

BY-LAW NO. 1

Australian Chess Championship & Australian Major

1. Any other by-law which purports to apply to the Australian Chess Championship and the Australian Major shall be valid, but any section which is directly or indirectly inconsistent with this by-law shall, in its application to the Australian Chess Championship and the Australian Major, have no effect.

Australian Chess Championship

2. A player who satisfies the requirements indicated in clause 3.1. of the ACF By-laws for ACF Tournaments (General) is eligible to compete in the Australian Chess Championship if he or she:

2.a. has an ACF rating, whether provisional or not, on the list current at the close of entries of at least 2150; or:

2. b. is deemed by the ACF Council to be of an equivalent level of proficiency; or is,

2. c. the current Australian Champion; or,

2. d. the current or immediately previous Australian Junior Champion; or,

2. e. the current or immediately previous Australian Women's Champion; or,

2. f. the winner of the previous Australian Major; or,

2. g. a person nominated by a State Chess Association, who is, in the opinion of the ACF Council, ordinarily resident in that State, if that State would not otherwise have a person in the Australian Chess Championship; or,

2. h. a current Champion of a State or Territory that has an Association which is affiliated with the ACF; or,

2. i. a junior (according to FIDE definition) who is improving and is deemed by the ACF Council to be of sufficient standard; or,

2.j. has accepted an invitation by the ACF Council to compete in the Championship either:

2. j. i. on a non-title basis; or,

2.j. ii. for the purpose of attempting to cause the final number of accepted entries in the Championship to be even.

3. The Australian Chess Championship shall be a swiss or (double) round-robin tournament of at least 11, but no more than 18 rounds.

Australian Major

4. The Australian Major shall be open to all persons who have a current ACF rating of less than 2150. The Australian Major shall also be open to unrated players who are deemed to be of a playing strength less than 2150 ACF, and who are not eligible for the Australian Chess Championship through the provisions in Section 2.

5. The Australian Major shall be a swiss or round-robin tournament of at least 11, but no more than 18 rounds.

6. State Associations or Territory Associations conducting the Australian Championships on behalf of the ACF are strongly encouraged, but not compelled, to hold a minor tournament in conjunction with the Championships. An example of an appropriate minor tournament would be Under 1600.

(Clause 3 of the ACF By-laws for ACF Tournaments (General) reads:

3. 1. In the absence of circumstances that the ACF Council representative for the event recognises as exceptional, an Australian Championship title may be gained by a person who, at the start of the contest in which the title may be gained is either: – the holder of a current Australian certified citizenship or – shown on the FIDE website as not being registered with a federation other than Australia for FIDE rating purposes.

3. 2. A person who is unable to meet one or other of the requirements of clause 3.1 shall be ineligible to hold an Australian Championship title unless a decision to the contrary is made by the ACF Council prior to the commencement of the event concerned.)