corporate area at least once annually.

7.04 At each Council meeting copies of all correspondence received and dispatched since the last Council meeting shall be tabled.

7.05 The Council may at its discretion recruit and appoint a suitable person to be Executive Director of the JCF.

7.06 The Executive Director shall perform such duties as are assigned to him/her by the Council and in particular, shall:-

(a) maintain Registers of members and affiliated Clubs and their members as well as of all Title Holders recognized by the JCF such as Tournament Director, National Master and National Champion;

(b) attend meetings of the Council and follow directives and broad policy directions given by the Council;

(c) maintain a Secretariat which shall send out all notices or other documents and publications, maintain files of the correspondence of the JCF, keep an inventory of all the assets of the JCF;

(d) ensure that all requirements of FIDE with respect to fees payable and annual questionnaires are promptly and accurately dealt with, and;

(e) generally represent the JCF and carry out its aims and objectives in all day to day matters pertaining to administration.

7.07 The Council shall at its first meeting after every Annual General Meeting appoint the following Standing Committees:

- (a) Regional Committees for the Designated Regions.
- (b) Junior, that is, Under 20 year old members.
- (c) Fund Raising.
- (d) Rating & Selection.
- (e) Inter Collegiate.
- (f) Public Relations and Publicity.
- (g) Publications.
- (h) Bye-laws, Rules and Regulations.
- (i) Membership & Club Affiliation.

## **CHAPTER 7 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FUNCTIONS**

7.08 In accordance with Article 8 (b) (ii) of the Constitution the above Committees shall be chaired as follows:-

(a) Regional Committees - by the Vice President elected to represent the County in which the region is geographically located;

(b) Junior - by the Council member elected to be responsible for Intercollegiate, Junior and Schools Chess;

(c) Fund Raising - by the Council member elected to be responsible for Fund Raising;

(d) Rating & Selection - by the Council member elected to be responsible for Ratings;

(e) Inter Collegiate - by the Council member elected to be responsible for Intercollegiate, Junior and Schools Chess;

(f) Public Relations & Publicity - by the Council member elected to be responsible for Public Relations & Publicity;

(g) Publications - by the Council member elected to be responsible for Publications;

(h) Bye-laws, Rules & Regulations - by the elected President of the JCF;

(i) Membership and Club Affiliation - by the elected Secretary of the JCF

7.09 The Council in consultation with the designated chairman of each Committee shall appoint at least two ordinary members to each Committee.

7.10 The Chairman of a Committee shall have the power to co-opt a maximum of three additional persons to his Committee but every such appointment must be ratified by the Council.

7.11 The Council in consultation with the Chairman of a Committee may fill any vacancy which may occur in the membership of the Committee.

7.12 The Chairman of every committee shall within one month of his appointment submit to the Council a written outline of the programme for his Committee and thereafter Quarterly reports of the progress of the programme and such other reports as requested by the Council.

7.13 The Chairman of each Committee shall preside at all meetings of his Committee and shall cause a record of its decisions to be kept. The quorum of the meetings shall be three. In the event of a tie in the voting on any issue, the Chairman of each Committee shall have a second or casting vote.

7.14 The Council through its Publications Committee shall cause the following publications to be issued:-

(a) Chess News Flash published monthly;

(b) Chess Bulletin published twice yearly, and;

(c) Chess Year Book published annually in the first quarter of each calendar year.

7.15 The Council shall determine the price at which the publications may be sold to ordinary members and other persons or organizations.

7.16 The Council shall encourage the publication of any suitable newsletter, magazine, periodical or book which promotes the aims and objectives of the JCF

## **CHAPTER 8 GENERAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

8.01 The Council shall organize annually the Jamaica National Championships, National Championships for the various categories of members and the Clubs and the Jamaica Open Chess Championships.

8.02 The following official JCF events shall be organized annually.

### **(A) JAMAICA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS (MEN & WOMEN)**

(a) The Council shall appoint an organizing committee no later than 31st May of every year to run the National Championships.

- (b) The contestants shall be the members selected in accordance with CHAPTER 5 above.
- (c) The tournament shall be run as described in CHAPTER 9 below.

#### **(B) NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR OTHER CATEGORIES**

- (a) The Inter-Collegiate Chess Committee shall be responsible for the organization of the National Youth Championships.
- (b) The Junior Chess Committee shall be responsible for the organization of National Championships in the other age groups below 20 years old.
- (c) The contestants shall be members selected in accordance with CHAPTER 5 above.
- (d) The Tournament shall be played on a Double Round-Robin basis or such other basis as the Council deems fit.

#### **(C) JAMAICA OPEN**

- (a) The organizing committee for the Jamaica National Championships shall be responsible for the running of the Jamaica Open.
- (b) The tournament shall be played on the Swiss System of no less than 5 rounds.
- (c) The tournament shall be open to all chess players whether they are members of the JCF or not, provided that each entrant who is not an ordinary member of the JCF pays on entering all fees which pertain to ordinary membership.

#### **(D) NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

- (a) The Council shall appoint an organizing committee no later than 30th November of every year to run the National Club Championships.
- (b) Only Clubs affiliated to the JCF may take part in this tournament.
- (c) The Finals shall be played on a Knock-out basis and shall allow the possibility of participation of affiliated teams from all designated regions.

#### **(E) NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR SCHOOLS**

- (a) The Junior Chess Committee shall be responsible for the following tournaments:
  - (1) Workers Bank Tournament for High Schools as described in CHAPTER 11.
  - (2) Lenn-Happ Tournament for 1st to 3rd Forms of High Schools as described in CHAPTER 12.
  - (3) Girls High School Club Tournament.
  - (4) Elementary Schools Club Tournament.
- (b) In the Girls High School Club Tournament, a team shall be made up of 3 players.
- (c) The number of reserve players may be increased by the Junior Chess Committee.
- (d) Only Clubs affiliated to the JCF may take part in any of these tournaments.

### **CHAPTER 8 GENERAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

8.03 The Council shall organize at least once every two years an international tournament in Jamaica.

8.04 The Council shall ensure that Regional Committees organize regular tournaments for members in their respective designated regions.

