

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER FOUR 2002-2003



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Deadline for submissions to GL #5: January 10th 2003

Message from the President

WYCC Team

Congratulations to all our players for a fine showing at this year's World Youth Chess Championship. And many thanks to the parents and Richard Berube for their support.

World Junior Championship

All our best wishes for success to Stephen Glinert for his participation in the World Junior Championship.

Membership Drive

We will be ready to start by about January 15th, 2003. It is never too late to add your name to the growing list of volunteers.

To all of you a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Peter Stockhausen

Results of Votes:

Motion 2003-01: (Cabanas/Stockhausen) Life Masterships

Be it Resolved that the CFC handbook be amended as follows:

a) Renumber Regulation 738 as Regulation 739

b) Add Regulation 738 as Follows:

738 CFC Life Masters. The CFC will issue a "Certificate of Chess Master" for each player who achieves a CFC rating of 2200 or above for 24 consecutive Regular Tournament Games. Players who have achieved this performance in the past can request their Certificate from the CFC Business Office, by providing satisfactory evidence of their performance to the CFC Business Office.

For: K. Craft, L. Craver, M. Dutton, W. Ferner, N. Frarey, M. Jaeger, A. Mayo, J. Oszvald, C. Rosner, M. Smith, M. Stanford, P. Stockhausen, N. Sutherland, A. Tsui.
Against: H. Bond, G. Taylor

Votes: 14-2 Motion Carried.

Motion 2003-02: (Cabanas/Stockhausen) CYCC Organization

Be it Resolved that the CFC handbook be amended as follows:

a) Amend Section 1011 by deleting the following text:

"The sum of \$100.00 of each entry fee shall go to the tournament organizers to assist with the cost of running the event and to provide trophies and/or prizes where appropriate."

The amended 1011 will now read:

1011. Players Expenses:

Each player will be responsible for paying his own travel expenses, accommodation and meal expenses.

b) Amend Section 1012 by Deleting the following text:

"The sum of \$50.00 of each entry fee shall go to the CFC business office to help defray the cost of sending Canada's representative to the appropriate world event."

The amended 1012 will now read:

1012. Participation in the World Event:

The winner of the event shall be eligible to participate in the appropriate world event. If the winner is unable to participate, the second place finisher shall be invited to go in his place. If the second place finisher also declines, the highest finisher in the tournament who is willing to participate in the world event shall be selected. The CFC Board of Directors shall use an appropriate tie breaking method to break ties if required to determine the order of finish.

c) Renumber Section 1014 as Section 1015

d) Add section 1014 As follows:

1014 Organization

The principal Organizer of the CYCC is the

CFC with the responsibility for the event resting with the Junior Co-coordinator and the Executive Director. All expenses such as prizes, travel to the world event, trophies, medals and rent shall be borne by the CFC. The Events will be held immediately preceding the Canadian Open Tournament. The Organizers of the Canadian Open will receive \$5 from each entry for securing the playing site. Any surplus funds generated will be utilized by the CFC for future Junior Activities or transferred to the Junior Fund (Kalev Pugi Fund).

e) Amend Section 1061 by deleting the following text:

"The sum of \$100.00 of each entry fee shall go to the tournament organizers to assist with the cost of running the event and to provide trophies and/or prizes where appropriate."

The amended 1061 will now read:

1061. Players Expenses:

Each player will be responsible for paying his own travel expenses, accommodation and meal expenses.

b) Amend Section 1062 by Deleting the following text:

"The sum of \$50.00 of each entry fee shall go to the CFC business office to help defray the cost of sending Canada's representative to the appropriate world event."

The amended 1062 will now read:

1012. Participation in the World Event:

The winner of the event shall be eligible to participate in the appropriate world event. If the winner is unable to participate, the second place finisher shall be invited to go in his place. If the second place finisher also declines, the highest finisher in the tournament who is willing to participate in the world event shall be selected. The CFC Board of Directors shall use an appropriate tie breaking method to break ties if required to determine the order of finish.

c) Renumber Section 1063 as Section 1064

d) Add section 1063 As follows:

1063 Organization

The principal Organizer of the Canadian Junior Championship Tournament is the CFC with the responsibility for the event resting with the Junior Co-coordinator and the Executive Director. All expenses such as prizes, travel to the world event, trophies, medals and rent shall be borne by the CFC. Any surplus funds generated will be utilized by the CFC for future Junior Activities or transferred to the Junior Fund (Kalev Pugi Fund).

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Against: H. Bond, K. Craft, M. Dutton, M. Jaeger, A. Mayo
Abstain: W. Ferner, G. Taylor

Votes: 9-5 with two abstentions. Motion Carried.

