

## Proposal for New Version of International Title Regulations of FIDE

Proposal for New Regulations to be discussed before and in Dresden Congress 2008  
Comments were intended to be included in the document at least once a week.  
Comments have been very few.

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The text is taken from FIDE web site and QC minutes, should be the current correct version.

*Red italic* is to mark corrections and clarifications of the present regulations

*Blue italic* is to mark proposals and comments of Mikko Markkula

*Green italic* is to mark proposals and comments by other people (name in comment)

The new comments are marked as above and **also highlighted**.

### International Title Regulations of FIDE

As approved by the 1982 General Assembly and amended by the General Assemblies of 1984 to 2004.

#### 0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 Only the titles as in 0.3 are acknowledged by FIDE.
- 0.2 The following regulations can only be altered by the General Assembly following recommendation by the Titles and Ratings Committee and then by the Qualification Commission.
  - 0.21 Any such changes shall only be made every fourth year, commencing from 2004 (unless Committee and Commission agree urgent action is required).
  - 0.22 Any such changes shall take effect from 1 July of the year following the decision by the General Assembly. For tournaments, such changes shall apply to those starting on or after that date.
- 0.3 The International FIDE titles shall be under the umbrella of the Qualification Commission, which is the final judging unit. The titles are:
  - 0.31 Titles for over-the-board standard chess (as defined in 1.14), the judging unit being the FIDE Titles and Ratings Committee:  
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), Honorary Grandmaster (HGM), Honorary Master (HM).

*The list of titles should be reviewed. In 2002 there was a proposal to remove HGM and HM titles. After Executive Board and General Assembly the titles were kept in the list. After July 1, 2003 only one HGM title has been awarded, even that caused a long debate in the QC.*

*In 2007 there was a discussion about two proposed HGM titles in Antalya. FIDE has the opinion to give up awarding HGM and HM titles.*

*In the discussion also a new title above the GM title was proposed.*

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben:*

*Elite GM, see later, performance requirement 2801, rating requirement 2700, the results are valid only for players winning the tournament (if tied, up to three), or clear second place.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*If HGM and HM titles are removed from the list, I propose to have a possibility to award GM, IM, WGM and WIM titles to players with a long successful career, although the requirements for the title are not completely fulfilled. The title can be awarded with a wide majority in the QC, other special*

*requirements, for example, age and high rating could be imposed. This would help some players to get the respect they deserve and usually have in their own countries.*

- 0.32 Titles for chess composition, the judging unit being the Permanent Commission of FIDE for Chess Compositions: Grandmaster of Solving (GS), International Master of Solving (IMS), FIDE Master of Solving (FMS); Grandmaster of Composing (GMC), International Master of Composing (IMC), FIDE Master of Composing (FMC); International Judge of Chess Composition (IJCC).
- 0.33 Titles for correspondence chess, the judging unit being the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF).
- 0.34 Chess Instructor Title, the judging unit being the FIDE Trainer's Committee.
- 0.35 International Organizer (IO) Title, the judging unit being the FIDE Organizer's Committee.
- 0.36 Titles awarded for meritorious activity other than practical play. Such titles have the object of bestowing honours and shall be awarded by the General Assembly.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*This article does not belong here, see the introduction in 0.3.*

- 0.4 The titles are valid for life from the date awarded or registered.
- 0.41 Use of a FIDE title or rating to subvert the ethical principles of the title or rating system may subject a person to revocation of his title upon recommendation by the Qualification Commission and final action by the General Assembly.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The title is officially valid from the date all requirements are met, it is the application, if the title is based on an application (not automatic title), has been published on FIDE web or other official FIDE documents for at least 60 days, the first and last day published included.*

*The title can be used for results by opponents only in tournaments starting after the confirmation.*

*In terms of, for example, the age of achieving a title, the title is considered to be achieved when the last result is achieved, and the rating requirement is fulfilled, whichever date is later.*

- 0.5 The Award of Titles
  - 0.51 Titles in 0.31 are awarded for specific results in specific Championship events; or are awarded on achieving a rating as laid down in these regulations. Such titles are registered by the Chairman of the Qualification Commission on advice by the FIDE Office; or are awarded by the General Assembly on recommendation by the Qualification Commission that the candidate meets the requirements.

*Michal Krasenkow*

*Add to article 0.51. "The Commission may warn the General Assembly that the candidate, while meeting the requirements, has not sufficiently proven his qualities for the title."*

*This is to cut off forged applicants, who have not proven their playing strength in tournaments other than those (presumably forged) stated in the application. Nowadays we often see GM title "applicants" with very few, mostly lost games in databases. This addition enables FIDE to deny them the title. The same concerns the FA and IA titles*

- 0.52 The Presidential Board or Executive Board may award titles under 0.31, or 0.34 in clear cases only, after consultation with the appropriate chairman.
- 0.53 For 0.33, the ICCF both judges and awards the titles; upon receiving the report of the award, the General Assembly shall confirm the title.
- 0.54 The date a title is awarded is the date of the last norm or the date of fulfilling the necessary rating.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*See comments after 0.41*

- 0.6 Members of the Qualification Commission are:

- 0.61 Elected by the General Assembly for the same period of office as the FIDE President. They shall include president or chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and five experts.
- 0.62 Members due to their office: The Presidential Board, the Zone Presidents of FIDE and the FIDE Rating System Administrator.
- 0.63 The Commission usually makes its decisions in the sessions immediately preceding the opening of the General Assembly.
- 0.64 A Zone President may give his proxy to a representative.
- 0.65 The method of voting is as stipulated in Art. 4.7, 4.8, and 4.9 of the FIDE Statutes.
- 0.66 In exceptional circumstances, the Commission may recommend a title by correspondence voting.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The whole paragraph should be in FIDE statutes. The QC should consist of experts, as proposed by Leong in the proposal for restructuring the Committees/Commissions.*

