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1 Audit Log – Introduction

1.1 Purpose and methodology

The present audit is the first comprehensive cross-document review of the consolidated ICCF Rules.

The current Rules developed historically from a number of separate regulatory and guidance documents, which were consolidated into a single document in 2017. Although substantial editorial harmonisation has taken place since then, the historical development of the Rules has left some duplicated, overlapping or inconsistent provisions.

The 2027 audit therefore reviews the Rules as a single regulatory system rather than as separate chapters. Particular attention is given to:

- consistency between the ICCF Statutes, the ICCF Laws of Correspondence Chess, the ICCF Rules and subordinate regulations;
- duplication or overlap between provisions;
- clarity of jurisdiction, authority and appeal routes;
- consistent terminology for ICCF bodies, officers and member federations;
- separation between general normative provisions and technical or operational procedures;
- consolidation of cross-references and replacement of manual references by semantic references where practical; and
- preservation of historical numbering where immediate renumbering would create unnecessary disruption before Congress decisions are known.

The audit is not intended as criticism of previous editorial work. It is a continuation of the gradual harmonisation of the ICCF regulatory system and is intended to improve clarity, internal consistency and maintainability.

1.2 Status categories

The following status categories are used in this Audit Log:

KEEP Provision retained in substance.

MODIFY Provision retained but redrafted, clarified or structurally adjusted.

DELETE Provision removed because it was obsolete, duplicated or better regulated elsewhere.

ADD New provision added to close a regulatory gap or make an existing principle explicit.

OPEN Matter requiring confirmation, policy decision or further factual verification.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK Matter intentionally deferred until the related chapter or document is audited.

POST-CONGRESS Matter dependent on a 2026 Congress decision.

1.3 Chapter-wide editorial and structural changes

MODIFY – terminology and office titles Current ICCF terminology has been standardised throughout Chapter 1, including consistent use of terms such as “member federation”, “World Tournament Director”, “Ratings Commissioner”, “Qualifications Commissioner”, “Appeals Committee” and “Arbitration Committee”.

MODIFY – semantic cross-references Stable semantic labels and cross-reference commands have been introduced for sections, appendices and selected individual provisions that are likely to be referenced elsewhere. Manual references remain only where later chapters have not yet been audited or where a semantic target cannot yet be fixed reliably.

MODIFY – deleted provisions Historical [Deleted] placeholders have been retained during the current audit in order to preserve existing numbering. Renumbering should be considered only after the 2026 Congress and after the full Rules audit has been completed.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Laws of Correspondence Chess Structural overlap has been identified between the ICCF Laws of Correspondence Chess and the Rules, particularly in administrative, disciplinary and organisational matters. No point-by-point amendment of the Laws is proposed at this stage. A later structural review should classify relevant provisions as KEEP, SIMPLIFY/CROSS-REFERENCE, MOVE TO RULES or DELETE DUPLICATE, while preserving the current normative hierarchy.

2 Audit Log – Chapter 1: Overview of the ICCF

2.1 Section 1.1 – Introduction

MODIFY The introductory provision has been simplified. A former sentence containing an incorrect self-reference was removed.

KEEP The section remains intentionally concise and serves only to identify ICCF as the worldwide organisation for correspondence chess.

2.2 Section 1.2 – ICCF tournaments

MODIFY – structure Tournament categories and responsibilities have been reviewed for consistency with current ICCF practice. The section continues to distinguish championship, promotion, cup, norm, Champions League and special tournaments.

MODIFY – scheduling and announcements The scheduling provisions for championship events were clarified, including the distinction between finals and earlier stages. Championship finals are to be announced no later than four months before their start, while earlier stages may operate on shorter preparation periods.

MODIFY – rating-list qualification wording The provision concerning use of ICCF ratings during the preceding 12 months was clarified so that the relevant criterion is the date on which a rating was first published, rather than merely the period during which a list was formally in force.

MODIFY – Memorial < 2300 Team Tournament The rating limit is now tied to the ICCF rating list immediately preceding the official start date of the tournament. The applicable list must be identified in the tournament announcement.

MODIFY – super-regional tournaments The former zonal structure has been removed from the current organisation of tournaments. European and Rest of World competitions are treated within the super-regional framework. Historical references to Zonal Championships are retained only where old qualifications may still remain valid during a transitional period.

KEEP – thematic tournaments Thematic events are not included in the generic provision allowing the Executive Board to announce other special events. Their organisation is treated as a standing specialist activity rather than an exceptional special event.

MODIFY – ICCF-approved international events Approval requirements for international open, invitational and regional events organised by member federations were clarified, including the

role of the World Tournament Director and the requirement for prior approval before the event is set up on the ICCF server.

OPEN – European eligibility lists The lists of European member federations and European countries should be verified immediately before publication against the latest Congress decisions concerning admission, withdrawal, suspension or restoration of member federations.

