Annex 12 Individual FMJD Competitions - The Women's World Championship

1. Eligibility

The Women's World Championship is restricted to women members of national federations affiliated to the FMJD.

2. Frequency

This championship is held every two years, in the odd years. It is organised by a national federation, under the auspices of the FMJD.

3. General regulations

The general regulations in Annex 2 for official FMJD competitions are applicable to this World Championship.

4. Qualification

The following women may participate, always respecting article 1.

a. The current woman world champion and challenger;
b. FMJD "wild card"
c. One player extra "organisation place" for the organising federation
d. One player extra "sponsor place"

The composition for the next places will be decided by a preceding General Assembly

e. Players selected from continental qualification tournaments. The division of players over the continents is decided at the preceding General Assembly. For the players selected from the continental qualification tournaments a maximum number of players from one federation is set, usually 1 player maximum.
f. Possibly direct places for some of the strongest federations as may be seen from the FMJD country rating list for women in the official FMJD publication at January 1 of the year before the year of the World Championship.
g. For the most recent qualification system see the appendix at the end of this annex. The appendix will be updated if necessary after each General Assembly.

5. Conditions

The organising federation and all participating federations must have paid the membership fees of the FMJD for the last two years.
The participants pay a participation fee described in the financial regulations in the bye laws of the FMJD.

6. Regulations for qualifying tournaments

The regulations for the qualifying tournaments, continental championships or other continental qualification tournaments have to be agreed with the FMJD before the start of the tournament.

7. Reserves for the World Championship

For each World Championship the Executive Board of the FMJD sets a date, typically some weeks until one month before the event.

If a qualified player informs the FMJD that she cannot participate before this date she is replaced by a player from the tournament from which she was qualified, or from the federation which qualified her in the case of a direct place, organisation or sponsor place.
If she informs the FMJD after this date then the reserve will be invited from the FMJD reserve list. This list is formed by the Executive Board of the FMJD after all qualification tournaments have been played and will be based, amongst others, upon the following criteria:

- Players with the highest rating on the FMJD women rating list
- Players who did just not qualify from any of the qualification tournaments.
- players from active countries not yet qualified
- Priority for young talented players
- No reserve place for a player who participated in a previous World Championship via the reserve list.

8. Schedule of the competition

The women's championship is held in the form of a round robin tournament. The drawing of lots must be arranged so that players from the same federation meet each other in the first half of the competition.

8a. Time schedule for the games

The games in the championship will be played with the standard Fischer time schedule of 1 hour 20 minutes for the game for each player plus 1 minute per move.

9. System of plus and minus draws deleted

10. Awarding the Title and Tie Breaking

The participant having the largest number of points at the end of the competition is awarded the title of Woman World Champion.
The order in the final classification for players with the same score is decided by the application of ~~the following variant of article 5.11.1.2.1~~ article 5.11 of Annex 3 Official FMJD competition regulations:
1. the largest number of victories
~~2. larger difference between plus and minus draws~~
~~3. larger number of plus draws~~
4. the best results between the tied players
5. the best results obtained in order of the classification
~~In comparing the results between the players a plus draw is better than a normal draw which is better than a minus draw.~~
If all criteria for tie breaking mentioned above are equal for the first place or for a place with the right for challenging, a decision must be reached by the use of Lehmann-Georgiev tie break(s), see Annex 2, article 3d.

11. Right for the World Title Match

If the ex-champion has lost her title in the tournament for the World Championship she has the right to challenge the new champion to a World Title Match
If the ex-champion has retained her title in the World Championship tournament, the player ended on the second place in the World Championship has the right to challenge the current Woman World Champion to a World Title Match

When a world title match cannot be played the World Champion keeps her title but does not have the right for a title match two years later. Then this right for a title match goes to the numbers 1 and 2 of the World Championship tournament.

12. The World Title Match for women

The World Title match must take place in the even year following the tournament. The match must be played under the auspices of the FMJD, and the duty of organising it must be awarded to the national federation which offers the best financial conditions and the best guarantees, within the established time limit. If there is no offer, the Executive Board of the FMJD will award the duty of organising the match to the national federation offering the best facilities, both for the players and for the general promotion of the game.
If there is no offer to organise the match with acceptable financial conditions the World Champion retains her title.
The match is played with the set system with three sets of four games. A set ending in an equal result is followed by tie breaks of rapid and/or blitz games including a Lehmann-Georgiev tie break if necessary.

Important remark: the FMJD Tournament Director has the right to organize the World Title match in another way in cooperation with the two players and the organizing federation only if both players agree with it.

13. Prizes

The FMJD awards an official diploma and a medal to the champion.

14. General issues

All FMJD regulations and procedures must be observed at all times.

15. Exceptional cases

All exceptional cases must be dealt with by the Executive Board.

Appendix A. most recent qualification system accepted by the General Assembly 2013

1-2 the two players qualified to play the title match in ~~2010~~ 2014
3. Sponsor place
4. Organization place
5. FMJD wild card

~~6-8 direct place for 3 countries on top of the FMJD rating list a on the date of January 1, 2010. (the average rating of the best 4 players on the a list). At the moment these are Russia, Ukraine, Netherlands, far above the other federations.~~

For the following players a maximum of 2 players per country who organised their national championships in 2013 and reported the results to the FMJD and maximum 1 player per country for other countries:

~~9-14~~ 6-15 places divided over continents: Asia ~~1~~ 2 , America 1, Africa 1, Europe 6 ~~3~~ ~~(from this 3 maximum one place per country)~~

16 best player on the FMJD women's rating list of 1-1-2015 who is not yet qualified.

- Additional condition for all continents (places 6-15): Nomination of players only from a qualification tournament !
- Reserves - in order of rating list from different countries not represented yet (*if 2 free places → 2 countries*).
- The qualification tournaments have to be played before the end of 2014 !!

Most reserve places for Europe, but depending also on the developments of Draughts in other continents.