

International Draughts Federation (IDF)

Regulations for assignment of international titles

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1. General Provisions.

1.1. Only International Draughts Federation IDF (hereinafter IDF) shall be awarded the titles in draughts-64 in accordance with this Regulations for assignment of international titles (hereinafter Regulations).

1.2. International titles in draughts-64 assigned only to the players from national federations - IDF members.

1.3. The norms of international titles are established only in the competitions held in accordance with the IDF Rules of the game and competitions in draughts-64, the IDF Regulations of the official competitions in draughts-64 and these Regulations.

1.4. International titles in draughts-64 are assigned:

1.4.1. For the results in the official IDF competitions.

1.4.2. For the results in the international competitions under the auspices of IDF.

1.4.3. For the results in the national championships.

1.5. Officially, international titles come into force after their approval by the IDF Board and are valid for life.

1.6. Finally, the international titles are approved by the IDF General Meeting.

1.7. Using the IDF titles which led to a violation of moral and ethical standards and compromise of the IDF, may void titles by the decision of the IDF Board with final decision of the IDF General Meeting.

2. IDF Titles

These Regulations govern rules the implementation and the procedure for assigning the following titles:

- IDF Master (FM);
- International Master (IM);
- International Grand Master (IGM);
- Woman IDF Master (WFM);
- Woman International Master (WIM);
- Woman International Grand Master (WIGM);

3. Recognition of titles.

3.1. IDF recognizes only the title indicated in item 2 of this Regulation, as well as the titles of FMJD Section-64 before 01/01/2015.

3.2. Players with the titles of FMJD Section-64 before 01/01/2015 will automatically receive IDF titles in accordance with the table:

FMJD Title	IDF Title
FMJD Master (MF/MFF)	IDF Master (FM/WFM)
International Master (MI/MIF)	International Master (IM/WIM)
International Grand Master (GMI/GMIF)	International Grand Master (IGM/WIGM)

4. Assignment of titles.

The following titles are assigned:

4.1. Automatic titles.

Titles are assigned automatically for the high results shown at the World Championship, World Cup, Continental Championship or National Championship.

4.2. Titles through norms.

Titles are assigned for fulfilled norms in official IDF competitions, competitions under the auspices of the IDF and national championships.

4.3. Norm of titles in the official IDF competitions and competitions under the auspices of the IDF are established, if at least representatives of three national federations - IDF members have participated in the competition. World Championship and the World Cup are exempt from this rule.

5. Automatic titles

Automatic titles are awarded for the results shown in the following competitions:

5.1. Competitions for men and women

Competition	Program	Place in competition					
		IGM	IM	FM	WIGM	WIM	WFM
World Championship	Classic	1-3	4-6	7-9	1-2	3-4	5-6
	Rapid	1			1		
	Blitz	1			1		
World Team Championship	Classic	1-3	4-6		1-2		
World Cup (overall standings)	Classic or sum of stages*	1-3	4-6		1	2-3	
Stage of World Cup	Classic or sum of programs**		1	2-3			1
	Rapid			1			
	Blitz			1			
European Championship	Classic	1-3	4-6	7-9	1-2	3-4	5-6
	Rapid	1			1		
	Blitz	1			1		
Asian Championship	Classic	1	2	3-4	1	2	3
African/American Championship	Classic	1	2	3			1
World/European Veterans Championship	Classic		1 if FM	1-3			1
National Championship	Classic			1			1

* In accordance with the Regulations of the World Cup of the respective year.

** In accordance with the regulations of the World Cup stage.

5.2. Youth competitions (classic game)

Competition	Place in competition			
	IM	FM	WIM	WFM
World/European/Asian Championship Juniors 26 year and younger, Juniors 19 year and younger	1 if FM	1-3	1 if WFM	1-3
African/American Championship Juniors 26 year and younger, Juniors 19 year and younger		1		1
World/European/Asian Championship Cadets 16 year and younger		1		1

5.3. For the World Games, Olympiads and other significant international competitions with the participation of the strongest players in the world, automatic titles are established according to separate regulations.