2.3 Section 1.3 – Tournament organisation rules

MODIFY – international character of member-federation events A rated internal event organised by a member federation is treated as an international event where participants represent more than one flag. The consequences for compliance with ICCF Rules and prior approval have been clarified.

MODIFY – friendly matches Cross-references to the friendly-match provisions have been converted to semantic references. The existing special flexibility for friendly matches remains.

MODIFY – team participation restrictions Restrictions concerning participation on more than one board or for more than one team within the same tournament have been clarified, including their application to substitute and replacement players and the special treatment of friendly matches.

MODIFY – international open and invitational tournaments The distinction between open and invitational tournaments has been clarified in functional terms, including player eligibility, nomination procedures and the consequences of uncertain classification.

MODIFY – World Tournament Director approval Requirements for international tournaments organised by member federations have been consolidated and cross-referenced with the dedicated approval provision in section 1.2.6.4.

OPEN – historical/redundant approval provisions Some approval wording appears to reflect earlier ICCF procedures and may now be redundant or internally inconsistent. Confirmation should be sought from the Rules Director and the responsible tournament officials before further consolidation.

POST-CONGRESS – tournament results and team standings A separate Congress proposal is expected to address the distinction between game points, match points, match result and team standings. If approved, a new section on tournament results and team standings should be inserted before the tie-breaking section, with consequential renumbering of the current tie-breaking provision.

POST-CONGRESS – team Silli tie-break A separate proposal is expected to address a dedicated tie-breaking method for team Silli events. Direct encounter is not suitable for that format and a board-based method should be considered.

POST-CONGRESS – existing team round-robin tie-break If match points and game points become primary standings criteria, the current first tie-break for team round-robin events, based on additional points for match wins and draws, should be reviewed because it may duplicate the newly established primary standings system.

2.4 Section 1.4 – The ICCF rating system

MODIFY – division of normative and technical material Section 1.4 is retained as the general normative framework governing rating status, eligibility and publication. Detailed calculation procedures are consolidated in Appendix 1.

KEEP – national tournaments National tournaments may be included in the rating system under an agreement with the Ratings Commissioner.

OPEN – meaning of “agreement with the Ratings Commissioner” Chapter 4 does not appear to establish a separate formal approval procedure for ordinary national rated events. Standard national championships and similar events appear to operate under established approval, while non-standard formats may require prior consultation. The intended scope and form of the required agreement should be clarified when Chapter 4 is audited. The Ratings Commissioner should provide operational input; the Rules Director should determine any necessary textual amendment.

KEEP – deleted point The historical [Deleted] placeholder is retained pending a final post-audit renumbering decision.

MODIFY – active rating-list status The general active/inactive rule is retained in section 1.4 rather than in Appendix 2, because activity status belongs to the rating framework rather than the title regulations.

OPEN – standard and Chess960 activity criteria The criteria for retaining a player on an active rating list are not fully consistent between the standard rating system and the separate Chess960 rating system. In practice, activity for the standard list may be maintained by ongoing or recently completed ICCF games, including rated, unrated and Chess960 games, while Chess960 activity appears to be assessed only within the Chess960 system. The Rules and Appendix 2 do not express this distinction clearly.

The policy should be clarified by the Executive Board before the provision is finally consolidated. The Ratings Commissioner should provide the current operational practice as technical input.

POST-CONGRESS – rating periods and publication If Congress proposal 2026-053 is approved, the provisions concerning rating calculation periods and publication dates must be updated. The expected model separates:

- three-month calculation periods;
- publication shortly after the end of each calculation period; and
- the traditional January–March, April–June, July–September and October–December periods during which the resulting lists are applied for qualification and tournament purposes.

2.5 Section 1.5 – ICCF titles

MODIFY – division of normative and technical material Section 1.5 now contains the general title law: title types, basic requirements, application procedures, awarding, validity and use. Appendix 2 contains detailed title-tournament requirements and technical title-norm calculations.

MODIFY – title norms The basic definition of a title norm was simplified so that section 1.5 states the general legal effect while Appendix 2 determines the technical calculation.

MODIFY – standard chess and Chess960 norms It is stated expressly that norms achieved in standard correspondence chess and Chess960 are not equivalent and may not be combined for the award of a title.

MODIFY – overscore The effect of an overscore on the number of games counted towards the 24-game requirement is stated once as a common rule. Repetition of the same principle under each individual title has been removed.

MODIFY – awarding authority Terminology and responsibilities of the Qualifications Commissioner have been standardised.

MODIFY – title revocation The existing title-revocation procedure remains, including final approval by Congress. A cross-reference has been added requiring any disciplinary proceedings

leading to a Disciplinary Committee recommendation to comply with the procedural safeguards in section 1.7.2.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – International Arbiter title References to section 3.6 remain manual until Chapter 3 is audited.