Motion 2003-03 (Cabanas/Stockhausen)
Changes to Active Chess Regulations

Be it resolved that the following be deleted from section 7 of the handbook.

"711.1 Active Chess. The CFC supports Active (30 minute sudden death) Chess in Canada by:

1) Rating the results of Active Chess games on a basis similar to the current rating system, excepting that the ratings will be maintained, calculated, and listed separately.

2) Establishing rules for Active Chess in Canada which will be the FIDE rules with the following changes: [Note: for most recent version see Supplement 4 in section 5 of this Handbook, pages 5-5 to 5-8]

i) add 10 d) (drawn game) If the flag of one player falls and the other player has only a king, a king and a knight, or a king and a bishop remaining.

ii) Add 10 e) (drawn game) If a player can demonstrate perpetual check to the arbiter's

satisfaction. A claim not upheld by the arbiter would result in 5 minutes added to the claimant's elapsed time except to the extent that this would leave him with less than 5 minutes remaining in which case any remaining penalty would be deducted from the elapsed time of his opponent.

iii) add 10 f) (drawn game) If a player can establish, either with a completed score sheet, by agreement with his opponent, or verified by an arbiter or other mutually acceptable witness, if available, that 50 moves have been made by each player without a pawn being moved or a capture being made.

iv) delete rules 12 and 13.

3) Deciding on the requirement for and style of a national championship at the 1989 CFC Annual Meeting (allowing for a trial period for Active Chess). [ref: Motion 89-20; GL, March 1989, p. 4-4 - 4-5]

711.2 The CFC will recognize as an option the use of the FIDE "Rules for Active Chess" as approved by the 1988 FIDE congress in Thessaloniki, as well as all future revisions, for use in all games which have a sudden death time control and in which each player receives at least 30 minutes for the entire game. Games which have both normal time controls and a sudden death time control shall only use the "rules for active chess" during the sudden death portion. [ref: Motion 89-22; see GL, June 1989, p. 7 and amended in GL, September 1989, p. 1-4 - 1-5]"

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New Motions: None

Discussion on Motions

2003-04: (Rosner/ Remillard) Grant to Abe Yanofsky Memorial :

Hal Bond: Yanofsky contributed uniquely to Canadian chess so I don't oppose some level of CFC support for one tournament. \$1000 seems more appropriate though, given the CFC's current resources.

Lyle Craver: I like the idea but hope Messrs. Spraggett and Lesiege are involved.

Mark Dutton: Yes

Peter Stockhausen: One of our roles in the CFC is to support major national events that attract and promote chess in the various regions of our country. We have done so regularly over many decades. And I think that a major tournament in memory of one of our greatest chess masters is truly a worthwhile cause.

Organizers in Winnipeg have an enviable track record of holding truly outstanding and successful events over many years and I'm convinced that the Abe Yanofsky Memorial will be another jewel in their chess crown. From a financial perspective, our support would be allocated over two fiscal years. We should support this endeavor.

Neil Sutherland: As mentioned previously I do believe right now that putting the sponsoring of grandmasters on the CFC would be way to much burden and a burden to the CFC. A grant to the Abe Yanofsky memorial right now is unacceptable as the CFC does not have the funds to support us Let's get out and make it possible for the CFC to support this in the future.

2003-05: (Stockhausen / Smith) Changes to FIDE Rating Fees:

Hal Bond: FIDE ratings and fees:
I would be interested in Mr. Smith's comments on the FIDE rating floor being lowered and if any other Federations are concerned about the future of their own rating system. I think we should be concerned and indicate this concern strongly to FIDE.

Lyle Craver: How are other national federations dealing with this issue? Obviously the net effect of lowering the rating floor from 2200 to 2000 is an increase in numbers of players playing in FIDE rated tournaments and obtaining FIDE ratings. Given no decrease in per capita fees this clearly means a major increase in fees payable to FIDE. FIDE now seeks to lower the rating floor much further – how is this going to impact our national rating system?

I do believe the present CFC policy of partially subsidizing FIDE rated events has been a good one but is it sustainable in the face of the lowered rating floor?

I intend to vote no to this motion because I feel the proposal is excessive but it is clear the Assembly needs to act in some way.

Mark Dutton: No (absolutely NO INCREASE is reasonable)

Peter Stockhausen: Our annual rating fees to FIDE now run about SF 3.700, just shy of the ceiling. Future fees depend largely on high category matches and participation in Canadian and Quebec Opens.

Neil Sutherland: Again I strongly feel changing the FIDE ratings is a good thing.

Gordon Taylor: There seems to be some uncertainty as regards FIDE rating fees.

