

Olympiad By-law

incorporating amendments made on and before 22 February 2008

1. Objectives

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a. Major Objectives

- i. To finish as high as possible in the Olympiad.
- ii. To provide a goal as an incentive for all categories of chess players recognized by FIDE.

b. Other Advantages

- i. More experience for our strongest players, the possibility of them gaining international recognition in the form of titles or ELO ratings, and ultimately the raising of the general standard of Australian chess.
- ii. The promotion of the image of Australian chess within FIDE and amongst the chess players of other countries.
- iii. The arousal of the interest of the media and that of the general public as well.

2. Appeal Structure

a. There is to be an appeal for funds to aid the financing of Australia's representatives to the Chess Olympiads.

b. This appeal will be known as the 'Olympiad Appeal' and is to be controlled wholly by the ACF Council, or by persons appointed by the ACF Council to do so on its behalf.

c. Approximately 10 months prior to the Olympiad, the ACF Council will appoint a sub-committee who will actively pursue funds for the appeal (ref: National Conference '85, minute 9.4.2. and appendix 3, motion 24A). This sub-committee will co-ordinate the activities of all parties engaged in fundraising activities for the Olympiad. Some of the responsibilities of the sub-committee follow.

- i. Set the appeal target.
- ii. Prepare the appeal letters.
- iii. Organize the official launching of the appeal, which should be approximately 8 months prior to the Olympiad.
- iv. Organize raffles and other fund raising ventures. In addition, the sub-committee could give advice and assistance to State associations and other interested parties on such matters.
- v. Make recommendations to the Federation concerning applications to obtain grants from the Federal Government.
- vi. Encourage State Members to assist in the raising of funds by whatever means they are able.
- vii. Attempt to obtain commercial sponsorship.
- viii. Prepare press releases and generally obtain as much publicity as possible.
- ix. Arrange to produce or purchase mementos for donors of \$50 or more to the appeal.

- x. Organize the travel arrangements for all team members. If an individual team member wishes to make his/her own arrangements, then he/she must submit those arrangements at least 5 weeks prior to the commencement of the Olympiad, for approval by the sub-committee.
- xi. Determine the place of residence of each team member, in cases where agreement cannot be reached. (ref. minutes 83/6 12.4, 84/2 5)

3 Team Structure

The ACF will be represented by an open team and a women's team (ref: National Conference '85 minute 9.1 and appendix 3 motion 21.)

a. Open Team

The open team shall consist of five players and a non-playing captain.

b. Women's Team

The women's team shall consist of five players and a non-playing captain.

4 Appeal Income

This section specifies the status of funds raised from various sources, in relation to the Olympiad Appeal. (note ACF minutes 84/85:18 correction to record of voting on 83/6 12.4 recorded in 84/2.5)

- a. Funds donated to individual team members by immediate family are not relevant to the Olympiad Appeal.
- b. Funds raised by individual team members from activities not connected with the Olympiad in any way are not relevant to the Olympiad Appeal.
- c. If an individual team member organizes and conducts a fundraising activity without assistance from the ACF, a State Association, or any body affiliated with either, then 60 per cent of the funds raised shall be forwarded to the Olympiad Appeal and the team member will retain 40 per cent for his/her own use.
- d. If an individual team member organizes commercial sponsorship without assistance from the ACF, a State Association, or any body affiliated with either, then 60 per cent of the funds raised shall be forwarded to the Olympiad Appeal and the team member will retain 40 per cent for his/her own use.
- e. Funds raised by State Associations, whether by state appeal, by conducting special events, or by obtaining commercial or government sponsorship, shall be treated as follows.
 - i. If no team member resides in the State concerned, then all funds raised by that State Association shall be forwarded to the Olympiad Appeal.
 - ii. If one or more team members reside in the State concerned, then 50 per cent of the funds raised by that State Association shall be forwarded to the Olympiad Appeal. The State Association shall distribute the remaining 50 per cent of the funds raised as they see fit.
- f. All funds raised by the ACF shall be forwarded to the Olympiad Appeal.
- g. If any funds are received on the condition that only certain team members may benefit from them then those wishes will be respected but the ACF will adjust distributions from the Olympiad Appeal so as to artificially achieve the same final result as would have been the case had no restrictions been imposed, in so far as that is possible. The same

procedure shall be followed if moneys to be forwarded in accordance with 4.3, 4.4 or 4.5 are not forwarded (ref. ACF minutes 83/6 12.4 and 84/2.5)

5 Appeal Expenditure

The Council shall decide how moneys raised by the appeal shall be applied to achieve the objectives of sending the team and when and how such moneys shall be distributed. (ref. National Conference '85 minute 9.1 and appendix 3 motion 21)

a. Timing

i. The distribution should be carried out in three stages.

ii. The first distribution should be approximately 10 weeks prior to the commencement of the Olympiad, though variations may be made for individual team members.

iii. The second distribution should be just prior to departure for the Olympiad. Funds for any team member already overseas may be carried by another team member.

iv. The final distribution will be made after the appeal is closed and all accounts settled.

6 Discretionary Powers of The ACF Council

In order to maintain a suitable level of flexibility in the application of this by-law, the ACF Council has the following discretionary powers.

a. To change the amount of the donation which entitles the donor to receive a memento of the Olympiad.

b. To change the structure of the two teams being sent to the Olympiad.

c. To determine the appropriate course of action in the event of any individual or organization committing a breach of this by-law.