

## **FIDE WORLD YOUTH U14, U16 & U18 CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Approved by the 1982 General Assembly and amended by the 1984, 1985, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998 & 2002 General Assemblies. Approved by 2011 Executive Board.

### **General Regulations & Rules**

1. The Championships shall be governed by the General Regulations for FIDE Competitions and these Rules.

### **Participation**

2. There shall be 3 categories; namely Under-14, Under-16 & Under-18, with separate events for Open and Girls.
3. All chess players who shall not have reached the age of 14, 16 or 18 on January 1st of the year in which the Championships are held are eligible to participate.
4. The following have a personal right and are entitled to participate provided they fulfil the condition of Rule 3 above:-
  - a. The top 3 players of the previous edition.
  - b. The champions of the previous edition may elect to play in the same age-category or a higher age-category – for example, the U14 champion may play in the U14 Championship if he is still eligible by age or to play in the U16 or U18 Championship.
  - c. The Continental Youth Champions preceding this edition.
5. In addition to the players mentioned in Rule 4 above, each FIDE member federation shall have the right to send one participant per event.
6. FIDE member federations shall have the right to send as many additional players as they wish.
7. FIDE-endorsed Chess Academies may register not more than one player per event.

### **Schedule and System**

8. There shall be a minimum of 11 rounds.

### **Financial Regulations**

9. The Organizing Committee shall provide free board and lodging (in twin share rooms with bath and/or shower) for players mentioned in Rules 4 & 5 above as well as for one accompanying person per federation provided he holds a valid licence as FIDE trainer.