8.05 Tournaments may be ?

- (a) CLOSED, in which the participants are specifically selected and/or invited by the Council or the relevant Regional Committee, or
- (b) OPEN, in which any member and/or non-member of the designated category may be allowed to compete.

8.06 Tournaments may be conducted on the following bases:

- (a) Round?Robin
- (b) Swiss
- (c) Ladder
- (d) Jamboree
- (e) Knock?out
- (f) Match
- (g) Scheveningen

8.07 In a Round?robin tournament, the following rules shall apply:

- (a) the pairings shall be according to the Berger International Pairing Tables, the competitors having drawn numbers by lot either personally or by a nominee;
- (b) the tournament may be a single or double round?robin; in the latter case, the competitors shall have reversed colours in their return game against every opponent;
- (c) the following Tie?break systems shall be used in sequence unless otherwise announced before the start of the tournament:

- (1) Sonneborn?Berger
- (2) The result of the game between the players, if there are only 2 of them tied.
- (3) The result of a match of 5 minute games between the players, played on a Knock?out basis if more than 2 are tied.

8.08 In a Swiss Tournament the following rules shall apply:-

- (a) The system of pairings for the time being in use for such tournaments by F.I.D.E. or such other system as may hereafter be adopted by the Council.
- (b) The following tie-break systems shall be used in the sequence listed unless otherwise announced before the start of the tournament:.

(1) Median

Defined for this purpose as the sum of all opponents' adjusted final scores minus the sum of the highest and the lowest such scores. Final scores are adjusted to award no more or less than one half point for every unplayed game.

(2) Solkoff

Defined for this purpose as the sum of all opponents' adjusted final scores. Final scores are adjusted to award no more or less than one half point for every unplayed game.

(3) Opponents Ratings

Defined for this purpose as the average of all opponents ratings as listed and used for pairings in the tournament (regardless of whether these ratings are current) provided unrated players are provisionally assigned a rating of 1600 for the purpose of the tie-break.

## **CHAPTER 8 GENERAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

8.09 In a Ladder Tournament, the following rules shall apply:

(a) The time, venue and number of rounds to be played in the tournament shall be announced before the tournament begins;

(b) Only players actually present at the venue at the commencement of every round shall be paired; the odd player out shall be given a bye;

(c) For the first round, players shall be paired according to the closeness of their ratings.

(d) From the 1st round onwards, players with the closest Ladder points shall be paired together; from the top downward.

(e) The formula to be used for the calculation of the Ladder points shall be the following:

$$L = (N/R) \times (100) \times (P/N)^2$$

where -

L is Ladder Points;

N is the number of games played;

P is game points scored;

R is the number of rounds completed.

(f) A player should not meet the same opponent within 4 rounds, unless it cannot be avoided;

(g) Colours should alternate as far as possible, in particular, for the higher rated player; no player should have the same colour more than 2 times in succession; on every even numbered round, the tournament Director should try to ensure that every player has played an equal number of games with both colours so far as is reasonably practicable.

(h) From the 4th round onwards, 100 points shall be deducted from the Ladder Points of any player who arrives late at the venue and as a consequence is not paired according to the rules; for the 4th and every subsequent lateness, a further 1000 point shall be deducted.

(i) At the end of the 1st round and every subsequent round, the competitors shall be listed in the order of their Ladder points so that the highest will be placed at the top of the Ladder.

(j) If 2 or more competitors have the same number of Ladder Points, their position in the Ladder shall be arranged according to the following criteria in sequence:-

(1) The player with the greater number of game points.

(2) The player with lower rating.

(3) The younger player.

(k) No entry fee shall be required for participation in a Ladder event, however, participants must be or have applied to become ordinary members of the JCF

8.10 In a JAMBOREE Tournament for Clubs/Teams, the Hutton Pairing System shall apply.

8.11 In a MATCH between individuals, the following rules shall apply:

(a) At least one of the two players must have a rating.

(b) If both are rated, the maximum rating difference allowed between the players at the commencement of the match is 200.

(c) The players shall play with alternate colours in each succeeding game.

## **CHAPTER 8 GENERAL TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

8.12 In a Knockout Tournament, the following rules shall apply:

(a) If the number of participation is only 3 or, if more than 4, not a multiple of 4, the person with the highest rating or Club/Team with the highest average rating or defending champion shall be given the bye or byes in the first round so that the remaining number of participation for the next round is 2 or a multiple of 4;

(b) If a game is drawn or a match is tied, and there is no prior stipulation for ties to be broken by weighted board points, then the player or Club/Team with a member who first scores a 2-point lead in a series of 5-minute games shall be regarded as the winner.

8.13 In a MATCH between Clubs / Teams, the SCHEVENINGEN system with the following rules may be used:

(a) Each team shall have an even number of players;

(b) Every member of one team shall play every member of the other team, provided that if a member of a team is unable to play in a particular round, a substitute may play in the place of



that player.

(c) Each team shall play with alternate colours in each succeeding round.

8.14 The following general rules shall apply to all tournaments organized by the JCF:

(a) Before the start of every tournament, the following shall be published to all participants:

(1) the names, address and telephone number of the Tournament Director (and assistant tournament director, if any),

(2) the venue,

(3) time of the rounds and of adjourned games,

(4) rate of play,

(5) the entry fee,

(6) prizes, if any,

(7) the names of the members of an Appeals Committee.

(b) All participants shall complete an Entry Form (Prescribed Form No. 6) and pay the prescribed Entry Fee.

(c) In the case of a Club or Team tournament,

(i) at least 10 minutes before the scheduled time of the start of play every Club or Team shall supply the Tournament Director with the following particulars in a sealed envelope:

(1) the full names of the members of the team;

(2) the order in which the members will play;

(3) the full name of the captain.

(ii) Unless specifically stated to the contrary, a team shall be made up of 4 players and 2 reserves or substitutes.

(iii) The average rating of a team shall be the average rating of the 4 strongest members of the team.

(iv) Except as provided in Bye?Law 8.13 (b) above under the Scheveningen System, a reserve or substitute player shall play on the lowest board and the other players of the team will move up to play on the higher boards.