2.6 Section 1.6 – Player eligibility

MODIFY – structure The section distinguishes national team events, where a team represents one member federation, from internationally represented team events in which teams need not represent a single federation.

MODIFY – isolated players The introductory wording of section 1.6.1 was broadened so that isolated status enables participation in ICCF events subject to the applicable eligibility requirements, rather than being tied only to rated events.

MODIFY – Appendix 2 cross-references References to the federation-composition requirements for title tournaments now point semantically to the relevant provisions of Appendix 2.

OPEN – terminology The Rules use the concepts of a player’s “member federation”, representation by a federation, membership, full membership, affiliation, association and “associated player” without defining all relationships consistently. The terminology should be clarified by the Rules Director. Executive Board confirmation may be sought if the clarification has policy consequences.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – flag changes and transfers The general flag-change provision in section 1.6(4) must be checked against the final transfer and isolated-player procedures in section 2.1 when Chapter 2 is audited.

2.7 Section 1.7 – Code of Conduct and disciplinary framework

MODIFY – jurisdictional scope The former text stated that ICCF approval of an international tournament automatically subjected the event to the Code of Conduct, including all ICCF disciplinary and appeal procedures “without exception”.

The provision was revised to distinguish:

- general ICCF standards of conduct, which apply to international tournaments organised or approved by ICCF; and
- the applicability of ICCF disciplinary and appeal procedures, particularly in member-federation events, which is governed by the ICCF Statutes, the Rules and the applicable tournament arrangements.

MODIFY – relationship with domestic authority The Rules now state expressly that ICCF disciplinary provisions governing international correspondence chess do not replace or restrict disciplinary authority exercised by member federations in domestic matters.

MODIFY – substantive framework and subordinate regulations Section 1.7 establishes the substantive disciplinary framework. Operational regulations may implement that framework but may not create, extend or modify substantive disciplinary powers unless expressly authorised by the Rules.

ADD – responsibility for disciplinary matters The roles of tournament directors, the World Tournament Director, the Disciplinary Committee, the Appeals Committee and the Arbitration Committee are now distinguished.

Tournament directors may deal with tournament-level misconduct within powers expressly conferred by the Rules. The World Tournament Director performs preliminary assessment and

may resolve matters within expressly authorised powers or refer serious or repeated misconduct to the Disciplinary Committee.

ADD – Appeals Committee / Arbitration Committee distinction The Appeals Committee has jurisdiction over appeals concerning playing rules, tournament regulations and other regulations relating to correspondence chess. The Arbitration Committee has jurisdiction over disputes of a broader nature, including behavioural disputes involving ICCF leaders, officials, tournament officials, member federations or individual players.

The two committees are complementary and are not successive levels of appeal.

ADD – procedural safeguards Minimum procedural safeguards now require notice of the allegation, notice of the rule allegedly breached, a reasonable opportunity to respond, identification of the deciding authority and impartiality of the persons involved.

MODIFY – disciplinary action Formal written warnings are distinguished from disciplinary action involving penalties or sanctions. Subsequent misconduct need not be identical to the earlier misconduct in order to be treated as continued, repeated or further misconduct.

KEEP – sanction scale The existing fixed sanction scale for serious offences has been retained. A general proportionality principle has been added so that classification of misconduct and the applicable sanction remain connected to the facts and circumstances of the case.

ADD – disciplinary decisions Minimum contents of disciplinary decisions are now specified, including reasons, legal basis, sanction, effective date, appeal route and notification.

MODIFY – appeal routes The appeal route now depends on the nature of the matter:

- playing and tournament-rule matters go to the Appeals Committee;
- broader disciplinary or behavioural matters go to the Arbitration Committee;
- a decision of the Disciplinary Committee may be appealed to the Arbitration Committee within 14 days.

Decisions of the competent Appeals Committee or Arbitration Committee are final and without further recourse within ICCF.

ADD – extraordinary procedural review A limited extraordinary procedural review has been introduced for cases in which a formal warning, penalty or sanction was imposed, the ordinary appeal period expired without an appeal, and no more than twelve months have elapsed since notification.

The review may be requested only by a member federation or the Executive Board and is conducted by the Arbitration Committee. It is expressly not an appeal and is unavailable against decisions of the Appeals Committee or the Arbitration Committee.

ADD – disciplinary records ICCF is required to maintain a secure record of disciplinary warnings, penalties, sanctions, appeals and reviews.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – responsible officer for disciplinary records The Outline of Duties should be reviewed to identify the ICCF official responsible for maintaining the central disciplinary record and to ensure consistency with section 1.7.2.8.

MODIFY – GDPR and personal data The privacy provisions no longer treat consent as the sole legal basis for disclosure. Personal data must be protected and may be disclosed only where disclosure is permitted by applicable data-protection law, the ICCF Privacy Policy or Privacy Notice, or has been authorised by the person concerned. The existing BCC/separate-email safeguard is retained.

