

Australian Chess Federation Grand Prix Rules 2014

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Australian Chess Federation (ACF) Grand Prix (GP) 2014 is directed by Ian Little ACF GP Director as elected by the ACF.
- 1.2 It comprises a series of ACF rated weekend (or extended weekend) chess tournaments held throughout the calendar year. Tournament organisers register for the GP in advance and pay a GP registration fee. Individual players score points in their best events and the GP standings are published throughout the year. In the event of ties, prizes will be shared.

2. Tournament Classes

- 2.1 There are five classes of tournament. Eligibility is determined by the cash value of the guaranteed main prizes offered in the Open section, (rating prizes, non-cash prizes and sections other than Opens do not count and are not included in the eligibility calculation).
- 2.2 The event class will be determined by the table below. Non-cash prizes will be excluded from the total cash pool.

| Class | Tournament Prize Pool | Grand Prix Entry Fee |
|-------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | \$0000 - \$0999 | \$50 |
| 2 | \$1000 - \$1999 | \$125 |
| 3 | \$2000 - \$2999 | \$150 |
| 4 | \$3000 - \$3999 | \$175 |
| 5 | \$4000 - \$10000+ | \$200 |

3. Tournament Registration

- 3.1 Tournaments must be registered with the GP Director no later than 1 April of 2014.
- 3.2 Digital registration is now acceptable as per the instructions on the ACF GP 2014 Registration form.
- 3.3 Official entries will only be approved after the appropriate fees have been paid.
- 3.4 Entries to the Grand Prix will be accepted at the discretion of the GP Director, who reserves the right to refuse entry or transfer tournaments between classes as necessary.
- 3.5 Rapid events will be accepted at 50% of the standard GP Entry Fee.
- 3.6 Late entries may be accepted on payment of a late entry fee of \$50.

4. Marketing of the Grand Prix

- 4.1 The main source of information about the Grand Prix will be initially shown on Chess Chat in the thread ACF Grand Prix 2014 at (<http://www.chesschat.org/showthread.php?15176-ACF-Grand-Prix-2014>) with a more permanent display method to come online on the ACF website later in year.
- 4.2 A list of Grand Prix tournaments will be published as soon as possible and will be updated as more registrations come to hand.
- 4.3 Players are free to enter all tournaments, subject to local conditions.

5. Awarding of Points

- 5.1 The main Grand Prix Sections for awarding points and prizes will be: OPEN, WOMEN, JUNIOR, U2000, U1600
- 5.2 Players' ratings will be based on the Australian (ACF) Rating List as published 1 December of the previous year.
- 5.3 Juniors must be Under 18 on 1 January.
- 5.4 Tournament organisers must submit results to the GP Director within 72 hours of the completion of the event, so that GP scores can be updated and published.

Please ensure the ACF Master List is being used to add players with ACF IDs rather than typing in players direct. If the Master List is not used this will cause delay in processing the results.

- 5.5 Players will be awarded points in each Section in accordance with the following table. Only the best 7 scores will be counted towards the total points earned.

| | Class 1 | Class 2 | Class 3 | Class 4 | Class 5 |
|----------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Place 1 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 |
| Place 2 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 |
| Place 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 15 | 20 |
| Place 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 15 |
| Place 5 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 |
| Place 6 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 |
| Place 7 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Place 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Place 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Place 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

- 5.6 Where a tournament is itself divided into sections, then the GP points may be awarded in these sections, provide that this is advertised in advance.

For example, at the Doeberl Cup, U2000 points may be awarded in the U2000 event and U1600 points may be awarded in the U1600 event. The tournament Class remains based on the Open.

- 5.7 Tournaments with ratings groupings other than those listed in point 5.1 will not be accepted as GP events.

For example, if a tournament intends to run an Open, U1750, and U1400 section only the Open section will be count as a GP event.

6. Prizes

- 6.1 Prizes will be dependent on sponsorship monies received and will be published as information becomes available.

- 6.2 A **minimum** prize pool will be awarded based on entry fees paid as shown in 6.4. A **maximum** prize pool will be awarded based on entry fees and additional external sponsorship as shown in 6.5. The awarding of consolation prizes (6.6) will be contingent on sponsorship and will only be awarded if the maximum prize pool is reached and sufficient sponsorship has been attained.

- 6.3 Players may only win one cash prize. Non-Cash prizes (if any) are bonus prizes additional to the cash prize. Non-Cash prizes cannot be redeemed for cash or for anything other than the intended prize. Consolation prizes may be awarded and can only be won by players who have not already won prize.

- 6.4 **Minimum** Main Prizes (\$4000)

| | Open | Junior | Female | U2000 | U1600 |
|---------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Place 1 | \$850 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| Place 2 | \$600 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Place 3 | \$300 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| Place 4 | \$150 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Place 5 | \$100 | | | | |
| Place 6 | \$0 | | | | |
| Place 7 | \$0 | | | | |

6.5 **Maximum Main Prizes (\$7000)**

| | Open | Junior | Female | U2000 | U1600 |
|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| Place 1 | \$1000 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 |
| Place 2 | \$750 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 |
| Place 3 | \$450 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 |
| Place 4 | \$300 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 |
| Place 5 | \$250 | | | | |
| Place 6 | \$150 | | | | |
| Place 7 | \$100 | | | | |

6.6 Consolation Prizes (\$1,000). Consolation prizes will be awarded for: Top Unrated \$100; Top Tasmanian \$100; Top Western Australian \$100; Top South Australian \$100; Top ACT \$100; Top Under 1800 \$150; Second Under 1800 \$100; Top Under 1400 \$150; Second Under 1400 \$100.

6.7 Players finishing on the same number of points will share prizes where applicable. For display purposes, the player with the least number of events will be displayed first. If still tied, the player with the lower rating shall be displayed first. If still tied, players will be displayed in last name sequence.