

# Operating Procedure Scottish Championship Events Rules

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1. All Scottish titles shall be awarded by the Scottish Championship Director, provided the following conditions are satisfied.
  - a. All winners must satisfy the Eligibility rules as defined by Chess Scotland.
  - b. The winner(s) of any Scottish Championship title must have a SCO registration with FIDE.
  - c. Scottish Championship titles are only awarded to players who are fully paid-up members of Chess Scotland.
2. Scottish Championships – Open event
  - a. All players eligible to win the various titles, (including Female, Junior, and Senior) will be clearly identified on charts at the venue.
  - b. Title winners must achieve a minimum score of not less than 30% of the total points available in all rounds of the competition, which includes byes and defaults. Requested byes after round 2 will not count in a player's total for title purposes.
3. Scottish Championships – Closed event
  - a. The Scottish Championship Director has full authority to invite non-eligible players to participate in order that more title norm possibilities are available for Scottish participants.
  - b. Invited players will often be titled but may simply be of a higher rating to strengthen the average ratings of opponents for Scottish norm seekers.
4. All arbiters used at a FIDE-rated event must be currently licensed with FIDE.
  - a. Failure to do so will invalidate the event for norms and rating.
  - b. The Scottish Championship event should, when practical, provide opportunities for arbiters to advance.
5. Time controls (currently a minimum playing session of 4 hours is recommended) and points scoring are under the control of the Scottish Championship Director and must be stated on the entry form.
6. Ties will be broken between players on the same number of points by using the players' Tournament Performance Rating (TPR). Should there be a tie on TPR the Director/Organiser will have published in advance what other tie-breaks, if any, will be used and in which order they will be applied.
7. All play will be subject to FIDE and CS Fair play rules which can be accessed via <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/B11FOAAntiCheatingPolicy>  
<https://www.chessscotland.com/documents/policy/Anti-Cheating%20Policy.pdf>  
CS privacy guidelines can also be found at <https://www.chessscotland.com/documents/policy/PrivacyStatement.pdf>
8. There will be an appeals committee set up at the event which will consist of the most senior arbiter and 2 senior players selected from the tournament. When the arbiter or players are involved in any dispute alternates will be appointed from the remaining arbiters/players.