2.8 Appendix 1 – The Working Rules of the Ratings System

MODIFY – status and scope Appendix 1 has been integrated with Chapter 1 as the technical rating appendix. Eligibility for rating is governed by section 1.4; Appendix 1 specifies the calculation procedure.

MODIFY – rated tournaments Duplicated eligibility wording was removed and replaced by a cross-reference to section 1.4.

KEEP – technical calculation procedure The rating calculation formulae, system parameters, probability functions, derivatives, conversion steps, precision and rounding provisions remain technical material in Appendix 1.

MODIFY – postal results A postal result is included in the rating calculation period in which it is registered on the ICCF webserver. A result registered after the end of a calculation period moves to the following period.

KEEP – substitute players The special rating treatment of substitute players in team events is retained as technical rating material.

MODIFY – effective date The Appendix records that the present rating system was introduced on 1 October 2023 and that the present version, including the corrected Rating Deviation provision, became effective on 1 January 2026.

POST-CONGRESS – rating-period table If proposal 2026-053 is approved, the table showing calculation periods, games included, approximate publication and period of application must be updated. The publication column should be retained because publication date remains operationally important.

2.9 Appendix 2 – International Correspondence Chess Title Regulations

MODIFY – status and scope Appendix 2 has been consolidated as the technical title-regulations appendix. Section 1.5 contains the general law governing titles; Appendix 2 contains title-tournament composition requirements and norm calculations.

MODIFY – federation requirements The provisions governing the minimum number of represented federations and the maximum proportion of players from one federation have been labelled for stable semantic cross-reference.

MODIFY – title norms and direct titles Appendix 2 no longer duplicates the direct-title catalogue. It defines a title norm by reference to the technical requirements of the Appendix and refers direct titles back to section 1.5.

MODIFY – overscore Technical calculation of overscored games remains in Appendix 2. The legal consequence for the 24-game requirement is stated in section 1.5.

KEEP – previous event categories Previous event categories are retained as a legacy technical reference because they remain in practical use for billing, marketing and tournament director eligibility, even though they no longer determine title norms.

OPEN – inactive players The provision concerning inactive players is misplaced in the Title Regulations and should ultimately be deleted from Appendix 2 or relocated to section 1.4 / Appendix 1. Final wording should await the Executive Board decision on the standard/Chess960 activity-policy issue described above.

2.10 Cross-document conclusions from the Chapter 1 audit

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Statutes The current ICCF Statutes contain inconsistent terminology concerning the appeals bodies. Article 34 refers to “Appeals Committees”

but names an “Appeals Committee Rules” and the Arbitration Committee, while later articles use different singular/plural forms.

A future Statutes review should:

- standardise the official name “Appeals Committee”;
- use “Appeals Committees” where both the Appeals Committee and Arbitration Committee are intended;
- clarify expressly that provisions governing appointment, submissions and finality apply to both committees; and
- review historical committee names throughout the Statutes.

For the present Rules audit, Articles 34, 36, 37, 38, 40 and 41 support the interpretation that the Appeals Committee and Arbitration Committee are complementary final bodies within their respective jurisdictions.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – member-federation appeals ICCF appeals may apply to member-federation tournaments where the federation has elected to use the ICCF appeals process in accordance with the Statutes, Rules and tournament arrangements. This is independent of whether the event is rated or unrated. Any server checkbox is only a technical implementation mechanism and should not appear in normative text.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – committee regulations The Regulations for the Disciplinary Committee, Appeals Committee and Arbitration Committee have been aligned with the jurisdictional structure created in Chapter 1. Remaining open issues concern the internal decision-making method of the committees, including whether decisions are taken by panel, full committee, majority or consensus.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Outline of Duties The Outline of Duties should be updated after the Rules audit to reflect:

- current Rules Director and Rules Committee terminology;
- the final disciplinary and appeals architecture;
- current names and roles of the Appeals and Arbitration Committees; and
- responsibility for maintaining the disciplinary record.

2.11 Outstanding decisions and follow-up

The following matters remain open after completion of the Chapter 1 audit:

1. Confirm the intended scope and procedure of “agreement with the Ratings Commissioner” for national rated tournaments.
2. Obtain an Executive Board decision on active/inactive status, particularly the relationship between standard correspondence chess activity and Chess960 activity.
3. Clarify the terminology of membership, representation, affiliation, association and “associated player”.
4. Verify the current European member-federation eligibility list before publication.
5. Confirm whether historical approval wording in section 1.3 remains necessary under current tournament-approval procedures.
6. Following the 2026 Congress, implement any approved changes concerning:
 - rating periods and publication;
 - tournament results, match points and team standings;

- team Silli tie-breaking; and
 - any consequential renumbering of the tie-breaking section.
7. During the Chapter 2 audit, check the relationship between player eligibility, transfer, flag-change and isolated-player provisions.
 8. During the remaining chapter audits, replace manual cross-references with semantic references where appropriate. Chapter 3 has completed this review for its own provisions; consequential references from earlier chapters should be updated when their final targets are fixed.
 9. After completion of the full Rules audit, conduct a separate structural review of the ICCF Laws of Correspondence Chess and prepare a corresponding review of the ICCF Statutes and Outline of Duties.

