

ACF Policy Statement Concerning Australian and State Championships  
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A chess activity promoted, conducted and/or reported on as being or having the status of an Australian chess championship or National chess championship (of Australia) shall have no valid claim to such status without prior approval by the ACF at a duly convened meeting of the ACF Council or by such other process as the ACF may choose. Information essential for such approval shall include:

- all words forming the name or names of the activity; and,
- such other information relating to the activity as the Council may consider appropriate or necessary.

Such a chess activity if not so approved is hereinafter described as being in breach of this policy.

The ACF, through its affiliation with FIDE, is recognised by that body as the legitimate representative of chess in Australia. As such the ACF maintains that it is in the interests of Australian chess for it to be universally regarded as the sole authority to conduct or authorise the conduct of events purporting to be Australian or National Championships. Likewise, the affiliated State and Territory Associations, through their affiliation with the ACF, are recognised by it under its Constitution as most representative of chess players in their State or Territory, and as such are regarded by the ACF as having sole authority to conduct or authorise the conduct of events purporting to be State or Territory Championships within their respective jurisdictions.

The ACF also maintains that it is in the interests of Australian chess to preserve the uniqueness, traditions and independence of Australian and State or Territory chess championships by ensuring that such events continue to be run or authorised by the ACF or by authorised affiliates of the ACF that are legally constituted as not-for-profit organisations whose office-bearers are subject to regular election and whose policies are the product of democratic processes.

To the extent permitted by ACF rules, the following actions are approved as a means of implementing this policy in any case where, in the view of the ACF Council, a chess activity is or might reasonably be considered likely to be in breach of this policy:

1. Ensuring that organisers, hosts, participants and others concerned with the presentation and promotion and media coverage of the activity are informed of its status under this policy;
2. Ensuring that any service, privilege or benefit normally provided by the ACF is withheld from the organisers and/or presenters of any chess activity in breach of this policy;
3. Ensuring that any service, privilege or benefit normally provided by the ACF to an affiliated State or Territory Association or an Associated body is withheld to the extent that would otherwise benefit the presentation or promotion of an activity in breach of this policy; and,
4. Such other action as the Council may consider suitable to discourage or prevent a chess activity that is in breach of this policy.