(v) A Player who is a member of more than one Club / Team may not be registered and play for more than one Club / Team in the same tournament unless the tournament has Preliminary and Final Stages and he does so in the Preliminaries; in the Finals of such a tournament, he may only be registered and play for one of the Clubs / Teams for which he had been registered in the Preliminaries.

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8.14 (c) (vi) Where there are more than one Club / Team from a Designated Region, there shall be a play-off among them ? the bases of play shall be determined by the organizing committee, according to the number of entries; if there are more than four Clubs / Teams in the play-off, the winner and runner-up shall go through the final stage. The play-off section of the tournament shall be regarded as the Preliminaries for the purposes of preceding sub-paragraph.

(vii) In the Preliminaries, results and positions shall be decided by game points. In the event that there is a tie on total game points, total match results shall count; if there is still a tie and two Clubs / Teams are involved, the result of the match between those two Clubs / Teams shall count; if this latter does not resolve the matter or if more than two Clubs / Teams are involved, there shall be a play-off, so that the Club / Team whose member is first to score a 2-point lead in a series of 5-minute games shall be the winner.

(d) Equipment used in tournaments may be agreed on by both players involved; in the event of failure to agree, the tournament Director shall decide, applying as far as is reasonably practicable the standards of F.I.D.E.

(e) Reporting of the result of a game shall be done immediately on completion; the signed score sheets of both players indicating the result of the game shall be given to the Tournament Director or his nominee.

(f) The published schedule of play should be followed as closely as is reasonably practicable; however, games or adjourned games may be postponed or brought forward in accordance with the following rules:

(i) Every request must be presented in writing to the Tournament Director and copied to the opponent unless it is signed by both players at least 24 hours before play is scheduled to begin.

(ii) The Tournament Director shall consult with the opponent with a view to agreeing a convenient time for play; in the absence of agreement, the Tournament Director shall make a decision provided that in no case shall

(1) a game or adjourned game be postponed beyond 7 days from the date of the scheduled time or the beginning of the final round whichever is the earlier;

(2) a player be allowed more than 2 requests for a variation of the published schedule;

(iii) If the player requesting the change in the published schedule, is unable to play on any date fixed by the Tournament Director, he shall forfeit the game.

(iv) Any variation in the published schedule must be signed by both players involved and the Tournament Director.

(g) The Council may impose a fine or suspend from participation in any future tournament any player (or Club / Team) who withdraws from a tournament without any prior notice to the Tournament Director of his intention so to do and/or without good cause.

(h) In a Round?Robin tournament, the results of a player or Club/Team who withdraws without completing at least ½ of the total number of games to be played shall not be taken into consideration for the purpose of determining final positions in the tournament.

(i) Where the rate of play in a tournament is a fixed period to complete all moves, a player may claim a draw by adjudication if more than 70 moves have been completed as evidenced by the claimants properly completed scoresheet and the claimant has less than 5 minutes left on his clock within which to complete the game.

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8.15 Where the rate of play in a tournament contains a fixed period to complete all remaining moves, the following rules of Lightning Chess shall apply. The game is drawn:-

(a) If one of the Kings is stalemated;

(b) By agreement between the players during the game, but not before or after the game;

(c) If the flag of one player falls after the flag of the other player has already fallen and a win has not been claimed;

(d) If a player demonstrates a perpetual check or a forced repetition of position under the conditions of Article 10 of the Laws of Chess;

(e) If both players have insufficient material for a possible checkmate (e.g. King vs King, King and minor piece vs King, King and Bishop vs King and Bishop on diagonals of the same colour).

8.16 In the event of a tie in any tournament, cash prizes shall be shared; all other prizes or awards will be decided on the relevant tie?break system. No participant shall be eligible to receive more than two prizes. Moreover, no participant who withdraws from a tournament shall be eligible to receive any prize in the said tournament.

8.17 International Tournaments played in Jamaica shall be governed by the Guidelines for International Tournaments as set down in F.I.D.E. Handbook Section C.08, but these guidelines shall be subject to any variations which the Council may deem necessary in the light of local circumstances.

8.18 F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess shall apply where they do not conflict with any of the provisions of this Bye?law.

## **CHAPTER 9 JAMAICA CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

9.01 A tournament for the Jamaica Chess Championship or National Chess Championship Title hereinafter referred to as the tournament will be organized in each year by the Jamaica Chess Federation.

9.02 The period between the end of one year's tournament and the beginning of the following year's tournament shall not be greater than fourteen months nor less than ten months, provided that in each calendar year there shall be no more nor fewer than one completed tournament.

9.03 An organizing committee appointed in accordance with CHAPTER 8.02 above shall meet at least 40 days before the scheduled beginning of the tournament for the purpose of planning the orderly conduct of the tournament in accordance with these Bye-laws. The organizing committee shall issue invitations at least thirty days before the start of the tournament to all players who have been selected to participate in accordance with CHAPTER 5 above.

9.04 At least fourteen days before the beginning of the tournament each player accepting the invitation shall send his entry to the committee. The appropriate entrance fee as stipulated in CHAPTER 3 above shall accompany the entry.

9.05 The number of competitors in the tournament shall be 12 as stipulated in CHAPTER 5.10 above but the Council may in the light of changing circumstances change this number provided no more than 24 or fewer than 4 are invited to compete in the tournament.

9.06 The defending champion or champions will have the right to participate regardless of whether such champion(s) have qualified under the Selection criteria set down.

9.07 The tournament will not last more than 70 days from the date of the first round up to and including the day of the last round and shall be scheduled so that no fewer than two new games shall be scheduled for each week and no more than four.

9.08 The guidelines for playing schedule, postponements and conditions for round robin tournaments as set down in CHAPTER 8.14 above shall be applicable to the tournament.

9.09 Each new game shall be preceded by at least one free hour. On days scheduled for the completion of adjourned games, each adjourned game shall be preceded by at least one free hour. Before beginning the last round of the tournament, all adjourned games from previous rounds must be completed.

9.10 All games shall be played in the playing halls designated by the organizing committee under the control of an independent arbiter.