2.12 Chapter 1 audit status

Chapter 1, together with Appendices 1 and 2, is technically closed for the purposes of the 2027 Rules audit, subject to:

- the open policy and terminology questions identified above;
- cross-document checks deferred to later chapters;
- verification of time-sensitive federation information before publication; and
- implementation of relevant 2026 Congress decisions.

3 Audit Log — Chapter 2: For players

3.1 Chapter-wide editorial and structural changes

MODIFY — consolidation and de-duplication Repeated provisions were reduced where the same rule appeared in more than one location. The chapter now relies more consistently on a single canonical provision with semantic cross-references from related rules.

MODIFY — semantic cross-references Semantic labels and dedicated cross-reference commands were introduced for sections and selected individual provisions. Manual references to later chapters remain where those chapters have not yet been audited or where nested point numbering still requires a reliable technical solution.

MODIFY — numbered-list references Numbered lists using Arabic numerals were adjusted so that the visible list label may retain a trailing full stop while cross-references return the number without that punctuation. This removes duplicated punctuation in references such as “section 2.4, point 6.”.

MODIFY — terminology Generic tournament functions are expressed consistently as lower-case descriptions, such as “tournament director”, “team captain” and “tournament organizer”, while unique ICCF offices retain their formal titles.

3.2 Section 2.1 — Player’s member federation

MODIFY — definition of member federation The provision was clarified so that a player’s member federation is based on actual affiliation rather than merely the flag displayed on the ICCF server. Citizenship, permanent residence and other criteria accepted by the federation may form the basis of affiliation.

MODIFY — isolated players A player who is not affiliated with an ICCF member federation is expressly treated as an isolated player. The distinction between national flag and federation affiliation is preserved.

MODIFY — transfer between member federations The transfer procedure now identifies the national delegates of both federations as the recipients of the request and establishes a 21-day response period. Failure to respond within that period is treated as consent.

MODIFY — Ratings Commissioner Following an approved transfer, the Ratings Commissioner updates the player's ICCF registration details. The player retains the same ICCF identification number and rating history.

MODIFY — disputed transfers Objections to a transfer may be appealed to the Arbitration Committee. The Committee's decision is final.

MODIFY — becoming an isolated player A separate procedure was introduced for a player who wishes to cease being affiliated with a member federation. The Ratings Commissioner must invite comments from the federation concerned, but that federation's approval is not required. The decision may be appealed to the Arbitration Committee.

ADD — multiple ICCF accounts The substantive prohibition on an individual holding more than one ICCF account is stated here as the canonical rule. Section 2.15 treats a breach of that prohibition as a Code of Conduct violation.

3.3 Section 2.2 — General rules and procedures

MODIFY — governing rules The opening provision was simplified so that games are played in accordance with the ICCF Laws of Correspondence Chess and the ICCF Rules.

MODIFY — permitted variations Variations from the Rules in webserver tournaments must be specified in both the invitation and the announcement and confirmed in the starting notice.

MODIFY — responsibility and communications The responsibilities of the tournament director and, in team events, the team captain were clarified without changing the underlying operational model.

MODIFY — consultation and use of information The consultation rule was rewritten as a single canonical provision. A player must make the player's own final decision on every move, while publicly available sources, including engines, software, books, databases and tablebases, may be consulted. In team events, consultation with other team members and the team captain concerning active positions is permitted; other consultation with another person is prohibited.

MODIFY — de-duplication Section 2.15 now cross-refers to the consultation rule rather than repeating the substantive restriction.

3.4 Section 2.3 — Transmissions

MODIFY — transmission methods Server, postal and agreed electronic transmission procedures were reviewed and consolidated, including rules for changing between postal and electronic methods.

MODIFY — postal dates and delivery Postal provisions were clarified to distinguish sending, delivery and receipt more accurately. Confirmed transmission dates may be changed only where a player has deceived the opponent.

MODIFY — notation Players may agree to use more than one notation system, including ICCF numeric notation and algebraic notation. If agreed notations indicate different moves, the transmission is treated as ambiguous and referred back to the sender for clarification.

MODIFY — reflection time Server reflection time begins when the opponent's move becomes available to the player. Related monitoring obligations were clarified.

KEEP — legal moves A legal move once transmitted remains binding and may not be retracted.

3.5 Section 2.4 — Time allowed and penalties

MODIFY — standard time control The calculation of standard reflection time was clarified by reference to complete 24-hour periods.