Before I vote for any dramatic increase in our FIDE tournament registration fee structure I need this to be clarified. What does FIDE charge us now and what do they propose to charge in the future? Hugh Brodie says there is a maximum FIDE can now charge over one year. Is there a proposal to increase this? If FIDE intends to rate anything and everything then I think we must object -- it looks like a cash grab to me. In any case, FIDE can only rate what we submit to it for rating, or more succinctly, we ought only to pay for what we submit.

General Comments from Governors:

Hal Bond: 2003-01: I like this idea but don't

dump this job on the National Office. Therefore I must vote NO.

2003-02: I am disappointed at the lack of discussion/clarification on this motion, particularly given the sweeping changes proposed. I believe that paying the organizer \$5 per player is grossly insulting and therefore dangerous. My vote: NO

2003-03: Once again some clarification on this motion is in order. It appears that this motion is designed to eliminate active chess. My vote: NO

Frank Dixon: Ontario Interuniversity team event

The organizers at the University of Western Ontario in London have finalized their plans for this event. Dates: Jan. 11-12, 2003, a five-round tournament with teams of four players, any Ontario post-secondary institution is eligible, McGill is also being invited, entry fee of \$30 per player, includes prizes, CFC rating, and two meals. The head organizer is Andrew Pastor, email apastor@uwo.ca. This is the first event of this type in Ontario since 1997. I have proposed to Andrew Pastor and OCA President David Gebhardt that this be made an annual event, and that an Ontario Post Secondary Chess Association be founded to develop it; work on building this group will take place over the tournament weekend. I will direct the event, upon the request of the organizers, for my expenses only; and propose to act as an informal advisor to this new association for the next year.

Martin Jaeger: I regret that the president or secretary did not reply to Hal Bond's comment on 2003-03. The apparent initiative to delete active ratings deserved explicit discussion. May I suggest that the president cancel the vote on 2003-3 till explicit discussion has been concluded?

Alvah Mayo: Life Masterships: I have several objections to this motion. Firstly, it does not take into account the disparity in ratings between the Maritimes and other regions of the country.

Secondly, there are many players especially

in Central Canada and points west who have been largely or totally inactive, thereby enabling them to sit on rating points earned more easily under the old rating system. Thirdly, the requirement for 24 consecutive games seems unduly harsh; perhaps a cumulative total of 24 games over 2200 would be appropriate. While it is not perfect (I shudder at giving more work to the Office when at the Annual Meeting there was agreement that we would try not to do that) I agree we have to do something in this regard. The motion is worded so that after receiving the request the Business Office could shunt the legwork off to another person so this mitigates my concerns over Office workload. Therefore I vote YES.

Neil Sutherland: I personally believe that the active rating should be no longer available.

Gordon Taylor: 2003-01 A while back the CFC did a membership renewal promotion whereby you could get a diploma with your name and peak rating if you renewed your CFC membership promptly. I think that served much the same purpose as this Motion and rather prefer it. I don't much favour life titles for chess -- as we all know ratings only reflect (relative) playing strength, and this goes up and down. I rather fear that a lot of people may put a lot of effort to getting one of these Certificates of Life Master, using whatever devices that entails, and then retire, which is not what we want at all.

Gordon Taylor: 2003-03 There has been very little discussion on this Motion. I don't quite understand the reasons given by the the mover (see page 19 of GL#1): "In any case this is utter nonsense." What is being referred to? I agree that 711.1(3) has served no purpose -- I can't recall any Active Chess Championship being held -- and would vote to delete this from the Handbook.

But the rest of this Motion looks like the abolition of Active Chess ratings, and I see no need to do that. Indeed, if that is the intent of this Motion then I think it should have been presented clearly as such.

Motions for Final Vote:

Motion 2003-04: (Cecil Rosner/John Remillard)

Be it resolved that the CFC support the Abe Yanofsky Memorial Tournament in Winnipeg by funding the travel and expenses of the Canadian champion and Canada's active grandmasters to facilitate their participation in the tournament, to a maximum of 2,500 dollars.

Motion 2003-05: (Stockhausen/Smith)

Be it resolved that the CFC adjust the Rating Fees for FIDE rated events as follows:

A, Round Robin and Matches:

Category 0 – 3 \$55
Category 4 & 5 \$110
Category 6 & 7 \$165
Category 8 to 10 \$220

For higher categories, multiply Category by \$44

B, Swiss Tournaments

Players 1 to 300 = \$2.20 per player
Players 301 and up = \$1.10 per player

C, Team Tournaments

Per Team \$33

Motions for Second Discussion

None

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