*The commissions and committees should be experts panels. The opinions of zones and continents are possible in EB and GA.*

*No federation may have more than member in the commission, the members should, as much as possible, represent different continents and different types of federation (small and big, weak or strong), but first of all, they have to have a thorough knowledge of the regulations, and have sufficient understanding of mathematics and statistics.*

## **1.0 Requirements for titles designated in 0.31**

### 1.1 Administration

- 1.11 Play to be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess and FIDE Tournament Rules

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The tournament system has to be a fair one. Tournaments where the composition is changed (without FIDE approval) during the tournament or those where players have different conditions in terms of rounds and pairing are not valid.*

- 1.12 That there be no more than twelve hours play in one day.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*This restriction is a little unclear for the moment. If there are two rounds per day following the present FIDE time limits (1h30min + 30 minutes at 40 move with 30 seconds increment), there is a chance that in a worst case a player having two long games (over 120 moves) could end with playing more than 12 hours. To reject a title result in that case would be unfair.*

*How about different time requirements for GM/WGM and IM/WIM tournaments?*

- 1.13 That no more than two rounds be played on any one day.
- 1.14 Without an increment of a minimum of 30 seconds for each move, the minimum time is 2 hours and 30 minutes.  
With an increment of a minimum of 30 seconds for each move, the minimum time is 120 minutes in which to complete all the moves, based upon a game lasting 60 moves.

1.14a Examples of standard chess include:

- All the moves in 90 minutes, but for each move a player receives an extra 30 seconds added to his clock time.
- 40 moves in two hours, followed by all the moves in one hour.
- 40 moves in two hours, 20 moves in one hour, followed by all the moves in 30 minutes.
- 40 moves in two hours, 20 moves in one hour, followed by 15 minutes plus 30 seconds per move to finish the game.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*If time limit is based on a base time and increment at a certain number of moves, the minimum base time should be at least one hour (60 minutes).*

*Then 60 minutes and 60 seconds/move would be valid.*

- 1.15 The event must be played within a period of 90 days.  
An exception may be made for leagues and national team championships, which last for a period greater than 90 days. The Rating List in effect at the start of the competition shall be used for title purposes.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*I propose that either the list valid at the start of the competition, or ratings valid at the time of the games can be used. There are examples of players raising their rating by more than 150 points from July list one year to April list next year. The opponents playing this rising star at the end would suffer too much.*

- 1.16 The tournament shall be conducted by an International Arbiter. Failing that, by a FIDE Arbiter. Failing that, supervised by an International Arbiter.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The term “supervised” is obscure. Remove the text after “FIDE Arbiter”.  
In national championships a national arbiter is sufficient?*

- 1.2 Titles achieved from International Championships:

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The list of titles awarded automatically (registered) from various tournaments has to be reviewed thoroughly.*

*Some of the titles were very useful and necessary for some federations areas without the chance to have titles otherwise than in zonals/subzonals. Some zones do not have zonal tournaments any longer, and players from these zones do not have this easier possibility. The regulations now allow to have IM/WIM titles in zonals played as round-robin tournaments by achieving 2/3 of the points with at least 9 rounds, there is no requirement for the strength of the tournament.*

*An inconsistent situation is also that in a zonal 2/3 is enough for a title, in a continental championship it is not possible.*

*Expression “qualified over the board” (World Cup/Women Word Championship) is unclear. There have been requests to interpret this also so that a player who is nominated by the continental president is “qualified”.*

*Application procedure for these registered (“automatic”) titles:*

*The organizer sends official results to FIDE, FIDE sends them to appropriate commission/committee members who send a list of titles achieved to FIDE. FIDE informs the federations concerned. After the federation has committed to pay the title application fee (= “makes an application”), the title is confirmed.*

- 1.21 As indicated below, a player may gain a title from such an event or, gain a single title result (norm). The requirements in 1.42, 1.46, 1.47, 1.48 and 1.49 have to be applied.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*For the moment, the present regulations allow to have, for example, a GM norm without meeting a single GM. The player can get the title with multiple norms of this kind, it is, not playing a single GM, and still gets the title. Usually, a GM norm needs at least some titled players, but for IM title the player may play all games against untitled players!*

*A point to notice is that there is no rating requirement when the title is achieved as in the table below.*

*There is also a typographical error in the tables. The performance requirement for a norm based on performance (in Olympiad, continental etc.) must be the same as in a normal norm, for the moment, it is 2601 or better, 2451 or better, 2401 or better, and 2251 or better. The text in the table is incorrect, instead of 2600+ it should be 2601+, respectively concerning the other titles.*

*Continental Team Championship is not mentioned in the list, at least in Europe the competition is very strong, and a norm as in Olympiad should be possible.*

*There have been several cases where the silver or bronze has been awarded to all players who tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place. The regulations were to say that these places should be decided, either by tie-breaks, or by play-offs. Another problem has been that in some competitions there have been disputes about the tie-breaks to be applied. If the tournament gives a registered title or norm, should there be a regulation for tie-breaks?*

The minimum score is 35 % for all titles. The result shown is the minimum required. The term 'norm' is explained in 1.4.