MODIFY — Triple Block Triple Block time is treated continuously in days, hours and minutes and is not rounded to whole days.

MODIFY — server availability guarantee The server-availability guarantee was clarified, including the permitted number and duration of outages and the maximum acceptable data loss after a catastrophic failure. Claims and appeals arise only when the stated guarantee has been exceeded.

MODIFY — no-move provision The separate consequence for a player who makes no move in an online event was removed from this section as a duplicate. Section 2.4 now cross-refers to the canonical rule in section 2.12.

3.6 Section 2.5 — Leave

KEEP The existing leave framework was retained in substance.

KEEP — Triple Block Triple Block events continue not to use player leave time.

3.7 Section 2.6 — Failure to reply

MODIFY — reminders and extended time limit The standard server procedure was clarified around the 14-, 28- and 35-day reminders, the final opportunity to move or declare use of more than 40 days, and the resulting extended time limit. Scheduled leave is excluded where required by the rule.

MODIFY — death of a player The procedure applying when a player dies was separated and given its own identifiable provision so that it can be cross-referenced from the adjudication rules.

MODIFY — postal inactivity The postal rule dealing with four months without a move was retained and separated as a distinct referenceable provision.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — adjudication and replacement procedures The Chapter 3 audit confirmed the substantive links to the death-of-player and substitution/replacement procedures in sections 3.17.4 and 3.17.5. The adjudication reference must follow the final Chapter 3 numbering (section 3.19); the related Chapter 6 reference remains to be verified when that chapter is audited.

3.8 Section 2.7 — Conditional moves

KEEP / MODIFY — clarity and references The rules permitting conditional moves, making accepted continuations binding, allocating postal reflection time and dealing with missing or repeated conditional transmissions were retained in substance and given clearer semantic references.

3.9 Section 2.8 — Resolving conflicts

MODIFY — dispute categories The distinction between minor and major disputes was retained and expressed more clearly, including the expected communication route before formal escalation.

3.10 Section 2.9 — Draw offers

KEEP / MODIFY — validity and frequency The substantive rules concerning validity and frequency of draw offers were retained and given stable semantic references.

MODIFY — harassment Postal provisions concerning excessive draw offers now cross-refer to the Code of Conduct rule dealing with draw-offer harassment instead of duplicating the behavioural standard.

3.11 Section 2.10 — Making a claim

MODIFY — structure Claim procedures were reorganised so that game-ending claims, server claims, postal extended-time-limit claims, tablebase claims and evidence requirements can be referenced independently.

MODIFY — seven-piece tablebases The priority of an applicable seven-piece tablebase result within the claim framework was retained and stated clearly.

MODIFY — postal claim objection The effect of failing to object to a postal claim decision within 14 days was corrected to reflect the intended rule: where the decision upholds the claim and no objection is submitted, the claim is deemed conceded unless it is clearly unfounded.

MODIFY — Code of Conduct claims The text clarifies that behavioural claims are not restricted to the same timing rules as ordinary game-ending claims and may be raised under the Code of Conduct framework.

3.12 Section 2.11 — Records and reports

KEEP / MODIFY — editorial The record-keeping and reporting provisions were retained in substance and aligned editorially with the revised terminology and reference system.

3.13 Section 2.12 — Discontinuing play in an event

MODIFY — withdrawal and abandonment The section clarifies that there is no formal withdrawal from an individual game: a player who no longer wishes to continue should resign rather than abandon the game or deliberately allow time to expire. Such conduct may also lead to disciplinary action under section 1.7.2 and the applicable disciplinary regulations.

KEEP — decline before official start The consequence of declining participation before the official start date, including possible loss of an entry fee or qualification, was retained.

MODIFY — no move before first ETL The consequence where a player makes no move before the first applicable extended time limit is stated here as the canonical rule and is cross-referenced from section 2.4.

MODIFY — team Triple Block The rule concerning substitution or replacement after withdrawal in a team Triple Block event without guaranteed time was retained and made separately referenceable.

3.14 Section 2.13 — Adjudications

MODIFY — when adjudication is required The circumstances requiring adjudication were consolidated, including unfinished games at a scheduled close, games delaying a subsequent stage, and games affected by the death of a player where at least one move has been made and no extended-time-limit result applies.

MODIFY — death of a player The special claim procedure following the death of a player is expressly linked to the dedicated death-of-player rule in section 2.6.

MODIFY — analysis format The requirement for adjudication analysis to be supplied in PGN format was retained as a distinct referenceable provision.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Chapters 3 and 6 The Chapter 3 audit confirmed section 3.19 as the canonical TD adjudication provision. The Chapter 2 reference should therefore use section 3.19 rather than the former section 3.20 numbering. The reference to Chapter 6 remains to be reviewed when that chapter is audited, including whether a specific section reference is preferable to a chapter-wide reference.

