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Arbiter Grand Prix System

INTRODUCTION

The following is a Ranking System (referred to as the "Arbiter Grand Prix" or AGPX) to quantify the "activity", "experience" and "qualification" of arbiters with the aim of "selecting/appointing" arbiters for certain National and/or FIDE rated events held within the borders of RSA.

This system will also be used to "select" arbiters for FIDE rated events only if:

- The event is held outside the borders of RSA.
- FIDE has asked RSA to nominate "x" number of arbiters.

This system (appointing/selecting) is not applicable to arbiters who have received direct appointments/invitations by FIDE for specific FIDE rated events held inside/outside the borders of RSA.

The AGPX will be used to appoint arbiters for the following National events (but not limited too) and is applicable as of 01 May 2014:

- South African Closed (Open Section)
- South African Women's Closed
- South African Junior Closed
- South African Junior Nationals
- South African Open
- CHESSA Inter Union Team Championship
- CHESSA Inter Club Championship

An arbiter will receive a GPX regardless of where the event is hosted (within/outside the borders of RSA).



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TOURNAMENTS THAT QUALIFY FOR AGPX POINTS

Only tournaments that adhere to all of the following will count towards AGPX.

Definitions

- A Open: tournament consists of one section only (one big open event).
- B Sections: tournament consists of multiple sections (e.g. age groups, rating categories, etc.).

1 Time control

At least 60/60 regardless if it's an Open or Section tournament. For u8, u10 & development tournaments/sections the time control may be less than 60/60 but at least 30/30.

2 Number of players

- a. Open: At least 10 players.
- b. Section: At least 6 players. However, the total of all sections combined must be at least 10 players.

3 Number of rounds

- a. Minimum 5 rounds (Open & Sections).
- b. Minimum 4 rounds for disabled chess (e.g. braille) events only.

4 Arbiter registration

All arbiters serving at the event must be registered with the Arbiters & Organisers Commission for the year in which the event is held and must be paid BEFORE the start of the event. Arbiters who only pay their fees during the event will be considered as non-registered.

5 Arbiter qualification

Only qualified arbiters (IA, FA, NA, PA, TS or SS) may serve at events.

6 The Chief Arbiter

- a. National rated events: Qualified as either IA, FA, NA or PA.
- b. FIDE rated events: Qualified as either IA or FA.

7 The Deputy Chief Arbiter(s)

- a. National rated events: Qualified as either IA, FA, NA or PA.
- b. FIDE rated events: Qualified as either IA, FA or NA.



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NUMBER OF ARBITERS PER EVENT

Tournament organisers may appoint as many arbiters as they like but are restricted to the following:

- 1 One (1) Chief Arbiter (CA) regardless if it's an Open or Section event.
- 2 Maximum two (2) Deputy Chief Arbiters (DCA) regardless if it's an Open or Section event.

REQUIREMENTS WHEN SUBMITTING TOURNAMENT DATA

For events held within the borders of RSA

The following must be submitted by the CA (if the CA is a RSA citizen otherwise the highest appointed or qualified RSA arbiter) **NO LATER THAN 14 CALENDAR DAYS** after the tournament has ended otherwise the tournament will not count towards AGPX and no correspondence will be entered into for any late submissions.

- 1 Tournament file(s) (submitted to the CHESSA Ratings Bureau).
- 2 Report of the CA (submitted to the AOC). [**Form AOC-05**]
- 3 Individual report of each appointed arbiter (submitted to the AOC). [**Form AOC-06**]
- 4 List of arbiters (names, status, qualification, CHESSA id). If this list does not clearly state who the CA, DCA and other arbiters were, ALL arbiters will be treated as "Arbiters" (no arbiter will be given the distinction of CA or DCA) (submitted to the AOC).

For events held outside the borders of RSA

The following must be submitted by the arbiter **NO LATER THAN 14 CALENDAR DAYS** after the tournament has ended otherwise the tournament will not count towards AGPX and no correspondence will be entered into for any late submissions.

- 1 Name of the tournament (submitted to AOC).
- 2 Website link where the tournament can be verified (submitted to AOC).
- 3 Individual report (submitted to AOC). [**Form AOC-06**]
- 4 Status (e.g. CA, DCA or Arbiter) at the event (submitted to AOC).



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WHO (WHICH ARBITERS) TO APPOINT

The following should be used as a guide and adhered to as far as possible and where applicable. Where the minimum percentage (%) cannot be applied (adhered to), the remaining arbiters must be selected from the AGPX as per their rank within the list (starting from the top).

All appointments will be done by the AOC and ratified by CHESSA.

Definitions

- 1 Union/Region: one of the twenty one (21) CHESSA affiliated unions/regions.
- 2 Province: one of the nine (9) RSA provinces.
- 3 "Starting from the top of the list" means "appointing" an arbiter from the AGPX starting with the arbiter in position one (1) and then going down the list.

