

FIDE Qualification Commission  
 FIDE Title Regulations 2024  
 Change Document

Section	Old Text	New Text	Comments
	<p>FIDE Title Regulations effective from 1 January 2023</p> <p><b>FIDE TITLE REGULATIONS</b>  <b>(Approved by FIDE Council on 25/11/2022)</b></p> <p><b>Applied from 1 January, 2023</b></p>	<p>FIDE Title Regulations effective from 1 January 2024</p> <p><b>FIDE TITLE REGULATIONS</b></p> <p><b>Applied from 1 January, 2024</b></p>	<p>New date. Removed reference to approval date</p>
0.3	<p>Grandmaster (GM), International Master (IM), FIDE Master (FM), Candidate Master (CM), Woman Grandmaster (WGM), Woman International Master (WIM), Woman FIDE Master (WFM), Woman Candidate Master (WCM).</p>	<p>Open: Grandmaster (GM), International Master (IM), FIDE Master (FM), Candidate Master (CM). Women's: Woman Grandmaster (WGM), Woman International Master (WIM), Woman FIDE Master (WFM), Woman Candidate Master (WCM).</p>	<p>Defines categories of titles. Used as part of section 0.6.2</p>
0.4	<p>The titles are valid for life from the date confirmed.</p>	<p>The titles are valid for life from the date confirmed by the FIDE Council.</p>	<p>Clarification on who confirms the titles.</p>
0.5		<p>Rating refers to a player's Standard FIDE rating</p>	<p>Clarification on which rating is used for conditional titles and title norms</p>

0.61	Such titles are confirmed by the QC Chairman on advice from the FIDE Office. They are then awarded by FIDE.	Such titles are confirmed by the QC Chairperson on advice from the FIDE Office. They are then awarded by FIDE.	Change to Chairperson (Gender inclusive language)
0.6.2	For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time a minimum rating as follows	For a direct title to be awarded immediately an applicant has to have achieved at some time a minimum rating published or interim (see 1.5.3a), as follows	Added reference to 1.5.3a for clarification
0.6.2		This requirement does not apply to direct CM/WCM titles earned at the Open and Women's Chess Olympiads	Commission recommendation after meeting September 2023
0.6.2		For ratings achieved after 1st January 2024, the player must at that time have played at least 30 rated games	Change of date as previous titles have been awarded with less than 30 played games. This will now be enforced
0.6.2		'Lower titles' are lesser titles within the same category (Open or Women's titles)	Clarification of the meaning of 'Lower Title'
1.1.1	Chairman	Chairperson	2 changes
1.1.3	No more than 2 rounds shall be played on any one day.  Each player must have at least two hours in which to	No more than 2 rounds shall be played on any day. Each player must have at least two hours to complete all the moves, assuming the game	Wording change to make it clearer

	complete all the moves, assuming the game lasts 60 moves.	lasts 60 moves.	
1.1.6	No appointed arbiter may play in a title tournament even just as a filler.	No appointed arbiter may play in a title tournament	Remove redundant text
1.2.2	The minimum score is 35 % for all titles and norms. The result shown is the minimum required.		Removed. Already stated in 1.4.8b. Sections 1.2.3-1.2.4 renumbered
1.2.2 (Old 1.2.3)	The World Championships (including U20) of the IBCA, ICSC and IPCA are exempted from this rule.	The World Championships (including U20) organised by the Players with Disabilities Commission are exempted from this rule.	Change agreed to by DIS to reflect current practice regarding World Championships events they sanction
1.2.2.a	If groups are combined to make a bigger group, then the requirements (at least 10 participants from at least 5 federations) in 1.2.3 shall apply to this merged group.	If groups are combined to make a bigger group, then the requirements (at least 10 participants from at least one third or five of the appropriate member federations – whichever is lower ) in 1.2.2 shall apply to this merged group.	Changed to make it consistent with text in 1.2.2, and the reflect change in numbering.
1.2.2.a	Titles can be awarded	Titles and norms can be awarded	To clarify that norms can be awarded in combined groups (which is current practice)
1.2.3	Terms used in Tables for Direct Titles: Gold = first after tiebreak	Terms used in Tables for Direct Titles: Gold = first after tiebreak	Add additional definitions to reflect the current status of the Arab Individual and Arab Youth