9.11 The organizing committee shall appoint a Tournament Director and at least one assistant who together shall function in the manner set down in these Bye-laws and in the F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess. Neither the Tournament Director nor any of his assistants may be competitors in the tournament.

9.12 Before the start of the tournament an Appeals Tribunal consisting of the Tournament Director, the President of the JCF or his designate and three players selected by the participants shall be set up. This tribunal shall consider any appeals made by any of the participants against any ruling of the Tournament Director and shall be the final arbiter in such disputes except in such cases as it deems necessary to refer to the Executive Council. No member of the Appeals

Tribunal will have the right to vote on matters in dispute in which he is one of the disputants.

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9.13 The winner of the tournament shall be determined as set down in these Bye-laws and the Laws of Chess except that in the event of a tie for first place the following method of deciding the winner shall be used:-

(a) If four or more players are tied the title will be awarded to the player who places first on tie-break as described in CHAPTER 8.07(c) above.

(b) If three players are tied for first place the title will be awarded to the winner of a play-off double round-robin tournament which shall start no more than thirty days after the last round of the tournament.

(c) If two players are tied for first place the title will be awarded to the winner of a six-game play-off match which shall start no more than thirty days after the last round of the tournament.

If at the end of the play-off tournament or match described in sections (b) and (c) above the players are still tied, then they shall be declared joint champions.

9.14 The JCF shall give prizes to at least 50% of the participants in the tournament and the organizing committee will publish the list of these prizes before the start of the tournament.

9.15 The number of postponements allowed to each participant shall be limited to two for the duration of the tournament. Requests for postponement must be made in accordance with CHAPTER 8 above.

9.16 No regularly scheduled game shall be set on the day before the final round, but such day may be used for the completion of any outstanding adjourned or postponed games.

9.17 The name of the tournament as reported in the news media may be modified from time to time to reflect the name of the sponsor or sponsors of the tournament.

## **CHAPTER 10 NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

10.01 The Council shall appoint an organizing committee to run the National Club Championships.

10.02 Only Clubs affiliated to the JCF may take part in this tournament.

10.03 Teams will qualify for the finals of the competition on the following basis. A tournament will be organized in each parish of Jamaica and in the Corporate area. One team from each parish will qualify for the final stages of the tournament excepting that in the case of the Corporate area two teams will qualify, unless more than four teams are competing, in which case three teams

will qualify. If only one team is entered in a given zone then that team will automatically qualify for the finals.

10.04 Each zone with two or more teams shall have at least three tournaments in order to determine the qualifier(s) for the finals. These qualifying tournaments shall be held on a Swiss, Jamboree or round robin basis as follows:

- (a) Two teams single match.
- (b) Three or four teams two-round Jamboree.
- (c) Any odd-number of teams greater than three two-round Jamboree.
- (d) Any even-number of teams greater than four but less than sixteen three-round swiss.
- (e) Any number of teams greater than 16 5-round swiss.

For the purpose of accumulating points toward qualification teams will be awarded Championship points for their placing in each qualifying tournament as follows: 1st 60, 2nd 45, 3rd 30, 4th 15. In the case of a tie in game points the championship points will be shared by the teams tied.

10.05 Each Club can enter only one team.

10.06 No chess player can be registered for two teams at the same time. If a team captain has registered a player who is a member of a another club he must also submit a written consent signed by the player.

10.07 Each team must register a list of four players and if the tournament is a Jamboree, reserves as well, at least 10 minutes before the start of the first round. Each team captain must submit a final list of four of these players at least five minutes before the start of each round failing which, only the first four of the players originally registered will be allowed to play in the round. The board order of all teams must follow the original order of registration for the particular tournament, but may be changed from tournament to tournament and from preliminaries to finals.

10.08 Players may transfer from one team to another during the preliminary stages only once, but any player who is so transferred will not be eligible to play in the All-Island Finals which follow the preliminaries.

10.09 All registered players must satisfy the membership requirements as set down in CHAPTER 4 above.

10.10 No computer or computing device will be eligible for registration as a team member.

10.11 Time controls, schedules and venues shall be determined in advance and all due notice given to eligible teams.

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10.12 The National Club Finals will commence no later than October 31, of each calendar year. The following rules shall apply to the finals.

(a) Teams will qualify in accordance with paragraph 10.03 and 10.04 above.

(b) The format of the tournament shall be as follows:-

(1) Nine to sixteen teams 5-round team swiss.

(2) Three to eight teams Knock-out tournament.

(3) Two teams Two-match series.

(c) Each team will be assigned a ranking number based on the mean rating of ratings of the first four players registered. Unrated players for this purpose will be assigned an arbitrary rating of 1600. The rankings of the teams so determined will be used to pair the teams for knock-out and swiss tournaments with the proviso that first round byes in a knock-out tournament shall be awarded to the defending champions if they are participating.

(d) Colours shall be drawn by lot before the start of the first round and shall be alternated as far as possible in subsequent rounds in accordance with Swiss system colour assignment rules.

(e) The organizing committee shall endeavour to ensure that the entire finals are completed on a Saturday and Sunday of a week-end to minimize travel costs and hotel expenses of the teams. The time controls however shall be no faster than 30 moves in the first hour and 60 moves in each succeeding hour with no adjournment allowed. The recommended schedule for a three-round finals is for example:-

Round 1 10.00 a.m. Saturday

Round 2 03.00 p.m. Saturday

Round 3 10.00 a.m. Sunday

(f) Paragraphs 10.06, 10.07, 10.09, 10.10, 10.11 above are applicable in principle to the finals.

## **CHAPTER 11 NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

### **11.01 INTRODUCTION**

The National Schools Chess Championship, also known as the "Workers Bank" and hereinafter referred to as the tournament will be organized by the Intercollegiate, Junior & Schools Chess

Committee of the Jamaica Chess Federation and will be contested annually between teams of chess playing students representing secondary schools in Jamaica.

11.02 Each school shall be represented in the tournament by only one team consisting of four players and subject to paragraph 11.11 below, no more than four reserves.

11.03 All matches in the tournament will be conducted over four boards identified as boards 1 through 4.

11.04 The tournament will normally be conducted in two stages:-

(a) Preliminaries - played from October to January each year, and;

(b) Finals - played from January to February in the year following the preliminaries.

