

## Scottish Championship Entry Rules

### A Eligibility:

Players are eligible to become Scottish Champion as follows:

1. Those with Scottish nationality regardless of residence.
2. Those permanently resident in Scotland for two years immediately preceding the date of the Championship.
3. Those who have competed in the Championship (with eligibility to become Scottish Champion) within the previous five years.

The term *permanently resident* does not include university students or other such residence of a transitory nature

### B Qualification Rules:

If the format of the Championship is such that qualification is required, qualification shall be open to those satisfying the rules on eligibility.

Automatic Qualification shall be given to those who

1. have been Scottish Champion in any of the preceding 5 years.
2. scored 60% or better in the previous year's Scottish Championship.
3. have an active rating of 2300 or above on the most recent FIDE list.
4. were outright winners of the previous year's Open Tournament or Women's, Boys' or Girls' Championship subject to an active rating of at least 2150 on the FIDE list.
5. were outright winners of the current year's East or West of Scotland Championship or MacIsaac subject to an active rating of at least 2150 on the FIDE list.
6. have a Scottish rating of 2300 or above *on inclusion of >junior addition=.*

Conditional qualification shall be given to those who:

7. were outright winners of the previous year's Open Tournament or Women's, Boys' or Girls' Championship subject to an active rating of 2000 on the FIDE list
8. have a playing FIDE title
9. have a FIDE rating of 2150 or above
10. were outright winners of the current year's East or West of Scotland Championship or MacIsaac subject to an active rating of 2000 on the FIDE list
11. have an active Scottish rating of 2150 or above *on inclusion of >junior addition=.*
12. have an average FIDE and Scottish rating *on inclusion of >junior addition=* of 2000 or above.
13. others at the discretion of the Congress Director.

The Congress Director shall have the right to invite players from another Federation to play in the Championship to make it possible for the tournament to provide title norms. Such ineligible players will not be entitled to become Scottish Champion.

### C Selection

When run as a closed event, there will normally be 16 places in the Championship. Where considering the above rules or in special circumstances, the Congress Director may increase

the number of places providing that the tournament's eligibility for FIDE title norms is not thereby jeopardised.

After accounting for the automatic qualifiers and invited players, places will be allocated to eligible entrants who qualify under rules 7 through 13, applying each rule in numerical and rating order until all the places have been filled. If it is necessary to differentiate between players on the same average rating, the higher FIDE rating will have preference. If the application of any rule is not clear, the Congress Director is empowered to interpret it.

An entrant may be refused a place if, since the start of the previous Championship, the player has committed a misdemeanour in an *Chess Scotland* event or qualifying competition which has been reported by the Arbiter to the Congress Director before the selection of players has been made.