

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. General Qualifications. An Australian citizen or a person with permanent resident status under the Migration Act 1958 (Cwth) who -
a. has an ACF rating, whether provisional or not, on the list current at the close of entries of at least 2150; or
b. is deemed by the ACF Council to be of an equivalent level of proficiency is entitled to play in the Australian Chess Championship.

3. Special Qualifications. A person who is not entitled to play in the Australian Chess Championship under By-law No.1.2 is entitled to play in the Australian Chess Championship if the person is -

- a. the current Australian Champion;
- b. the current or immediately previous Australian Junior Champion;
- c. the current or immediately previous Australian Women's Champion;
- d. the winner of the previous Australian Major;
- e. one person nominated by each 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.
- f. a current Champion of a State or Territory that has an Association which is affiliated with the ACF;
- g. a junior (according to FIDE definition) who is improving and is deemed by the ACF Council to be of sufficient standard;
- h. (i) a person, not being an Australian citizen or a person with permanent resident status under the Migration Act 1958 (Cwth), who has a rating of at least 2250 on the most recent FIDE rating list and who has played at least 20 ACF-rated games in the two years before entries close for the Australian Championship; or
(ii) a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident who has a rating of at least 2250 on the most recent FIDE rating list;
provided that the total number of players under this paragraph is not to exceed four, being the four highest FIDE rated entrants.

4. The ACF Council may decide that a person, who is otherwise eligible under paragraph h of By-law No.1.3., is ineligible to play in the Australian Chess Championship on the ground that their FIDE rating materially overstates their present level of proficiency.

Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 3, a person who is a State or Territory champion in the year 2000 shall be eligible to play in the 2002 Australian Championship"

5. The ACF Council may, in exceptional circumstances, invite one otherwise ineligible player to compete in the Australian Chess Championship.

6. 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

7. 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.

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

Minor Tournament

9. 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.