5.4. The requirements for the competition

5.4.1. Minimum number of participants

Competition	Minimum number of participants		
	Men	Women	Youth
World Championship	20	16	8
World Team Championship	10 teams	10 teams	-
European Championship	20	16	8
Asian Championship	16	14	8
African/American Championship	16	10	8
World/European Veterans Championship	14	8	-
National Championship	10	8	-

5.4.2. In the World Team Championship, a player receives a title if he has played 70% or more of the games and scored 70% or more or more points in games played.

5.4.3. If fewer teams participated in the World Team Championship than specified in item 5.4.1., the titles according to item 5.1., not assigned.

5.4.4 In the World/European Women's Rapid and Blitz Championship, a player is awarded the title of WIGM if she has the title of WIM and at least 4 International Grandmasters participate in the World/European Championship.

5.4.5. In the overall standings of the Women's World Cup, a player receives the title of WIGM if he has the title of WIM.

5.4.6. For Asian Championship, if fewer players than specified in item 5.4.1., but not less than 12 players for men or 10 players for women participated, the champion receives the title of IM/WIM; the players who take 2nd and 3rd place receive the title of FM /WFM.

5.4.7. For African/American Championships, if fewer players than specified in item 5.4.1., but not less than 10 players, participated, only champion receive the title FM.

5.4.8. For World/European/African/American Youth Championships, if fewer players than specified in item 5.4.1., titles according to item 5.2., not assigned.

6. Titles through norms

6.1. The norms for assigning titles performed in the following competitions are taken into account:

- Official IDF competitions (OC)
- International competitions under the auspices of the IDF (RC)
- National championships included in the IDF calendar (NC)

6.2. All competitions are classified in different categories depending on the number of participants and on the number of participants with international titles.

6.3. The average rating of the participants.

6.3.1. All competitions are classified depending on the strength of the players as indicated in the table based on the average rating Ra of their opponents in the tournament.

6.3.2. The average rating Ra is the sum of the ratings of all of a player's opponents (for unranked players, starting ratings are set at 2100 for men and 2000 for women), divided by the number of rounds played.

6.3.3. For competitions held in several stages, if the points of previous stages are taken into account at summarizing the next stages, the average rating of the opponents R_a is determined according to the item 6.3.2.

6.3.4. Fractional average rating shall be rounded to the nearest whole number. Fraction 0.5 is rounded up.

6.3.5. If a player withdraws from the competition the category and the norms have to be adjusted. However, games already played may be taken into account.

6.3.6. Categories of competitions depending on the average rating (R_a):

Cat.	Average Rating (R_a)		Cat.	Average Rating (R_a)		Cat.	Average Rating (R_a)	
	Men	Women		Men	Women		Men	Women
I	...2000	...1900	VII	2126-2150	2026-2050	XIII	2276-2300	2176-2200
II	2001-2025	1901-1925	VIII	2151-2175	2051-2075	XIV	2301-2325	2201-2225
III	2026-2050	1926-1950	IX	2176-2200	2076-2100	XV	2326-2350	2226-2250
IV	2051-2075	1951-1975	X	2201-2225	2101-2125	XVI	2351-2375	2251-2275
V	2076-2100	1976-2000	XI	2226-2250	2126-2150	XVII	2376-2400	2276-2300
VI	2101-2125	2001-2025	XII	2251-2275	2151-2175	XVIII	2401- ...	2301- ...