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben*

***Elite Grandmaster Title on winning the World Championship***

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*How about Women World Championship Winners?*

	<b>Grandmaster GM</b>	<b>International Master IM</b>
World Championship	reaching last 16	qualifying over the board
Women's-World Championship	winner runner up = 9 game-norm	finalist
World U-20-Championship	gold 1 <sup>st</sup> = 9 game norm	silver, bronze
World Senior Champ.	gold	silver
Olympiad or Women's Olympiad	9 or more games 2600+ = 20 game norm	9 or more games 2450+ = 20 game norm
Continental Championship	9 or more games 2600+ = 20 game norm gold = 9 game norm	9 or more games 2450+ = 20 game norm 1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Continental U-20 Champ.	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Continental Women's Champ.	9 or more games 2600+ = 20 game norm	9 or more games 2450+ = 20 game norm
Continental Senior Champ.	gold = 9 game norm	gold silver, bronze = 9 game norm
Arab Championship	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Arab U-20 Champ.	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Centroamerican-Caribbean-U-20	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Southern American-U-20	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
World U-18 Championship	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
World U-16 Championship		gold = 9 game norm
Continental U-18 Championship		gold = 9 game norm
Continental U-16 Championship		gold = 9 game norm
World Girls U-20 Champ.		gold = 9 game norm
Commonwealth Championship		1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3

Zonal or sub zonal

1<sup>st</sup>, up to 3  
 9 or more games 2450+  
 = 20 game norm  
 9 or more games  
 > 66,66 % (b)

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben  
 Delete the last item (9 or more games >66,66% (b))*

IBCA-Championship  
 ICSC-Championship  
 IPCA-Championship

1<sup>st</sup>, up to 3  
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**Women-Grandmaster****Women International  
Master  
WIM****WGM**

Women's World Championship	winner GM title finalist IM title reaching last 8	qualifying over the board
World Girls U-20 Championship	gold Gold 9 game IM norm 1 <sup>st</sup> = 9 game norm	silver, bronze
Women's World Senior Champ.	gold	silver
Olympiad or Women's Olympiad	9 or more games 2400+ = 20 game norm	9 or more games 2250+ = 20 game norm
Women's Continental-Champ.	9 or more games 2400+ = 20 game norm gold	9 or more games 2250+ = 20 game norm 1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Girls Continental U-20 Champ.	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Women's Arab Championship	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Girls U-20 Arab Championship	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Girls Centraoamerican-Caribbean -U-20 Championship	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Girls Southern American U-20 Championship	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
World Girls U-18 Championship	gold = 9 game norm	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Women's Commonwealth Champ.		1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Girls World U-16 Championship		gold = 9 game norm
Girls Continental U-18/16 Champ.		gold = 9 game norm

Women's zonal or sub zonal  
 1<sup>st</sup>, up to 3  
 9 or more games 2250+  
 20 game norm (a)  
 9 or more games  
 > 66,66 % (b)

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben  
 Delete the last item (9 or more games >66,66% (b))*

Women's IBCA-Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, up to 3  
 Women's ICSC-Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, up to 3  
 Women's IPCA-Championship 1<sup>st</sup>, up to 3

	<b>FIDE Master FM</b>	<b>Candidate Master CM</b>
Olympiad	9 game > 66,66 %	7 game > 50 %
World or Continental- Team-Championship	7 game > 66,66 %	7 game > 50 %
World U16/14/12/10 Champ.	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3	silver, bronze
IBCA-, ICSC-, IPCA-World Ch.	silver	bronze
IBCA-, ICSC-, IPCA-U20- World Championship	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3	silver, bronze
Continental, ASEAN or Arab U-18/16/14/12/10 Championship	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3	silver, bronze
America's Regional Youth Festival U-18/16/14/12/10		1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Zonal or sub zonal	9 game > 50 % (c)	9 game > 40 % (c)
World Amateur Championship	gold	1 <sup>st</sup> = or silver

	<b>Women FIDE Master WFM</b>	<b>Women Candidate Master WCM</b>
Olympiad	9 game > 66,66 %	7 game > 50 %
World- or Continental- Team-Championship	7 game > 66,66 %	7 game > 50 %
World U16/14/12/10 Champ.	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3	silver, bronze
IBCA-, ICSC-, IPCA-World Ch.	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3	silver, bronze

Continental, ASEAN or Arab U-18/16/14/12/10 Championship	1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3	silver, bronze
America's Regional Youth Girls Festival U-18/16/14/12/10		1 <sup>st</sup> , up to 3
Zonal or sub zonal	9 game > 50 % (c)	9 game > 40 % (c)
World Amateur Championship	gold	1 <sup>st</sup> = or silver

**Remarks:**

- (a) Where such an event is played with preliminaries and finals, the results shall be pooled.
- (b) Such an event must be approved by the Presidential Board. Results are pooled as in (a). Where a zonal is an open Swiss, only the highest scoring or the highest placed on tie-break shall be awarded the title.
- (c) As in (b), but where a zonal is an open Swiss only the two highest scoring or the highest placed on tie-break shall be awarded the title.
- 1<sup>st</sup> = shared first place.

1.3 Those titles gained by achieving a published rating at some time or other:

1.31	FIDE Master	2300
1.32	Candidate Master	2200
1.33	Women FIDE Master	2100
1.34	Women Candidate Master	2000

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*Many federations do not pay for FM/WFM titles for their players, this causes a problem for the opponents in subsequent competitions. This has already caused a lot of title results getting missed. Should the FM/WFM title be automatic, and the federation is just charged for them. The federation may then charge the players, if the federation regulations say so.*

1.4 The GM, IM, WGM, WIM titles can also be gained by achieving norms in internationally rated tournaments played according to the following regulations.

*Michal Krasenkow**New formulation of 1.4.*

*"The GM, IM, WGM, WIM titles can also be gained by achieving norms in internationally rated tournaments. Any such tournament must be announced by its organizers or its national federation at least 30 days before it starts. These announcements should be sent by email in ASCII text to FIDE for publication on the FIDE Web site. The games played in such a tournament (in case of a Swiss System individual/team tournament with more than 100 players/50 teams – top 50 games/25 matches of each round) must be published on one on popular websites. The organizers or their national federation must also present other evidence that the tournament has taken place like posters, newspaper paragraphs etc. The tournament must be played according to the following regulations."*

*Measures of pre-announcement and publicity.*

1.41 The number of games

1.41a The player must play at least 9 games, however

1.41b Only 7 games are required for 7 round Continental and World Team Championships.

Only 8 games are required for 8 or 9 round Continental and World Team Championships.

