

CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

TOURNAMENT BY-LAWS

1. **The following titles shall be awarded by the Association to the highest scoring Queensland resident:**

2. Queensland Champion
3. Queensland Reserves Champion
4. Queensland Junior Champion
5. Queensland Cadet Champion
6. Queensland Women Champion
7. Queensland Girl Champion
8. Queensland Disabled Champion
9. Queensland Veteran Champion

10. **The winner (s) of the following CAQ tournaments shall be declared champion (s):**

11. Queensland Open

12. **ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS FOR CAQ TITLE EVENTS**

13. **Queensland Championship**

14. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association
15. The current Queensland Champion shall have right of entry
16. The current Queensland Junior Champion shall have right of entry
17. The current Queensland Reserves Champion shall have right of entry
18. Players are to be rated above 1700 ACF or 1800 FIDE as of the most recent ACF or FIDE classical rating list. Players above ACF 1600 or FIDE 1700 will be accepted if a written submission detailing results is accepted by CAQ Council before the closing entry date of the Championship.
19. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date.

20. Should a vacancy occur at the commencement of the event, the vacancy shall be filled by the highest-rated available reserve.

21. Queensland Reserves Championship

22. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association

23. Entrants shall be rated below 1700 on the current ACF rating list.

24. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date

25. Queensland Junior Championship

26. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association

27. On 1st January of the Championship year, entrants shall be under the age of eighteen years, and under the age specified in each age division to be eligible for the following titles:-

28. Queensland Junior Champion (Under 18)

29. Queensland Under 16 Champion

30. Queensland Under 14 Champion

31. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date

32. Queensland Cadet Championship

33. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association

34. On 1st January of the Championship year, entrants shall be under the age of twelve years, and under the age specified in each age division to be eligible for the following titles:-

35. Queensland Cadet Champion (Under 12)

36. Queensland Under 10 Champion

37. Queensland Under 8 Champion

38. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date

39. Queensland Women's Championship

40. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association

41. Entry is restricted to female members

42. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date

43. Queensland Girls Championship

44. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association

45. Entry is restricted to female members

46. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date

47. On 1st January of the Championship year, entrants shall be under the age of eighteen years

48. Girl Champion titles may be awarded in the same classes as those described in the Queensland Championship or the Queensland Junior Championship.

49. Queensland Disabled Championship

50. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association

51. Entry is restricted to members in receipt of a disability pension

52. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date.

53. Queensland Veterans Championship

54. Entrants shall be financial members of the Association

55. On 1st January of the Championship year, entrants shall be over the age of fifty years

56. Entrants shall nominate not later than the notified closing date.

61. CHAMPIONSHIP FORMATS

62. Queensland Championship:

63. Nine round Swiss, or if entries are less than eleven, a round robin.

64. One of three time controls can be used:

- 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by 30 minutes, with a 30 second increment from move one until the end of the game

- 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by 50 minutes, followed by 15 minutes, with a 30 second increment from move one until the end of the game.

- All moves in 90 minutes, with a 30 second increment from move one until the end of the game.

65. Submitted to FIDE for rating if eligible

66. Queensland Open

67. Six or seven or eight round Swiss, with the number of players being unlimited

68. Depending on the format of the tournament, one of the following time controls can be used:

- 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by 30 minutes, with a 30 second increment from move one until end of the game.

- All moves in 90 minutes, with a 30 second increment from move one until the end of the game.

- All moves in 60 minutes, with a 30 second increment from move one until the end of the game.

- All moves in 60 minutes, with a 10 second increment from move one until the end of the game.

69. Submitted to FIDE for rating if eligible

70. Queensland Blitz Championship

71. Eleven round Swiss, with the number of players being unlimited. If entries are less than 21, a round robin may be used, or the number of rounds may be reduced.

72. Time control: 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move

73. Queensland Reserves Championship:

74. Seven-round Swiss tournament, with the number of players being unlimited

75. Time control: 60 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

76. Queensland Junior Championship:

77. Eight round Swiss tournament, with the number of players being unlimited

78. Time control: 90 minutes per player plus a 30 second increment per move.

79. Submitted to FIDE for rating if eligible

80. Queensland Cadet (Under 12) Championship:

81. Eight Round Swiss tournament, with the number of players being unlimited

82. Time control: 60 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

83. Queensland Women's Championship:

84. Seven round Swiss tournament, with the number of players being unlimited

85. Time control: 60 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

86. Queensland Girls Championship:

87. Seven Round Swiss tournament, with the number of players being unlimited

88. Time control: 60 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

89. Can be combined with the Queensland Women's Championship if deemed appropriate by the organisers

90. Queensland Disabled Championship:

91. Six round Swiss tournament, with the number of players being unlimited.

92. Time control: 60 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

93. This tournament can be held in conjunction with the Queensland Open, subject to there being four or more participants.

94. Queensland Veterans Championship:

95. Six round Swiss tournament, with the number of players being unlimited

96. Time control: 60 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

97. VARIATIONS

98. The following variations may be adopted for the Under 10 and Under 8 Championships:

- Under 10: 25 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

- Under 8: 15 minutes per player plus a 10 second increment per move.

99. Tournament organisers may elect to use a round robin format if the tournament logistics are suitable.

100. Further variations may be granted with the approval of the Council.

101. **ARBITERS**

102. Arbiters should be Association-approved arbiters.

103. **TIE BREAKS**

104. In the event of a tie for the title of Qld Champion, Qld Reserves Champion or Qld Junior Champion, the title shall be shared.

105. **In the event of a tie for the title of Qld Blitz Champion, play-offs will be held immediately at the conclusion of the Qld Blitz Championship.**

106. The tie break method is as follows:

107. **For two player play-offs:**

108. Four game play-off at 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move.

109. If still tied, an Armageddon playoff will be played.

110. **For three or more players:**

111. Double Round Robin at 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move. If two or more players are still tied:

112. An Armageddon playoff will be played.