6.3.9. Table with necessary points to realise norms for international titles

% points scored	Titles			Number of rounds														
	FM WFM	IM WIM	IGM WIGM	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
70			XI	10	12	13	14	16	17	19	20	21	23	24	26	27		
67		VIII	XII	10	11	13	14	15	17	18	19	21	22	23	25	26		
64	V	IX	XIII	9	11	12	13	15	16	17	18	20	21	22	24	25		
60	VI	X	XIV	9	10	11	12	14	15	16	17	18	20	21	22	23		
57	VII	XI	XV	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	18	19	20	21	22		
53	VIII	XII	XVI	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	19	20	21		
50	IX	XIII	XVII	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19		
47	X	XIV	XVIII	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	16	17	18		
43	XI	XV		7	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	13	14	15	16	17		
40	XII	XVI		6	7	8	8	9	10	11	12	12	13	14	15	16		
36	XIII	XVII		6	6	7	8	8	9	10	11	11	12	13	13	14		
33	XIV	XVIII		5	6	6	7	8	8	9	10	10	11	12	12	13		
30	XV			5	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	9	10	11	11	12		
27	XVI			4	5	5	6	6	7	8	8	9	9	10	10	11		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	8	9	9	(4)	
				5	5	6	7	7	8	9	9	10	11	11	12	13	(5)	

Remarks:

- (1) 3 FM/WFM (4) players with titles
 (2) 3 IM/WIM с 2250/2150 или 2 IGM/WIGM с 2300/2200 (5) players with rating
 (3) 3 IGM/ WIGM с 2300/2200

6.4. The requirements for the competition

6.4.1. Official IDF competitions (OC)

6.4.1.1. Official IDF competitions are World Championships, World Cup (overall standings), World Cup Stages and Continental Championships.

6.4.1.2. Other significant international competitions with the participation of the strongest players of the world that meet the following requirements may be included in the list of official IDF competitions:

- Competition should be included to the calendar of official IDF competitions;
- Competition should be held on the Swiss system in 7-9 rounds, or round robin system at least 9 rounds, or a mixed system. Time control must match one of the official controls for the classic program;

- The tournament should be serviced by an arbiter with international title;
- At least 80% of the participants should have rating;
- At least half of the players should have international titles and rating not lower than 2200/(2100 in the women's competitions);

6.4.2. International competitions under the auspices of the IDF (RC)

These competitions need meet the following requirements for recognizing:

- Competition should be included to the calendar of official IDF competitions;
- Regulation of the competition should be directed to the IDF office no later than two months before the start of the competition;
- Competition should be held at least in 7 rounds; time control must match one of the official controls for the classic program;
- In round robin competitions, at least 66% of the players must have rating at the start of the competition;
- In competitions held by the Swiss system, at least 50% of the players must have rating at the start of the competition.

6.4.3. National Championships

6.4.3.1. National Championships need fulfill the requirements of item 5.4.1. If fewer players, but not less than 8, took part in the championship among men, the players fulfill the norms according to items 6.4.3.3 and 6.4.3.4. The number of rounds must be at least 7, time control must be one of the official controls for the classic program.

6.4.3.2. Each player who becomes the champion of the national championship and scores 70% or more points automatically fulfills the title of FM/WFM. At the same time, in a national championship held in a round robin system, at least 66% of the players must have a rating at the start of the competition; in a national championship held in a Swiss system, at least 50% of the players must have a rating at the start of the competition.

6.4.3.3. Each player who scores 65% or more points in the national championship held in a round robin system, performs one FM/WFM norm, if at least 66% of the players have a rating at the start of the competition.

6.4.3.4. Each player who took 65% or more points in the national championship held in a Swiss system, performs one FM/WFM norm, if at least 66% of the players in his subgroup have a rating at the start of the competition.

6.5. Request for approval of the results of the competition must be sent to the IDF Technical Committee by the organizers of the competition together with the report of Main Arbiter and final table certified by Main Arbiter no later than 2 weeks after the end of the competition. IDF does not consider to assign titles the competition, information about which was sent after this period.

6.6. Competition and holding report are approved by the IDF Board at the next meeting after the presentation of the chairman of the IDF Technical Committee.

6.7. Implementation of the titles

6.7.1. IGM norms are only valid if the player meets with at least three GMI with rating 2300 or more (for WIGM with a rating of 2200 or more).