Only 8 games are required for the World Knock-out Championship.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*Maybe 7 rounds should be allowed in 8 and 9 round team championships, the status of Senior Team (for example in Europe) has to be checked.*

*Comment/proposal by Sevan Muradian*

*The number of games could be as low as 5, if other requirements are met. Then achieving the title would mean gathering more results than two or three.*

1.41c Where a player exceeds the norm requirements by one or more full points, then the length of the tournament is considered to be extended by that number of games when the computing the total number of games.

1.42 Games as follows are not included.

1.42a against opponents who do not belong to FIDE-federations or who belong to federations, which are temporarily excluded when the event starts. (see B.2.9.24)

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:*

*Delete the text after FIDE-federations.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*When a federation gets to a no-service situation, it causes a major problem for the organizer who is organizing a tournament just after the new list is published. The agreement with the player may have been finished months ago, and the player has nothing to do with the arrears of the federation. There has to be a way to allow a player to participate, possibly to make the player or the organizer to pay an extra chargr.*

1.42b against computers

1.42c decided by forfeit, adjudication or any means other than over the board play. Other games once started, which are forfeited for whatever reason, shall however be included. However, a player may be scheduled to meet an opponent in the last round. He needs to play, but could afford to lose. Then, if the opponent forfeits, the norm shall still count.

1.42d against unrated players who score zero against rated opponents in round robin tournaments.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*A funny situation was detected in a senior championship in Finland. There was a player who lost all his games in a round robin tournament, when this player was removed from the cross table, there was another who had lost all his games, removing this player caused the same again, and after that the number of players was insufficient!*

*Are there any ideas to fix this? Or, is there any need to fix?*

1.42e A player may ignore his game(s) against any opponents he has defeated, provided this leaves him with at least 9 games, against the required mix of opponents. Nonetheless, the full cross-table of the event must be submitted.

1.42f A player who has achieved a title result before the last round may ignore all games played subsequently, provided he has met the required mix of opponents.

1.42g Tournaments that make changes to favour one or more players (for example by altering the number of rounds, or providing particular opponents, not otherwise participating in the event.

1.43 Federations of opponents

At least two federations other than that of the title applicant must be included, except for 1.43a-1.43e.

1.43a The finals (but not preliminaries) of national men's championships and also national women's championships. See 1.43b1.

1.43b National team championships.

- 1.43b1 Title applications must include at least one tournament based on an event other than 1.43a and/or 1.43b.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The wording is a little unclear. National championships are also eligible for normal norms. The idea of this article was to require one "normal result", it is not to have all results played in tournaments with too few foreigners as opponents.*

- 1.43c Zonal tournaments.  
 1.43d Tournaments of other types may also be included with the prior approval of the QC Chairman.  
 1.43e Swiss System tournaments in which the competitors include at least 20 FIDE Rated players, not from the host federation, from at least 3 federations, at least 10 of whom hold GM, IM, WGM or WIM titles.  
 Otherwise 1.44 is valid.

- 1.44 Opponents shall be calculated using rounding up to the next whole number ( for example  $10 \times 22\% = 2.2 = 3$ ):  
 1.44a A maximum of 60% may come from the applicants federation and a maximum of 66% from one federation.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*Remove the percent calculation example, it is really misleading. Refer to the tables later.*

- 1.45 Titles of opponents  
 1.45a At least 50% of the opponents shall be title-holders as in 0.31, excluding CM and WCM.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*See my comment after 1.3.*

- 1.45b For a GM norm at least 3 of the opponents must be GMs.

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben*

*For an EGM or GM norm at least 3 of the opponents must be EGMs or GMs, with at minimum of 35 % of the opponents.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*At least 3 of the opponents must be GMs, with the minimum of 35% of the opponents.*

- 1.45c For an IM norm, at least 2 GMs, 2 IMs and 1 GM, or 3 IMs.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*At least 3 of the opponents must be IMs (GM=1.5IM), with the minimum of 35% of the opponents.*

- 1.45d For a WGM norm, 2 GMs, or at least 3 from the following group: GM, IM, WGM, FM.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*At least 3 of the opponents must be WGMs (GM=1.5WGM, IM=1WGM, FM=1WGM), with the minimum of 35% of the opponents.*

- 1.45e For a WIM norm, 3 WIMs, or 2 WIMs and at least 1 from the following group: GM, IM, WGM, FM; or at least two from this same group.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*At least 3 of the opponents must be WIMs (GM=2WIM, WGM=1.5 WIM, IM=1.5WIM, FM=1.5WIM), with the minimum of 35% of the opponents.*

- 1.45f Multi-round tournaments need a minimum of six players, a players title shall only be counted once.

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:*

*Add (article numbering would change after this):*

**1.46 Achievement of an EGM norm**

*For a norm to count, the player must finish 1<sup>st</sup> (or 1<sup>st</sup> up to 3 players) or 2<sup>nd</sup> alone in the tournament and a score greater than 50%.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*Only double round robins, no more.*

**1.46 Rating of opponents**

For an example of percentage rounding see 1.44.

1.46a Maximum 22% of the opponents shall be unrated.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*This is article is worded incorrectly. The idea was to allow two unrated in 9 opponents, with this wording would mean 1.98, thus only one allowed.*

*Maximum 20 % of (opponents+1) is consistent with the table in 1.7.*

*Refer only to the tables.*

1.46b The Rating List in effect at the start of the tournament shall be used.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*See my comments after 1.15.*

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:*

*Add: (numbering changed)*

*1.47c The Rating of players who belong to federations which are temporarily excluded when the event starts can be determined on applications to the FIDE Office,*

1.46c For the purposes of norms, the minimum rating (adjusted rating floor) for the opponents shall be as follows:

Grandmaster	2250
International Master	2100
Woman Grandmaster	2050
Woman International Master	1900

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben*

*Increase the values with 50 points, for EGM the floor is set to 2500.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The present floor values are too high. To calculate an unrated beginning player as 2250, if a GM result hunter happens to play this unrated player in the first round, is too much.*

*I propose to get to -400 –values, it is decrease the figures by 50 points.*

1.46c1 No more than two opponents shall have their rating raised to this adjusted rating floor. Where more than two opponents are below the floor, the rating of the lowest two opponents shall be raised.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*This floor should be possible only for one player.*

1.46d Unrated opponents not covered by 1.46b shall be considered to be rated at the rating floor level, in 2004 it was 1600.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The current floor value and the history of changes in the floor value must be available on the FIDE web site. Now it is impossible to find anywhere.*

**1.47 Rating Average of Opponents**

1.47a This is the total of the opponents' ratings divided by the number of opponents. 1.46 shall be taken into account.