3.15 Section 2.14 — Live display of games

KEEP / MODIFY — event-level sanctions The existing graduated treatment of first, second and third violations in the same event was retained and given stable semantic references.

MODIFY — repeated violations across events The previous direct power of the World Tournament Director to impose a two-year suspension was replaced by a referral into the general disciplinary framework. The existing two-year sanction remains available as a possible consequence of repeated violations across different events.

3.16 Section 2.15 — Code of conduct

KEEP / MODIFY — improper communications The rule concerning offensive or improper communications was retained and aligned with current terminology.

KEEP — Dead Man's Defense The behavioural prohibition on extremely slow play in a clearly lost position was retained.

KEEP / MODIFY — repetitive draw offers Repetitive draw offers amounting to harassment remain prohibited and are now directly cross-referenced from section 2.9.

MODIFY — collusion The former vague reference to a possible “lengthy suspension” was replaced by a reference to disciplinary action under section 1.7.2 and the applicable disciplinary regulations.

MODIFY — active-game consultation The section no longer repeats the substantive consultation rule. Instead, a breach of the consultation restrictions in section 2.2 is classified as a Code of Conduct violation.

MODIFY — multiple accounts The section no longer repeats the substantive account prohibition. A breach of the canonical rule in section 2.1 is classified as a Code of Conduct violation and may lead to disciplinary action.

MODIFY — disciplinary framework The closing provision now directs warnings, penalties, sanctions and other disciplinary procedures to section 1.7.2 and the applicable disciplinary regulations.

3.17 Section 2.16 – Appeals

MODIFY – division of jurisdiction Appeals concerning the application of playing and tournament rules are directed to the Appeals Committee, while broader disputes concerning behaviour or related matters fall within the jurisdiction of the Arbitration Committee.

MODIFY – scope of Appeals Committee review The text clarifies that the Appeals Committee primarily reviews whether the challenged decision was made in accordance with the applicable ICCF rules and procedures.

MODIFY – member-federation tournaments The provision concerning member-federation tournaments was simplified. The ICCF appeals process applies where the tournament is conducted under ICCF Rules and the ICCF appeals process is available under the ICCF Statutes; otherwise, the appeal is dealt with under the procedures of the member federation concerned.

KEEP – time limit The 14-day time limit for ordinary server and postal appeals was retained.

KEEP / MODIFY – adjudication appeals An appeal against an adjudication remains a separate technical process using a second adjudicator rather than the Appeals Committee or Arbitration Committee. The resulting adjudication appeal decision remains final.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Statutes and committee regulations The jurisdictional wording has been checked against the present Statutes and the regulations governing the Appeals and Arbitration Committees. A later statutory and regulations audit should ensure that terminology and procedural scope remain fully aligned after any further revision of those documents.

4 Audit Log – Chapter 3: Directing Events: Instructions for TDs

4.1 Chapter-wide editorial and structural changes

MODIFY – functional consolidation Chapter 3 was reorganised around the functions actually performed by a tournament director (TD). Repeated player, team-captain and adjudicator rules were removed where the same substantive rule is stated canonically in another chapter. Chapter 3 now concentrates on TD authority, procedure and action.

MODIFY – operational material transferred to Guide Server-dependent instructions, menu paths and other interface-specific procedures were removed from the normative chapter and transferred to the extitlCCF Tournament Operations Guide. Chapter 3 retains the rule, authority and concise workflow required of the TD; the Guide explains how those duties are carried out on the ICCF server.

MODIFY – server and postal procedures Server and postal procedures were separated where their operational models differ. Server procedures rely on automated server actions where applicable; postal procedures retain the manual actions, communications, records and time allowances required of the TD and, in team events, the team captain.

MODIFY – authority and jurisdiction TD authority was distinguished from powers assigned to the World Tournament Director, Ratings Commissioner, Appeals Committee, Arbitration Committee, Disciplinary Committee and other ICCF officials or bodies. A TD may take measures necessary for the proper conduct of the event within the TD's own authority but must refer matters requiring powers assigned elsewhere.

MODIFY – disciplinary architecture Corrective and preventive action, tournament-level measures and formal disciplinary action were separated. Tournament-level action remains within the TD framework, while serious, repeated or wider conduct may be referred through the World

Tournament Director into the disciplinary framework in section 1.7.2 and the applicable disciplinary regulations.

MODIFY – de-duplication and semantic references Repeated procedures were replaced where appropriate by references to the canonical player, team-event, adjudication, appeal or disciplinary rule. Stable semantic labels were added throughout the chapter to support later cross-document maintenance.

MODIFY – terminology Current ICCF terminology was applied consistently, including “member federation”, “national delegate”, “Rules Director”, “Tournament Director Committee”, “World Tournament Director”, “Appeals Committee” and “Arbitration Committee”.