#### 11.05 PRELIMINARIES

The preliminaries shall be conducted as follows.

(a) Zone 1 - Schools in Kingston

Teams will play a double round-robin (all-play-all) tournament if there are 2 to four teams entered in the zone otherwise a single round-robin event if there are 5 to 8 teams, otherwise a six-round swiss team tournament if there are 9 or more teams.

With one point awarded for every game won, ½-point for every game drawn and no point for every game lost, the TWO teams with the highest number of game points will qualify for the final stages.

In case of a tie in game points in a swiss or round robin tournament the winner will be decided using the tie-breaking systems described in CHAPTER 8 of the Bye-Laws of the Jamaica Chess Federation. The winning team in the zone will be awarded appropriate prizes and recognized as Zonal champions.

(b) Zone 2 - Schools in St. Andrew

Same system as for schools in zone 1.

(c) Zone 3 - Schools in St. Thomas, Portland and St. Mary

Same system as for schools in zone 1, except that only ONE team will qualify for the final stages.

(d) Zone 4 - Schools in St. Catherine, Clarendon and Manchester



Same system as for schools in zone 3.

(e) Zone 5 - Schools in St. Elizabeth, Westmoreland, Hanover and St. James

Same system as for schools in zone 3.

(f) Zone 6 - Schools in Trelawney and St. Ann

Same system as for schools in zone 3.

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### **11.06 FINALS**

The finals shall be conducted as follows.

(a) The Tournament Director in consultation with the President of the JCF shall have the power to fill any vacancies in the final stages of the tournament by awarding any such vacancies to the best performing team that failed to qualify, performance being determined by the percentage of points scored.

(b) The final stages of the tournament will be run as an All-Island fixture consisting of all teams qualifying or awarded places from the preliminaries. Unless otherwise announced in advance by the organizing committee, the knock-out tournament will be paired as follows:-

### **QUARTER FINAL SEMI FINAL FINAL WINNER**

Winner zone 1

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Winner zone 3

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Winner zone 5

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2nd place zone 2

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Winner zone 4

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2nd place zone 1

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Winner zone 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Winner zone 6

(c) In the quarter-final round matches will be played at one of the schools in the pairing (home and away basis) with the right to play the match at home being determined by lot.

(d) In the semi-final round the tournament director will attempt to ensure that no team is required to play two away matches in succession, but if this is unavoidable the right to play at home will be determined by drawing of lots.

(e) Notwithstanding the above provisions the match may be played at any venue mutually agreed by the two schools involved in the fixture.

#### 11.07 COLOURS

The colour played in any game of the tournament shall be determined as follows.

(a) Round-robin tournaments - each team draws a lot number and the number named first in the fixture as shown in the Berger round-robin pairing table will play white on board 1 and board 3 and black on board 2 and board 4. In case of a double round-robin colours are reversed in the second game of the fixture.

(b) Swiss tournament - the colours are drawn on the first match of the first round and thereafter the tournament assigns colours in accordance with colour allocation conventions governing swiss tournaments.

(c) Knock-out tournament - the team playing away shall have white on boards 1 and three and black on boards 2 and 4. If the match is being played at a neutral venue the colours are allocated by the tournament director to cause as near as possible an alternation and equalization of the colours played on board one.

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#### 11.08 TIE-BREAKING

The tie-breaking systems applicable to this tournament in case of a tie in game points shall be as follows.

(a) Round-robin event, in sequence:-

(1) match points with two points for every won match and one for every drawn match.

(2) Sonneborn-Berger.

(3) The result of the match already played between the teams tied.

(4) the first team whose designated player scores two wins in a row after the score is even in a series of five-minute-per-player games between the designated players from each team. (Colours shall alternate in each game of this match after being drawn by lot in the first game. In the absence of any player designated by the team captain to play this tie-break match the player who played board one in the tied match will be taken as the designated player.)

(b) Knock-out event - the first team whose designated player scores two wins in a row after the score is even in a series of five-minute-per-player games between the designated players from each team. (Colours shall alternate in each game of this match after being drawn by lot in the first game. In the absence of any player designated by the team captain to play this tie-break match the player who played board one in the tied match will be taken as the designated player). Weighted board points will not be used to break ties.

(c) Final match of tournament - the match will be re-played within seven days and if there is still a tie then the winner will be decided as in paragraph 11.08(b) above.

#### 11.09 TIME CONTROLS

Where chess clocks are available they must be used. Except in the final match the time control shall be 30 moves in the first hour and at least 60 moves in each succeeding hour as measured on the clock assigned to the player. Any other time control may be agreed between the teams provided that each player is given at least one hour to complete the game.

In the final match the time control shall be 40 moves in the first two hours and then at least 20 moves in each hour thereafter.

#### 11.10 VENUE

##### Preliminaries

Zone 1 - all games played at Kingston College

Zone 2 - all games played at Champion College

Zones 3 to 6 - Venue as arranged between the schools subject to paragraph 11.06 above.

##### Finals

The venue for the matches shall be arranged on the same basis as for zones 3 to 6 of the preliminaries except that the final match shall be played at a neutral venue designated by the tournament director.

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#### 11.11 SUBSTITUTES

The relative position of the players and substitutes as originally registered for the tournament may not be changed but a player or substitute may play on a board higher than that for which he was originally registered if a player or players registered above him are dropped for a given match.

Although only four substitutes are registered, any student of the school may be brought in as a substitute as long as he or she does not play on a board higher than the board being played by any of the originally registered players.

#### 11.12 RESULTS

All results must be reported promptly to the Tournament Director or his designate by sending in the completed MATCH RESULT FORM signed by both team captains, and the corresponding score sheets of both players of each of the four games of the match. In accordance with the Laws of Chess all players are required to write a game score during the game and any player who fails to do so in the prescribed manner after being warned to do so by the Tournament Director or his designate, shall lose the game by forfeit.

#### 11.13 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented to the winning team and to the winners of each zone at the JCF's Annual Awards Ceremony.

#### 11.14 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The President of the JCF or his nominee shall be the Tournament Director.