1.47b Rounding of the Rating Average is made to the nearest whole number. In this instance the fraction 0.5 is rounded upward.

**1.48 Performance Rating (  $R_p$  )**

In order to achieve a norm, a player must perform at a level at least of that shown below:

	Minimum level prior to rounding	Minimum level after rounding
GM	2600.5	2601
IM	2450.5	2451
WGM	2400.5	2401
WIM	2250.5	2251

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:*

*For EGM, 2800,5, rounded 2801.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*See comment in 1.21*

*The figures have to be consistent.*

*I prefer to have 2600 or better, 2450 or better, 2400 or better, 2250 or better.*

Calculation of a Performance Rating (  $R_p$  ):

$$R_p = R_a + d_p \text{ (see B.2.10.1.a)}$$

$R_a$  = rating  $\emptyset$  of opponents + rating difference „ $d_p$ “ from table 10.1a of FIDE Rating Regulations B.02 (conversion from percentage score „ $p$ “ into rating differences „ $d_p$ “).

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The table is a bit misleading, it should be cut at 78 %, although 1.49 says what is in the next sentences. All results over that should be treated as 78 %. If a player plays a set of opponents with a rating average of 1981, and scores 9,5/10 (=95%9, the table value 470 gives a performance 2451, although the result is not an IM result, because the minimum average for an IM result is 2251. This has been argued by several federations and players, also some pairing programs have issued incorrect certificates by using the high values of the table*

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben*

*Add values for 100 % (735) and 0% (-735)..*

p	$d_p$	p	$d_p$	p	$d_p$	p	$d_p$	p	$d_p$	p	$d_p$
1.0		.83	273	.66	117	.49	-7	.32	-133	.15	-296
.99	677	.82	262	.65	110	.48	-14	.31	-141	.14	-309
.98	589	.81	251	.64	102	.47	-21	.30	-149	.13	-322
.97	538	.80	240	.63	95	.46	-29	.29	-158	.12	-336
.96	501	.79	230	.62	87	.45	-36	.28	-166	.11	-351
.95	470	.78	220	.61	80	.44	-43	.27	-175	.10	-366
.94	444	.77	211	.60	72	.43	-50	.26	-184	.09	-383
.93	422	.76	202	.59	65	.42	-57	.25	-193	.08	-401
.92	401	.75	193	.58	57	.41	-65	.24	-202	.07	-422
.91	383	.74	184	.57	50	.40	-72	.23	-211	.06	-444
.90	366	.73	175	.56	43	.39	-80	.22	-220	.05	-470
.89	351	.72	166	.55	36	.38	-87	.21	-230	.04	-501
.88	336	.71	158	.54	29	.37	-95	.20	-240	.03	-538
.87	322	.70	149	.53	21	.36	-102	.19	-251	.02	-589
.86	309	.69	141	.52	14	.35	-110	.18	-262	.01	-677
.85	296	.68	133	.51	7	.34	-117	.17	-273	.00	
.84	284	.67	125	.50	0	.33	-125	.16	-284		

- 1.49 Determining whether a result is adequate for a norm, dependent on the average rating of the opponents.  
 Chart 1.49a shows the rating range for tournaments up to 19 rounds.

**Tables 1.49a**

These tables have been prepared such that the minimum average rating of the opponents is 2381 for a GM norm, 2231 for a IM norm, 2181 for a WGM norm and 2031 for a WIM norm, and that the minimum score is 35% for all titles.

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben*

*Minimum for EGM result 2581.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*At the time of categories, the minimum average for a tournament to have GM results was 2401, respectively the other titles. I propose to consider to raise the levels back to the old levels.*

*The tournaments to have up to 20 players are silly. I propose that the maximum number of games from one tournament should be limited to 13 (or 15).*

### **7 rounds, 4 title holders, minimum 6 rated**

Available only for 7 round Continental and World Team Championships

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
5½	2381-2442	2231-2292	2181-2242	2031-2092
5	2443-2498	2293-2348	2243-2298	2093-2148
4½	2499-2550	2349-2400	2299-2350	2149-2200
4	2551-2600	2401-2450	2351-2400	2201-2250
3½	2601-2650	2451-2500	2401-2450	2251-2300
3	2651-2702	2501-2552	2451-2502	2301-2352
2½	>=2703	>=2553	>=2503	>=2353

### **8 rounds, 4 title holders, minimum 7 rated**

Available only for 8 or 9 round Continental and World Team Championships

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
6½	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
6	2408-2459	2258-2309	2208-2259	2058-2109
5½	2460-2505	2310-2355	2260-2305	2110-2155
5	2506-2557	2356-2407	2306-2357	2156-2207
4½	2558-2600	2408-2450	2358-2400	2208-2250
4	2601-2643	2451-2493	2401-2443	2251-2293
3½	2644-2687	2494-2537	2444-2487	2294-2337
3	>=2688	>=2538	>=2488	>=2338

### **9 rounds, 5 title holders, minimum 7 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
7	2381-2434	2231-2284	2181-2234	2031-2084
6½	2435-2475	2285-2325	2235-2275	2085-2125
6	2476-2520	2326-2370	2276-2320	2126-2170
5½	2521-2557	2371-2407	2321-2357	2171-2207

