Annex 17 Individual FMJD Competitions - The World Championship (all categories)

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Each federation should make a copy available to its members, either systematically or on demand, in its own language and up dated. Concept version accepted by the Technical committee 2013, confirmed by the General Assembly 2013.
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1. Eligibility

The World Championship is restricted to members of national federations affiliated with the FMJD, without any distinction to age or sex.

2. Frequency and schedule

This championship is held every two years, in the odd years. It is organised by a national federation, under the auspices of the FMJD.
The World Championship and World Title match are held following the schedule:

- Odd year World Championship of 20 players
- Even year World Title Match
- Next odd year Large World Championship with 40 players
- Next even year world Title Match

3. General regulations

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

4. Qualification

The following players may participate, always respecting article 1.

a. The current world champion and challenger.
b. One or more extra players qualified from the previous World Championship, to be decided by the General Assembly. In principle for a World Championship of 20 players one extra player from the previous World Championship will qualify and for a World Championship of 40 players 3 extra players from the previous World Championship.
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. This number may be higher for a federation that organises its national championship and reports it to the FMJD than for a federation that does not.
f. Possibly directs places for some of the strongest federations as may be seen from the FMJD country rating list in the official FMJD publication at January 1 of the year before the year of the World Championship.
g. Possibly some places from a Challenger tournament for players of all continents.
h. Possibly an FMJD wild card
i. 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 be fully paid up members of the FMJD.
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 Council of the FMJD sets a date, typically some weeks until one month before the event.
If a qualified player informs the FMJD that he cannot participate before this date he is replaced by a player from the tournament from which he was qualified, or from the federation which qualified him in the case of a direct place, organisation or sponsor place.
If he informs the FMJD after this date then the reserve will be invited from the FMJD reserve list. This list is formed by the Executive Council 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 active players rating list
- Players who did just not qualify from any of the qualification tournaments.
- 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 World Championship of 20 players is held in the form of a round robin tournament. The World Championship of 40 players is held with semi finals and finals, both 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. <u>deleted</u>

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 World Champion.
The order in the final classification for players with the same score is decided by the application of article 5.11 of Annex 3 Official FMJD competition regulations:
1. the largest number of victories
2. the best results between the tied players
3. the best results obtained in order of the classification

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 his title in the tournament for the World Championship he has the right to challenge the new champion to a World Title Match
If the ex-champion has retained his title in the World Championship tournament, the player ended on the second place in the World Championship has the right to challenge the current World Champion to a World Title Match.
When a world title match cannot be played the World Champion keeps his 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.
When the conditions for the world title match are acceptable for the FMJD Executive Council the players have the obligation to play (unless they come with a better possibility). If one of them does not accept the conditions a reserve may take his place. The reserve is the next player from the last World Championship tournament.

12. The World Title Match

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.
The world title match has to be organised by the federation represented by the challenger.
Other federations may also come with an offer.
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 Council 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 his title.
The match is played with the following system.

(a) 12 regular games

(b) After 12 games the player who has the highest score wins the match if he has won at least 3 games.

(c) If not, the match continues until one of the players reaches a third victory in total:

i. 3 rapid games 20 minutes plus 10 seconds Fischer system

ii. 3 blitz games with a time schedule of 10 minutes and 5 seconds Fischer system

iii. Lehmann – Georgiev tie breaks with a time schedule of 10 minutes and 2 seconds per move Fischer system.

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 Council.

Appendix A most recent qualification system for a world Championship of 20 players:

Accepted proposal for the General Assembly 2013 for the World Championship 2015

1-2 the two players qualified to play the title match in 2010
3. A third player from the WC 2009 (number 2 or 3)
4. Sponsor place
5. Organisation place

For the following players a maximum of 2 players per country:

Places 6-7 Panamerican zone: 2 places, organisation PADCF
Places 8-11 African zone : 4 places, organisation CAJD
Places 12-13 Asian zone: 2 places, organisation Asian confederation
Place 14-20 Europe, Organisation EDC: 7 places

Appendix B most recent qualification system for a World Championship of 40 players:

Accepted proposal for the General Assembly 2011 for the World Championship 2013

(a) [2] Champion, Challenger
(b) [3] next 3 players from the World Championship 2011
(c) [2] Sponsor, Organisation
(d) [6] Africa
(e) [4] America
(f) [4] Asia
(g) [14] Europe
(h) [5] Challenger

This tournament gives the possibility for all continents to get more places. If continental federations claim their players are so strong they should have the right for more places, they can prove it in this challenger. This tournament should be organised somewhere in Europe. Prizes are not necessary, everybody needs to pay his expense for travel and stay, so the organisation will not be too difficult! If the organisation of this challenger proves to be impossible then the 5 places go to: All continents 1 extra player, one place for FMJD wild card.

Other conditions:

(a) Nationality limit(places a – c are not taken into account).
- Maximum 2 per country for countries who organised their national championships in 2011 and reported the results to the FMJD.
- Maximum 1 player per country for other countries.

(b) Continental qualifications. It is forbidden to have already qualified players in the qualification tournament.

(c) Federations of qualified players need to be regular member i.e. they need to have paid the membership fee for 2012. If they did not at the end of 2012 the places go to other federations.