### **CHAPTER 12 LOWER SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

#### 12.01 INTRODUCTION

The Lower Schools Chess Championship, also known as the Lenn Happ Lower Schools Chess Championship shall be governed by the Laws of Chess except where they conflict with the following regulations.

12.02 The tournament will be played annually between teams of chess-playing students representing secondary schools in Jamaica. The tournament will be open to teams of at least four players drawn from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd forms of secondary schools as at the 1st of January of the year the tournament commences.

Players who are above third form may participate provided that they are under the age of 14 as at the 1st January of the year the tournament commences.

#### 12.03 SYSTEM OF PLAY

The tournament system shall be decided each year by the Jamaica Chess Federation in consultation with the representatives of schools chess clubs.

12.04 The tournament director shall endeavour to ensure that teams alternate between home and away matches as far as possible, but in any case the Tournament Director's decision in this regard shall be final.

#### 12.05 COLOUR ALLOCATION

Teams playing away matches shall play white on boards one and three, and black on boards two and four. For matches played at a neutral venue the colour played by each team on board one shall be drawn by lot, and the colours alternated on the remaining three boards.

#### 12.06 TIE-BREAKING

Tie-breaking for matches, including the first match in a knock-out tournament will not be applied if the scheduled match is drawn 2 points each. Instead, the team to go through to the next round shall be the team whose named representative wins two consecutive 5-minute-per-player games after the score is even in a play-off match to take place immediately after the match is drawn.

In the case of the final match of the tournament to determine the winner, if the match is drawn then the match shall be replayed within seven days. If the return match is also drawn then the winner will be the team whose named representative wins two consecutive 5-minute-per-player games after the score is even in a play-off match to take place immediately after the match is drawn.

#### 12.07 TIME CONTROL

The normal time control for this tournament if chess clocks are used will be : at least thirty moves in the first hour and then at least an additional sixty moves in each succeeding hour. For the final match of a knock-out tournament the time control will be increased to 40 moves in the first two hours and then 20 moves per hour thereafter.

12.08 No adjournments or postponements will be allowed in the tournament.

#### 12.09 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director shall be appointed by the Jamaica Chess Federation. In case the Tournament Director is unable to officiate at any match he shall appoint to act on his behalf any other person deemed competent to perform the duties of Tournament Director.

#### 12.10 PRIZES

Prizes for first, second and any other places in the tournament shall be announced beforehand and shall be presented at the JCF's Annual Awards Ceremony.

### **CHAPTER 13 JAMAICA BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP REGULATIONS**

#### 13.01 INTRODUCTION

A series of tournaments played at the rate of five minutes per player per game for the Jamaica Blitz Chess Championship Title hereinafter referred to as the tournament will be organized in each year by the Jamaica Chess Federation.

#### 13.02 RULES OF PLAY

The rules of play will be governed by the F.I.D.E. Rules for Lightning Chess in force at the time of the tournament.

### 13.03 PRELIMINARIES

Four Preliminary Swiss Tournaments will be played over a four-month period in each year. The top two places in each Preliminary tournament will qualify for the Candidates Tournament.

### 13.04 CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT

The top eight qualifiers from the Preliminaries will contest the Candidates Tournament which will consist of a Knock-out tournament with matches of 12 games duration. The pairings of the Candidates Tournament will be drawn by lot , except that the drawing shall ensure that in the quarter-final round, winners in the preliminaries are paired against the candidates who were runners-up in the preliminaries.

### 13.05 CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH

The winner of the Candidates Tournament shall play a 24-game match against the defending champion from the previously played championship to determine the title holder.

### 13.06 TIE-BREAKING

In the event of a tie for any of the positions in the Preliminaries or in the event of a tie in any of the Candidates matches or in the Championship match, the first player to win two consecutive games after the score is even shall be declared the winner.

### 13.07 TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

The Tournament Director shall be the Chairman of the Tournament Committee of the JCF or any other competent person named by him or her.

### 13.08 PRIZES

Prizes for the tournament shall be announced beforehand and shall be presented at the JCF's Annual Awards Ceremony.

## **CHAPTER 14 AWARD OF TITLES**

### 14.01 JCF ARBITER TITLES

14.011 The Council may award the title of CERTIFIED ASSISTANT ARBITER or CERTIFIED SENIOR ARBITER to any member according to the following requirements:-

Requirements for the Title of JCF Assistant Arbiter

Thorough knowledge of the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Thorough knowledge of the JCF Constitution, Bye-Laws and Regulations.

Absolute objectivity, demonstrated at all time during his activity as an arbiter.

Sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE language [English, Arabic, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish]

Certificate issued by the Arbiters Council of the JCF (currently the Rules Committee). The successful candidate must achieve a score of not less than 80% in a written examination set by the Rules Committee on the following topics

- The Constitution and Bye-laws of the JCF
- The F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess and F.I.D.E. Regulations for chess competitions
- Methods of Pairing applied to tournament play

Requirements for the title of JCF Senior Arbiter

All of the above requirements for the Title of JCF Assistant Arbiter, as well as:

Satisfactory performance as chief or assistant TD in at least five tournaments (run on no less than three bases) sanctioned by the JCF.

#### 14.012 CERTIFICATION TESTING PROCEDURES

(a) Certification Tests shall be drawn up by the JCF Rules Committee and administered by the Chairman of the Rules Committee or his designee at regular intervals. Applicants must submit the required form and pay the stipulated examination fee before being allowed to sit the test.

(b) The test will take the form of (i) multiple choice (50%) (ii) written questions (50%). Applicants for promotion of Certification Level from assistant to senior arbiter shall provide the Rules Committee with the information relating to the tournaments that satisfy the experience requirements, as well as the stipulated application fee.

(c) Applicants who fail the test for assistant or senior CA must wait two months before repeating the test. Applicants who fail the second attempt must wait six months before taking the test a third time.