5	2558-2600	2408-2450	2358-2400	2208-2250
4½	2601-2643	2451-2493	2401-2443	2251-2293
4	2644-2680	2494-2530	2444-2480	2294-2330
3½	>=2681	>=2531	>=2481	>=2331

**10 rounds, 5 title holders, minimum 8 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
8	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
7½	2408-2451	2258-2301	2208-2251	2058-2101
7	2452-2490	2302-2340	2252-2290	2102-2140
6½	2491-2528	2341-2378	2291-2328	2141-2178
6	2529-2564	2379-2414	2329-2364	2179-2214
5½	2565-2600	2415-2450	2365-2400	2215-2250
5	2601-2636	2451-2486	2401-2436	2251-2286
4½	2637-2672	2487-2522	2437-2472	2287-2322
4	2673-2710	2523-2560	2473-2525	2323-2360
3½	>=2711	>=2561	>=2511	>=2361

**11 rounds, 6 title holders, minimum 9 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
9	2381-2389	2231-2239	2181-2189	2031-2039
8½	2390-2425	2240-2275	2190-2225	2040-2075
8	2426-2467	2276-2317	2226-2267	2076-2117
7½	2468-2498	2318-2348	2268-2298	2118-2148
7	2499-2535	2349-2385	2299-2335	2149-2185
6½	2536-2564	2386-2414	2336-2364	2186-2214
6	2565-2600	2415-2450	2365-2400	2215-2250
5½	2601-2636	2451-2486	2401-2436	2251-2286
5	2637-2665	2487-2515	2437-2465	2287-2315
4½	2666-2702	2516-2552	2466-2502	2316-2352
4	>=2703	>=2553	>=2503	>=2353

**12 rounds, 6 title holders, minimum 10 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
9½	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
9	2408-2442	2258-2292	2208-2242	2058-2092

8½	2443-2475	2293-2325	2243-2275	2093-2125
8	2476-2505	2326-2355	2276-2305	2126-2155
7½	2506-2543	2356-2393	2306-2343	2156-2193
7	2544-2571	2394-2421	2344-2371	2194-2221
6½	2572-2600	2422-2450	2372-2400	2222-2250
6	2601-2629	2451-2479	2401-2429	2251-2279
5½	2630-2657	2480-2507	2430-2457	2280-2307
5	2658-2687	2508-2537	2458-2487	2308-2337
4½	>=2688	>=2538	>=2488	>=2338

**13 rounds, 7 title holders, minimum 11 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
10½	2381-2389	2231-2239	2181-2189	2031-2039
10	2390-2425	2240-2275	2190-2225	2040-2075
9½	2426-2459	2276-2309	2226-2259	2076-2109
9	2460-2490	2310-2340	2260-2290	2110-2140
8½	2491-2513	2341-2363	2291-2313	2141-2163
8	2514-2543	2364-2393	2314-2343	2164-2193
7½	2544-2571	2394-2421	2344-2371	2194-2221
7	2572-2600	2422-2450	2372-2400	2222-2250
6½	2601-2629	2451-2479	2401-2429	2251-2279
6	2630-2657	2480-2507	2430-2457	2280-2307
5½	2658-2687	2508-2537	2458-2487	2308-2337
5	>=2688	>=2538	>=2488	>=2338

**14 rounds, 7 title holders, minimum 11 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
11	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
10½	2408-2442	2258-2292	2208-2242	2058-2092
10	2443-2467	2293-2317	2243-2267	2093-2117
9½	2468-2498	2318-2348	2268-2298	2118-2148
9	2499-2520	2349-2370	2299-2320	2149-2170
8½	2521-2550	2371-2400	2321-2350	2171-2200
8	2551-2571	2401-2421	2351-2371	2201-2221
7½	2572-2600	2422-2450	2372-2400	2222-2250
7	2601-2629	2451-2479	2401-2429	2251-2279

6½	2630-2650	2480-2500	2430-2450	2280-2300
6	2651-2680	2501-2530	2451-2480	2301-2330
5½	2681-2702	2531-2552	2481-2502	2331-2352
5	>=2703	>=2553	>=2503	>=2353

**15 rounds, 8 title holders, minimum 12 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
12	2381-2389	2231-2239	2181-2189	2031-2039
11½	2390-2425	2240-2275	2190-2225	2040-2075
11	2426-2451	2276-2301	2226-2251	2076-2101
10½	2452-2475	2302-2325	2252-2275	2102-2125
10	2476-2505	2326-2355	2276-2305	2126-2155
9½	2506-2528	2356-2378	2306-2328	2156-2178
9	2529-2550	2379-2400	2329-2350	2179-2200
8½	2551-2579	2401-2429	2351-2379	2201-2229
8	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
7½	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
7	2622-2650	2472-2500	2422-2450	2272-2300
6½	2651-2672	2501-2522	2451-2472	2301-2322
6	2673-2695	2523-2545	2473-2495	2323-2345
5½	>=2696	>=2546	>=2496	>=2346

**16 rounds, 8 title holders, minimum 13 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
12½	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
12	2408-2434	2258-2284	2208-2234	2058-2084
11½	2435-2459	2285-2309	2235-2259	2085-2109
11	2460-2483	2310-2333	2260-2283	2110-2133
10½	2484-2505	2334-2355	2284-2305	2134-2155
10	2506-2535	2356-2385	2306-2335	2156-2185
9½	2536-2557	2386-2407	2336-2357	2186-2207
9	2558-2579	2408-2429	2358-2379	2208-2229
8½	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
8	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
7½	2622-2643	2472-2493	2422-2443	2272-2293
7	2644-2665	2494-2515	2444-2465	2294-2315
6½	2666-2687	2516-2537	2466-2487	2316-2337

6            >=2688                    >=2538                    >=2488                    >=2338