6.7.2. IM norms are only valid if the player meets with at least three IM with rating 2250 or more or with two IGM with rating 2300 or more (for WIM respectively with three WIM/2150 or two WIGM /2200).

6.7.3. FM norms are only valid if the player meets with at least three FM, or with two IM with rating 2250 and more, or with one FM and one IGM with rating 2300 or more (for WFM respectively with three WFM, or two WIM/2150, or one WFM and one WIGM /2200)

6.7.4. Points received without playing are not taken into account when calculating the average rating R_a according to item 6.3.2.

6.7.5. In all competitions three FM/WFM with rating 2200/2100, or more may be counted as one IM/WIM with rating 2250/2150 for the realisation of norms IM/WIM or IGM/WIGM.

6.7.6. In all competitions three IM/WIM with rating 2250/2150, or more may be counted as one IGM/WIGM with rating 2300/2200 for the realisation of norm IGM/WIGM.

6.7.7. The completed norm can be used to assign the title only once.

6.7.8. The points of the fulfilled norms of international titles are valid for 5 years, including the year of the last fulfillment of the norm.

6.7.9. A player can realise an automatic norm in accordance with item 5 without fulfilling the necessary conditions of the rating norms. In this case, the player receives an automatic rating of 2300/(2200 for women) when fulfilling the IGM/WIGM norm or 2250/(2150 for women) when fulfilling the IM/WIM norm, or 2150/(2050 for women) when fulfilling the FM/WFM norm.

6.8. The requirements for assignment the title through norms.

6.8.1. Title of International Grand Master / Women International Grand Master (IGM/WIGM)

The title is awarded to an IM/WIM who has completed the IGM/WIGM title norm three or more times in official IDF competitions and in national championships without age restrictions. The number of rounds in the competition must be at least 9.

At least two norms must be completed in official IDF competitions (OC) and one norm can be completed in a national championship with the participation of at least 4 international grandmasters.

The candidate needs to have a rating of at least 2300/(2200 for women) at the time of completion of the last norm or in the future or in the past, taking into account the validity of the norms completed.

6.8.2. Title of International Master / Women International Master (IM/WIM)

The title is awarded to a FM/WFM, who realises norm of title IM/WIM three or more times in the official IDF competitions, competitions under the auspices of the IDF and national championships. At least two norms must be fulfilled in the official IDF competitions (OC) or competitions under the auspices of the IDF. At least one norm must be fulfilled in the official IDF competitions (OC).

The candidate needs to have a rating of at least 2250/(2150 for women) at the time of completion of the last norm or in the future or in the past, taking into account the validity of the norms completed. The rating is not taken into account if the norms are fulfilled within the established time limits five or more times.

6.8.3. Title of IDF Master / Women IDF Master (FM/WFM)

The title is awarded to a player, who realises norm of title FM/WFM three or more times in the official IDF competitions, competitions under the auspices of the IDF and national championships. At least one norm must be fulfilled in the official IDF competitions (OC) or competitions under the auspices of the IDF.

The candidate needs to have a rating of at least 2150/(2050 for women) at the time of completion of the last norm or in the future or in the past, taking into account the validity of the norms completed.

7. The procedure for the assignment

7.1. Request for the title.

Request for assignment of the title must be sent to the IDF Technical Committee:

- The National Federation
- IDF Board members in coordination with the national federation.

7.2. The content of the request.

7.2.1. Every request must contain full name and surname of the candidate as in the passport, date of birth, sports citizenship, contact details and information on the fulfillment of the norms sufficient to make a decision on the candidate's request.

7.2.2. The request must contain all completed tournament tables, signed by the Main Arbiter, on which results the request for the title is based.

7.2.3. Form for the request for international title may be obtained from the IDF website.

7.3. Approval of requests.

Requests for the assignment of international titles, as submitted by the technical commission, are reviewed and approved by the IDF Board, after which they are submitted for final approval to the IDF General Meeting.