#### 14.013 REQUIREMENTS FOR PRACTISING CERTIFIED ARBITERS

All Certified Arbiters (CA) must be current members of the JCF and must not allow their membership to lapse. They are encouraged to have an established JCF rating and to remain active as players to maintain proper perspective when directing. Every CA should own a copy of the FIDE Laws of Chess as well as a copy of the JCF Constitution, Bye-Laws and Regulations. All CAs are encouraged to work with and assist other directors with greater experience and expertise to increase their own. Likewise they are encouraged to work with those of lesser experience.

### **CHAPTER 14 AWARD OF TITLES**

#### 14.014 FAULTS, RESTRICTIONS. PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES

The JCF may impose restrictions on a CA's certification upon documentation of technical incompetence, partiality, professional misconduct, or inefficiency.

Technical Incompetence - typically demonstrated by lack of knowledge of the rules and regulations.

Partiality - typically demonstrated by bribery, fraudulent reports, deliberately unfair pairing or scoring practices, deliberately inconsistent rules enforcement, minor irregularities that benefit the CA in an event in which he is eligible for a prize.

Professional Misconduct - typically demonstrated by denigration of a player, arrogance, rude behaviour, failure to respond to official enquiries by the JCF.

Inefficiency - typically demonstrated by lack of adherence to an announced tournament schedule, untimely or inaccurate posting of pairings and results, untimely or inaccurate calculation of tournament prize distributions.

Allegations of these offences will be investigated by the Rules Committee, while affording the accused with due process. In each investigation the Rules Committee will consider the past accomplishments of the CA in service to chess, as well as other substantiated complaints against the CA.

Imposed restrictions may include warnings, probations, requirements of additional experience or testing to maintain or advance level, demotions of level, limitations on the types of tournaments that may be directed, temporary suspension of directing certification, or permanent decertification.

Any imposition of restrictions may be appealed first to the Rules Committee and finally to the Executive Council of the JCF. All appeals must be filed in writing within 30 days of notice of action taken, and the appeal heard within 7 days of receipt. Restrictions will generally remain in force during the appeals process.

14.02 The Council may award the title of NATIONAL MASTER for life to any member who:

(a) has attained a Rating of 2200 or more, and thereafter maintains a rating of at least 2200 in two following consecutive tournaments approved or recognized by the Council, provided that each tournament has a minimum of 6 (six) rounds. For this purpose, participation in a Ladder Tournament for a particular calendar month shall be deemed to be a separate tournament and any two consecutive tournaments may be joined together and regarded as one tournament to provide the minimum of six games; or

(b) obtains a published F.I.D.E. rating of at least 2300; or

(c) wins the title of National Champion and secures a rating of 2200 in the process or within 6 months of winning that title.



## **CHAPTER 15 DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS**

15.01 If an allegation of mis-conduct is being made against a member / Club, a written complaint thereof shall be sent to the Council within 7 days of the commission of the misconduct or the discovery thereof.

15.02 If the Council considers the matter frivolous or out side of the jurisdiction, the complainant shall be so informed; if it has jurisdiction and considers the matter serious, it shall direct the Secretary and/or an authorized person to investigate the complaint and make a written report thereon within a specified period of time.

15.03 The report should conclude EITHER by stating that the complaint is unfounded and so is dismissed OR by formulating a charge against the member / Club.

15.04 A copy of the report shall be sent to the Complainant and the member / Club; if the report contains a charge against the member / Club, the copy thereof shall be accompanied by a written notice of the time, date and place fixed for the hearing of the charge, PROVIDED THAT there should be at least 30 days between the date of the service of the notice and the date of the hearing.

15.05 The Council shall appoint a Disciplinary Committee of 3 members to hear the charge; at the hearing the Complaint and the member / Club may call witnesses and may be represented by Counsel or other person; after hearing the evidence, the Committee may dismiss the charge or fine the member / Club or suspend the membership / affiliation for such period it deems fit or cancel the membership / affiliation of the member / Club.

15.06 The member / Club may appeal from any fine, suspension or cancellation imposed by the Disciplinary Committee to the Appeals Committee of the Council.

## **CHAPTER 16 APPEALS COMMITTEE**

16.01 There shall be an Appeals Committee of the Council. It shall be made up of the officer of the JCF, provided that an officer shall be disqualified from sitting as a member if he has a direct interest in the appeal being heard. The President of the JCF shall preside at all of its meetings and in his absence the meeting shall elect a Chairman; the quorum shall be 5.

16.02 The Appeals Committee of the Council may hear any appeal it deems fit to hear.

16.03 Every appeal to the Appeals Committee shall be in writing and shall state precisely the exact point or points being appealed against and the grounds of appeal;

16.04 The appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Council no later than 14 days after the date of the decision being appealed against and shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

16.05 The decision of the Appeals Committee shall be final, unless leave is granted to appeal to F.I.D.E. on a specific point.

## **CHAPTER 17 NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIONS**

17.01 All nominations of members for election to the position of an Officer or member of the Council shall be made to the Nomination Committee at least 2 months before the first day of the month in which the elections are to be held.

17.02 No member shall stand for election as an Officer or member of the Council unless his name is in the list of persons eligible for election in the Notice summoning the relevant Annual General Meeting.

17.03 The quorum of meetings of the Nomination Committee shall be 3; in the event of a tie in the voting, the Chairman shall have a casting vote.

17.04 The Nomination Committee may require any nominated member to send it a resume and/or a written statement of his proposed plan of action and/or sphere of interests in the development of chess.

## **CHAPTER 18 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

18.01 The Financial Year of the JCF shall be the period commencing the 1st day of March and ending on the last day of February in the following year.

18.02 The Council in consultation with the Treasurer shall cause the annual Financial Statements of the JCF to be audited by an independent accountant.

18.03 The Council shall in consultation with the Treasurer and the Chairman of the Fund-raising Committee prepare a budget of anticipated income and expenditure for each financial year.

## **CHAPTER 19 CODE OF CONDUCT**

19.01 The following code applies to members, players and spectators at all JCF tournaments:

(a) Members, players and spectators should conduct themselves with decorum and with due respect for each other, the members of the JCF, the Constitution and Bye-laws of the JCF and the Laws of Chess.

(b) Members, players and spectators should refrain from any conduct, verbal or otherwise which could be construed as being of assistance to any player during the course of a game.