	<p>1st equal = best 3 players after tiebreak norm = 9 games Continental and Regional = Continental and a maximum 3 regional events per continent, and include Arab Youth.</p> <p>As above, each Continent is allowed to designate a maximum of 3 regional youth events for direct titles. The Continent must inform QC of any change in the composition of these regions before the beginning of each year.</p> <p>Sub-Continental - include Zonals, Sub-Zonals and Arab adult.</p> <p>Zonals and Sub-Zonals are accepted for direct titles only if they establish qualifiers to the World Cup or World Championship.</p>	<p>1st equal = best 3 players after tiebreak norm = 9 games Regional = Maximum of 3 Junior/Youth events per Continent + Arab Youth Individual</p> <p>As above, each Continent is allowed to designate a maximum of 3 regional youth/age events for direct titles. The Continent must inform QC of any change in the composition of these regions before the beginning of each year.</p> <p>Sub-Continental - include Zonals and Sub-Zonals Zonals and Sub-Zonals are accepted for direct titles only if they establish direct qualifiers to the World Cup or World Championship.</p>	<p>events. Clarifies that Zonal/Sub Zonal events must provide a Direct Qualifier for the World Cup in order to award direct titles.</p>
1.2.4		<p>Only events defined in the Table for Direct Titles may award titles under 1.2. Organisers must follow these regulations for Direct Titles and cannot alter them in any way</p>	<p>Added to deal with the cases of organisers promising Direct Titles when they are not entitled to. Also prevents organisers from promising titles contrary to these regulations</p>
1.4.1.f	<p>A player may ignore their game(s) against any opponents they have defeated</p>	<p>In any tournament format a player may ignore their game(s) against any opponents they have defeated. For RR or</p>	<p>Clarify this regulation applies to all tournament formats, not just SS events.</p>

		DRR tournaments the mix of opponents must be such that a norm is possible for the complete tournament	
1.4.2.a	Games against opponents who do not belong to FIDE federations. Players with federation "FID" are accepted, but do not count as a foreign player.	Games against opponents who do not belong to FIDE federations. Players with federation "FID" are accepted, but do not count as a foreign player. FIDE Council may alter this requirement on a temporary basis.	Altered to reflect current rulings by FIDE Council.
1.4.2.e	The following formats may be used in title tournaments, whether for individuals or teams. Swiss Round Robin Double Round Robin Scheveningen Schiller Knockout Other formats require the prior approval of the QC Chairman.	The following formats may be used in title tournaments, whether for individuals or teams. Swiss Round Robin Double Round Robin Knockout Other formats require the prior approval of the QC Chairperson.	Removed Schiller and Scheveningen formats from accepted tournament format for titles. These events can still be used, but now must receive prior approval from FIDE QC Chairperson. Chairman changed to Chairperson
1.4.5.f	Double round-robin tournaments need a minimum of 6 players. An opponent's title as in 1.4.5b-e shall be counted only once.	Double round-robin tournaments need a minimum of 6 players. For a DRR event, the number of players with the necessary titles required by 1.4.5 b-e is 1/2 (rounded up) (See Annex for required numbers)	Required number of players with titles altered for DRR events. Clarifies confusion over players/opponents. Applies to all titles and title tables in the Annex
1.4.6.d	Unrated opponents not covered by 1.4.6b shall be considered to be	Unrated opponents not covered by 1.4.6b shall be considered to be	Changed based on the assumption that recommended changes to the FIDE

	rated 1000.	rated 1400.	Rating Regulations will be approved
1.6	Minimum score 35% 1.4.8b 1.2.2	Minimum score 35% 1.4.8b	Remove reference to deleted 1.2.2
1.10.2	The Rating Officer of the player's federation sends a request to the FIDE Office, who confirm whether or not the title can be awarded.	The Rating Officer of the player's federation sends a request to the FIDE Office, who confirms whether or not the title can be awarded.	Fix spelling of 'confirms'
2.2	Applications must be submitted to FIDE by the federation of the applicant. The national federation is responsible for the fee.	Applications must be submitted to FIDE by the federation of the applicant. The national federation is responsible for the fee. (See 1.10.4 for exceptions)	Add reference to exception to this rule
2.3	Title applications should be submitted at least 30 days before the meeting at which they are to be considered. There is a 50% surcharge for applications to be considered in a shorter time-scale than this.	Title applications should be submitted at least 45 days before the meeting at which they are to be considered. Title applications submitted after this deadline will be considered at the next meeting.	There is a 45-day deadline to allow the applications to be considered properly.
Annex	10 Rounds Different MO DR 4 GM	10 Rounds Different MO DR 3 GM	Use the titles in each game played to calculate the titles of players required in a DRR. Applies to all titles and title tables in the annex

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