Appointment procedure

- 1 The Chief Arbiter must be from...
 - a. The host Region. If this is not possible...
 - b. From the host Province. If this is not possible...
 - c. From the AGPX (starting from the top of the list).
- 2 The 2 DCAs must be from...
 - a. One DCA from either the host Region or Province.
 - b. One DCA from the AGPX and not from the host Region and Province (starting from the top of the list).
 - c. If this is not possible (for either or both DCAs), then from the AGPX (starting from the top of the list).
- 3 Maximum 60% of the other arbiters (excluding the CA and 2 DCAs) should be from the host Province.
- 4 At least 40% of the other arbiters not from the host Province (excluding the CA and 2 DCAs) must be from the AGPX (starting from the top of the list).

Percentages (%) are always rounded to the nearest integer even if this rounding will result in a number slightly more/less than 60% and 40%.

Example 1: 10 arbiters are required. 1 is CA. 2 are DCA. 7 arbiters remain. 60% of 7 is 4.2 which is rounded to 4. Thus, 4 arbiters from the host Province will be appointed and 3 arbiters from the AGPX.



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ARBITER ACTIVITY

When appointing arbiters for tournaments (as mentioned in INTRODUCTION), only arbiters who have arbitrated in the following minimum number of tournaments will be considered:

- 1 For 2014 only, tournaments starting in...
 - a. May or June: 3 tournaments in the current year
 - b. July or August: 4 tournaments in the current year
 - c. September or October: 5 tournaments in the current year
 - d. November or December: 6 tournaments in the current year

- 2 As of 01 January 2015, tournaments starting in...
 - a. January, February or March:
 - i. 1 tournament in the current year, or
 - ii. 6 tournaments in the previous year.
 - b. April or May:
 - i. 2 tournaments in the current year, and
 - ii. 4 tournaments in the previous year.
 - c. June or July:
 - i. 3 tournaments in the current year, and
 - ii. 3 tournaments in the previous year.
 - d. August or September:
 - i. 4 tournaments in the current year, and
 - ii. 2 tournaments in the previous year.
 - e. October or November:
 - i. 5 tournaments in the current year, and
 - ii. 1 tournament in the previous year.
 - f. December:
 - i. 6 tournaments in the current year, and
 - ii. 1 tournament in the previous year.



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FORMULA FOR CALCULATING AGPX

The formula is primarily based on the strength (average rating) of an event and was constructed to award an arbiter 100 AGPX points for an event with an average rating of 2300.

$$AGPX = m^{AR} (1 + FN + P + AQ + AS)$$

where:

- m: Gradient of the logarithmic graph and is set equal to 1.002.
AR: Average rating
FN: If the tournament is FIDE or Nationally rated
P: Number of players
AQ: Arbiter qualification
AS: Arbiter status

Rules & Regulations

- 1 Average rating (AR) as calculated by the CHESSA Ratings Bureau
 - a. Open events:
 - i. Average rating of all the players.
 - ii. This AR will be used for all arbiters.
 - b. Section events:
 - i. AR for the event is the average of the average ratings of all sections.
 - ii. This AR will be used for the CA.
 - iii. This AR will be used for all other arbiters UNLESS they were assigned to a specific section(s) in which case the arbiter will be assigned the AR of that particular section(s) on the proviso the AR for that particular section(s) is not more than the AR assigned to the CA – if so then the AR for the arbiter will be set equal to the AR of the CA.
- 2 FIDE/National rated (FN)
 - a. FIDE: 0.1
 - b. National: 0.0
 - c. If a Section event then
 - i. All arbiters will receive the applicable value, or
 - ii. The value applicable to his/her section only.
- 3 Number of players (P)
 - a. 500+ players: 0.5
 - b. 400-499 players: 0.4
 - c. 300-399 players: 0.3
 - d. 200-299 players: 0.2
 - e. 150-199 players: 0.1
 - f. 100-149 players: 0.0
 - g. 90-99 players: -0.1
 - h. 80-89 players: -0.25
 - i. 70-79 players: -0.4



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j.	60-69 players:	-0.55
k.	50-59 players:	-0.7
l.	40-49 players:	-0.85
m.	10-39 players:	-1.0

All arbiters will receive the applicable value unless it's a Section event and an arbiter was appointed to a specific section(s) in which case the arbiter will receive the allocated value depending on the number of players in that section(s).

4	Arbiter Qualification (AQ)	
	a. International Arbiter (IA):	0.2
	b. FIDE Arbiter (FA):	0.15
	c. National Arbiter (NA):	0.1
	d. Provincial Arbiter (PA):	0.05
	e. Candidate Provincial Arbiter (CPA):	0.025
	f. Tournament Supervisor (TS):	0.0
	g. School Supervisor (SS):	0.0
5	Arbiter Status (AS)	
	a. Chief Arbiter (CA):	0.1
	b. Deputy Chief Arbiter (DCA):	0.05
	c. Arbiter (A):	0

An arbiter's AGPX for the year is calculated by summing his/her six (6) highest scoring tournaments.