(c) Members, players and spectators should not analyze the games in progress or engage in games of blitz or any other form of chess in the playing hall while tournament games are in progress.

(d) Members, players and spectators should refrain from standing too near to a player during the course of play or from sitting directly opposite a player in his opponent's chair or from any other conduct which might break the player's concentration.

19.02 The following code applies to players at all JCF tournaments:

(a) Players should refrain from any conduct which could unfairly distract or break the concentration of his opponent or any other player during the course of play including speaking to an opponent unnecessarily during the game, gestures with the hand over the board, agitated gesticulation or facial expressions while at the board, drunken behaviour or repeatedly adjusting the pieces or offering a draw.

(b) Players should not enter into any agreement with each other to fix the result of the game, whether by resigning without a fight or agreeing to draws.

19.03 Officers and members of the JCF are not permitted to enter into any agreement with any third party which may have the effect of committing the JCF to any expenditure, unless such agreement has been expressly permitted by the Executive Council.

19.04 Officers and member of the JCF shall not seek travelling visas or waivers of taxes in respect of overseas travel on behalf of any person or persons unless such person or persons have been approved by the Executive Council to represent Jamaica in an overseas event which requires such arrangements to be made.

19.05 It is acknowledged this code of conduct is not complete and therefore the fact that many specific types of behaviour which are generally considered unethical or uncivilized are not mentioned herein does not preclude officers, members, players and spectators from exercising common sense and respect for others in their various chess playing activities.

## **CHAPTER 20 AWARDS CEREMONY**

20.01 The Executive Council shall organize an Annual Awards Ceremony at a date between October and December of each Calendar Year.

20.02 Prizes, trophies, awards and titles won by players and organizers in tournaments or events organized with the knowledge of or under the auspices of the Federation in the period since the previous Annual Awards Ceremony shall be presented formally to winners and awardees during the Annual Awards Ceremony.

20.03 The Executive Council on the recommendation of the Selection Committee shall make such other special awards to persons judged to be deserving of recognition as it deems fit.

20.04 The following special awards shall be made at the Annual Awards Ceremony:

Most Promising Player

Most Active Player

Best Sportsman

Gold Certificate of Merit

Silver Certificate of Merit

Bronze Certificate of Merit

Special Certificate of Merit

Plaque of Recognition to major Sponsors

Honorary Membership ( where applicable)

## **CHAPTER 21 MASTERS KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

21.01 The Masters Knock-out Chess Tournament, hereinafter referred to as the tournament, shall be organized each year by the Jamaica Chess Federation for the purpose of ensuring that the strongest chess players in Jamaica have an opportunity to encounter each other in a match format tournament.

21.02 The Tournament Committee shall be responsible for the general organization of the tournament, which shall be comprised of a Preliminary phase of qualifications and the Main Event, consisting of Eliminations, Quarter-finals, Semi-finals and Final.

The Tournament Committee shall be empowered to expel from the tournament any player who through refusal to play games on schedule fails to complete a match within the scheduled time frame.

21.03 At least fourteen days before the scheduled start of the tournament the Tournament Committee shall invite a maximum of thirty two players with the highest selection index in Jamaica, according to the most recently published rating list, to compete in the tournament. Special invitations may be issued to any player who the Tournament Committee deems suitable, in order to fill places not taken up by the invitees.

21.04 All games in the tournament must be played according to the schedule determined by the Tournament Committee.

21.05 In the event that one or both of the players in any match do not reside in Kingston & St. Andrew nor in the same parish as each other the Tournament Committee may consider, on application by either player concerned, a different venue than that originally scheduled for any game in the match.

21.06 The format of the tournament shall be a knock-out event. The Preliminary phase shall consist of two-game matches; the winners of these matches will be the first player to score 1½ points or more and such winner shall proceed to the next round of the tournament. The Main Event shall consist of four-game matches; the winners of these matches will be the first player to score 2½ points or more and such winner will proceed to the next round of the tournament, or in the case of the final match be declared the winner of the tournament. The loser in any match will be eliminated.

## CHAPTER 21 MASTERS KNOCK-OUT TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

21.07 The pairings for the tournament shall be determined by first ranking all the players based on their current ratings. The eight highest competitors shall be seeded into positions 1 to 8 in the table (B). The remaining eight places in table (B) shall be played for in the Preliminary phase according to table (A). Should there be less than thirty two players then byes may be given in place of those missing.

Table (A)

M	P1	M	P2
1	17-28	9	M1 v 12
2	29-24	10	M2 v 13
3	21-32	11	M3 v 16
4	25-20	12	M4 v 9
5	19-26	13	M5 v 10
6	31-22	14	M6 v 15
7	30-23	15	M7 v 14
8	27-18	16	M8 v 11

Table (B)

M	R16	M	1/4-finals	M	1/2-finals	M	Final
17	M9 v 1	25	M17-M18	29	M25-M26	31	M29-M30
18	M10 v 8	26	M19-M20	30	M27-M28		
19	M11 v 5	27	M21-M22				
20	M12 v 4	28	M23-M24				
21	M13 v 3						
22	M14 v 6						
23	M15 v 7						
24	M16 v 2						

21.08 The colours played in the first game of matches shall be determined by the drawing of lots at least one week before the scheduled start of the match.

21.09 In the event that a match ends in a tie the players will immediately begin a tiebreak. Lots are to be drawn for colours, which will then alternate throughout the tiebreak.

The tiebreak will consist of two rapid games with time control 30 minutes each. If the match is still tied there will be two blitz games with time control 5 minutes each. If there is still a tie, lots will be drawn for colours in one final blitz game of 5 minutes each. If the match is still tied then lots will be drawn to determine the winner.

21.10 The time control for all games shall be 40 moves in the first two hours followed by 20 moves in the next hour followed by a half hour to complete, unless otherwise decided by the Tournament Committee and announced prior to the tournament.

21.11 The prize fund shall be announced before the start of the tournament and shall be the total cash sponsorship plus the entry fees less the expenses of the tournament. The prize fund shall be distributed among the players as follows:-

3% to each of the four losing quarter-finalists

10% to each of the two losing semi-finalists

20% to the losing finalist

48% to the winner