**17 rounds, 9 title holders, minimum 14 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
13½	2381-2398	2231-2248	2181-2198	2031-2048
13	2399-2416	2249-2266	2199-2216	2049-2066
12½	2417-2442	2267-2292	2217-2242	2067-2092
12	2443-2467	2293-2317	2243-2267	2093-2117
11½	2468-2490	2318-2340	2268-2290	2118-2140
11	2491-2513	2341-2363	2291-2313	2141-2163
10½	2514-2535	2364-2385	2314-2335	2164-2185
10	2536-2557	2386-2407	2336-2357	2186-2207
9½	2558-2579	2408-2429	2358-2379	2208-2229
9	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
8½	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
8	2622-2643	2472-2493	2422-2443	2272-2293
7½	2644-2665	2494-2515	2444-2465	2294-2315
7	2666-2687	2516-2537	2466-2487	2316-2337
6½	>=2688	>=2538	>=2488	>=2338

**18 rounds, 9 title holders, minimum 15 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
14	2381-2407	2231-2257	2181-2207	2031-2057
13½	2408-2434	2258-2284	2208-2234	2058-2084
13	2435-2459	2285-2309	2235-2259	2085-2109
12½	2460-2475	2310-2325	2260-2275	2110-2125
12	2476-2498	2326-2348	2276-2298	2126-2148
11½	2499-2520	2349-2370	2299-2320	2149-2170
11	2521-2543	2371-2393	2321-2343	2171-2193
10½	2544-2557	2394-2407	2344-2357	2194-2207
10	2558-2579	2408-2429	2358-2379	2208-2229
9½	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
9	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
8½	2622-2643	2472-2493	2422-2443	2272-2293
8	2644-2657	2494-2507	2444-2457	2294-2307
7½	2658-2680	2508-2530	2458-2480	2308-2330
7	2681-2702	2531-2552	2481-2502	2331-2352

6½            >=2703                            >=2553                            >=2502                            >=2353

**19 rounds, 10 title holders, minimum 15 rated**

	<b>GM</b>	<b>IM</b>	<b>WGM</b>	<b>WIM</b>
15	2381-2398	2231-2248	2181-2198	2031-2048
14½	2399-2416	2249-2266	2199-2216	2049-2166
14	2417-2442	2267-2292	2217-2242	2167-2192
13½	2443-2467	2293-2317	2243-2267	2193-2217
13	2468-2483	2318-2333	2268-2283	2218-2133
12½	2484-2505	2334-2355	2284-2305	2134-2155
12	2506-2520	2356-2370	2306-2320	2156-2170
11½	2521-2543	2371-2393	2321-2343	2171-2193
11	2544-2564	2394-2414	2344-2364	2194-2214
10½	2565-2579	2415-2429	2365-2379	2215-2229
10	2580-2600	2430-2450	2380-2400	2230-2250
9½	2601-2621	2451-2471	2401-2421	2251-2271
9	2622-2636	2472-2486	2422-2436	2272-2286
8½	2637-2657	2487-2507	2437-2457	2287-2307
8	2658-2680	2508-2530	2458-2480	2308-2330
7½	2681-2695	2531-2545	2481-2495	2331-2345
7	>=2696	>=2546	>=2496	>=2346

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:  
The tables created for round robin and double round robin.  
See at the end.*

- 1.5 Requirements for award of the title, having achieved norms  
1.50a Two or more norms in events covering at least 27 games.

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:  
Number of games at least 30.*

*Michal Krasenkow*

*1.50a Add words:*

*“One of the events must be an Olympiad, a Continental Individual or Team Championship, a Continental club Cup, a Zonal tournament, a World Championship event (World Cup and further stages), a Women’s World Championship, a national individual or team Championship (Men’s or Women’s), or a Swiss System tournament with at least 30 participants”*

*The Swiss system is the most common nowadays. Almost all players take part in such tournaments and most of the norms are achieved in them, so “normal” title applicants would feel little difference. But cheaters would have a problem as it is much more difficult to forge a Swiss tournament than a round-robin. Before 2004 one round-robin tournament was required in the application. Now it’s time for one Swiss.*

- 1.50b If a norm is sufficient for more than one title, then it may be used as part of the application for both.  
1.50c To have achieved at some time or other a rating as follows:  
GM                            2500

IM	2400
WGM	2300
WIM	2200

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:  
For EGM, 2700.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*There have been discussions to raise these figures, because “too many new grandmasters” are created. The figure was raised late in the end of 1980’s. Because of lowering the floor the average ratings of the opponents are often lower than they used to be, the average ratings of the players has not been increased, as claimed by several people. The lower ratings make it more difficult to reach the required performance level, My opinion is that these figures could be kept as they are now.*

1.50c1 Such a rating need not be published. It can be obtained in the middle of a rating period, or even in the middle of a tournament. The player may then disregard subsequent results for the purpose of their title application. However the burden of proof then rests with the federation of the title applicant. It is recommended that players receive a certificate from the Chief Arbiter where they achieve the rating level during an event. Title applications based on unpublished ratings shall only be accepted by FIDE after agreement with the Rating Administrator.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*There have been a lot of cases where old results have appeared after the dead line for a rating period. Because of that I propose that no in the middle of tournament rating can be confirmed before all tournaments to be reported for that period have been received and calculated. The calculations are checked and confirmed by the rating office.*

1.50d A title result shall be valid if it was obtained in accordance with the International Title Regulations prevailing at the time of the tournament where the norm was obtained.

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:*

*Exception: The regulation referring to EGM introduced 1 July 2009 shall valid from 2000 (or other date decided).*

1.50e Title results remain valid for life. Thus there is no time restriction imposed on obtaining norms.

## 1.6 Summary of Title Tournaments Requirements

		Notes
Number of games per day	not more than two	1.13
Total thinking time	minimum 120 minutes	1.14
Period for the whole event	within 90 days	1.15
Administrators in charge	International Arbiter	1.16
Number of games	minimum 9	1.41b-c
Type of event	no individual single matches	
Games not included	- against computers - adjudicated games - forfeited before play starts - against players who do not belong to a federation - against players from Federations temporarily excluded	1.42
<i>Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben: Delete the last item</i>		
Number of GMs, for GM	minimum 3 GMs	1.45b
Number of IMs, for IM	minimum 3IMs, or 2 GMs	

Number of title-holders for WGM	min. 3 of GM, IM, WGM, FM	1.45d
Number of WIMs for WIM	min. 3, or 2 GM, IM, WGM, FM	1.45e
Minimum performance rating	GM 2601, IM 2451 WGM 2401, WIM 2251	1.48
Minimum average rating	2381 for GM, 2231 for IM 2181 for WGM, 2031 for WIM	1.49a
Minimum score	35 %	1.49a

### 1.7 Summary of Requirements for the Number of Opponents

Number of games	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Minimum title holders	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	10
Minimum rated	7	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	14	15	15
Maximum players from applicants federation	5	6	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	10	11
Maximum players from one federation	6	6	7	8	8	9	10	10	11	12	12

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:  
The tables are in 1.49b proposed by Stewart.*

### 1.8 Title Tournament Certificates

The Chief Arbiter must prepare in quadruplicate certificates of title results achieved. These copies must be provided to the player, the player's federation, the organizing federation and the FIDE Office. The player is recommended to ask the Chief Arbiter for the certificate before leaving the tournament.

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*A TRF file has to be submitted to FIDE. That TRF file is used to check the eventual title results.*

### 1.9 Submission of Reports on Title Tournaments

1.91 Such tournaments must be registered as in B.03.

1.92 The Chief Arbiter of a FIDE registered tournament shall send a rating report of the tournament by registered post or by e-mail to arrive at the FIDE Secretariat not later than 30 days after the end of the event. This must be certified by him as a correct report. All Title Certificates must be signed by the Chief Arbiter. The report must comply with the reporting procedures described in Article 11 of B.02. An additional compulsory requirement for all tournament reports is the submission of data as required by the Qualification Commission detailed in forms 5 and 6 to these Regulations (B 02).

1.93 For a tournament that was not registered in advance with FIDE only the Federation of the country where the tournament was held shall send in the result.

1.94 The end of a tournament is the date of the last round and the posting date shall be determined by the postmark on the cover.

1.95 If the Rating Administrator finds that the report is defective to the extent that it has to be returned for correction, the corrected report must be mailed to the Secretariat within four weeks of the date indicated by the Rating Administrator. Failure to do this will mean that the event was not reported for rating.

1.96 Reports sent in more than six months late will not be accepted for rating or title purposes.

1.97 Federations submitting rating reports must submit all the games played in the tournament together with the report, if available. The games may be submitted either on paper or, preferably, in a standard chess database electronic format.

*Comment/Proposal by Stewart Reuben:*

*Add before the article text:*

*With the exception of EGM, all norms achieved in the past had to be sent to FIDE by 1 July, 2004. After this date they have not been accepted. Pictures of the titled persons shall also be submitted.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*To discard old results would be unfair. A lot of titles have been awarded during the last years based on results that never earlier were sent to FIDE. To check these results means a little more work, but hopefully the full history of the amendments to the title regulations will help.*

## **2.0 Regulations for the title International Organizer and FIDE Instructor**

2.1 Requirements for the title of International Organizer. All of the following:

2.11 Expertise in the organization of chess events

2.12 Sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE language.

2.13 Experience as organizer of at least five tournaments of a minimum of two different types, which have been registered with FIDE in accordance with B.03; or experience as organizer of at least two different types of FIDE events.

*Comment/proposal by Stewart Reuben*

*Experience as Chief Organizer (as defined in the FIDE Tournament Rules) of at least five events of a minimum of two different types; or experience as organiser of at least two different types of FIDE events.*

*Comment/proposal by MM*

*The word "tournament" has been misunderstood. A "tournament" may include several groups or sections. The groups or sections organized under a certain organizing body is one tournament.*

2.2 Requirements for the title of FIDE Instructor. All of the following:

The Candidate's application must be supported by a national federation.

Curriculum vitae with evidence of practical experience on the field.

Certification of present activity for not less than three years work (from national or local federation).

Two of the following three:

International Rating of at least 2000

2nd level education

Certificates of attendance at not less than three FIDE (or national registered with FIDE) suitable seminars, congresses or equivalent.

## **3.0 Requirements for Chess Composition Titles**

as established by the regulations of FIDE PCCC.

## **4.0 Requirements for Correspondence Chess Titles**

as established by the regulations of the ICCF.

## **5.0 Application Procedure**

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*Application procedure for the titles:*

*The application must be sent and signed by the player's federation. If the player's federation refuses to apply, the player can appeal to FIDE and apply (and pay) the title by himself/herself.*

*All the certificates have to be signed by the chief arbiter of the tournament and by the federation in the territory of which the tournament was held.*

*The tournaments have to be correctly reported to FIDE, before a result is finally valid, the tournament have to be rated.*

*Tournaments where GM results are possible have to be publicly open. At least the games of the tournament have to be available during the tournament, it is recommended that the top games of the tournament are show as live games. After the tournament all the games have to be available to be checked.*

5.1 Application forms for the titles listed in 0.31 and 0.34 are annexed hereto. They are:

title	Norm Forms	Application Forms
Certificate of Title Result	IT1	IT2
International Organiser	IO1	IO2
Chess Instructor		CI2
Tournament Report Form	IT3	

5.2 Applications for these titles must be prepared on these forms and all the information required supplied together with the application:

GM	IT2, IT1s, each with cross tables
IM	IT2, IT1s, each with cross tables
WGM	IT2, IT1s, each with cross tables
WIM	IT2, IT1s, each with cross tables
IO	IO2, IO1s
CI	CI2

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*EGM IT2, IT1s, each with cross tables*

5.3 Applications must