4.2 Section 3.1 – The responsibility of a TD

MODIFY – TD philosophy and limits of authority The general philosophy of the TD role was consolidated around impartiality, timely action, Amici Sumus, proportional intervention and respect for the division of authority established elsewhere in the Rules.

MODIFY – minor and major issues The distinction between matters normally resolved by players or team captains and major matters requiring TD involvement was retained and clarified. The examples of major matters are expressly illustrative rather than exhaustive.

MODIFY – WTD and Ratings Commissioner intervention The circumstances in which the World Tournament Director or Ratings Commissioner may intervene in an incorrect TD decision were clarified. Such intervention remains subject to the applicable appeal procedure.

KEEP / MODIFY – independent appeal by senior officials The existing right of the World Tournament Director, Rules Director and Chair of the Tournament Director Committee to file an appeal where an outcome-affecting error has been identified and the TD declines to correct it or fails to respond within four days was retained and placed with the general supervisory rules.

KEEP / MODIFY – expected behaviour The four-day response expectation, prompt handling of claims and problems, restrictions on playing in events being directed, Code of Conduct duty and protection of personal data were retained and clarified.

4.3 Section 3.2 – Levels and specializations of TDs

MODIFY – TD levels The three levels of tournament directing experience are stated as Level 1, Level 2 and International Arbiter (IA). The automatic progression from Level 1 to Level 2 after the required number of directed games under a mentor was retained.

MODIFY – IA distinction The IA title is distinguished from Levels 1 and 2: IA is a life title, while Levels 1 and 2 describe tournament-directing experience.

KEEP / MODIFY – specializations Server-based and postal specializations were retained. A TD, and where applicable the mentor, must have the specialization corresponding to the event being directed.

4.4 Section 3.3 – When a TD is required

MODIFY – event classification Events were grouped by the minimum directing level required: any TD level, at least Level 2, or IA. The Tournament Management Committee (TMC) is included where it may perform the directing function.

KEEP – postal events The requirement that postal events always have a TD was retained.

MODIFY – current event structure The event lists were aligned with the current ICCF competition structure, including Super Regional Tournaments, Chess 960 events, the ICCF Memorial <2300 Team Tournament and the current Champions League divisions.

MODIFY – TMC and individual TD requirements The rules identifying events requiring an individual TD and the permitted use of the TMC were consolidated so that the applicable minimum qualification remains clear.

MODIFY – affiliated international organizations The treatment of events organised by ICCF-affiliated international organizations was retained and aligned with the general TD qualification framework.

4.5 Section 3.4 – Special considerations

KEEP / MODIFY – national and international tournaments Special considerations for national and international tournaments were retained and aligned with the revised division between ICCF requirements, member-federation responsibility and automated server procedures.

4.6 Section 3.5 – Becoming an ICCF TD

MODIFY – entry requirements The requirements for becoming an ICCF TD were consolidated into a single procedure covering eligibility, the TD Review Test, approval, registration and the mentor programme.

MODIFY – mentor programme The mentor framework was reorganised to distinguish appointment, responsibilities, supervision and completion of the mentoring requirement. The relationship between mentor specialization and the events directed by the candidate was preserved.

CLARIFICATION – end of mandatory IA mentoring The duration rule for Level 2 TDs pursuing the IA title was aligned with the title-effective-date rule in Section 3.6. The mentoring requirement ends when the IA title is confirmed and registered by the Qualifications Commissioner (QC), not upon its subsequent formal presentation at Congress. This corrects an internal inconsistency without changing the qualification or mentoring framework.

MODIFY – administration Approval and registration responsibilities were aligned with the current Tournament Director Committee and server-based administrative process.

4.7 Section 3.6 – Becoming an International Arbiter (IA)

MODIFY – complete IA procedure The IA provisions were consolidated into a complete procedure covering status and eligibility, application and documentation, quantitative and qualitative qualification requirements, review and award of the title.

KEEP / MODIFY – quantitative requirements The server, postal and combined experience routes were retained, including the combined formula $2P + S > 2000$, the minimum periods of mentored experience and the identification of qualifying ICCF tournaments.

MODIFY – qualitative assessment The qualitative assessment now expressly identifies the candidate's handling of problems and claims, responses to players, archiving, marketing information and other relevant TD performance. The mentor remains the primary source of the assessment, with additional information available to the TDC Chair where necessary.

MODIFY – review and award The respective roles of the Tournament Director Committee, its Chair and the Qualifications Commissioner were clarified. The TDC decides by simple majority whether to recommend the application; the Qualifications Commissioner verifies

the requirements and awards the title, with doubtful cases referred to Congress under the title-application procedure.

4.8 Section 3.7 — The backup TD

MODIFY — qualification and participation The backup TD must meet the qualification requirements applicable to the appointed TD. Participation restrictions were clarified for international, national and unrated events and aligned with the general restrictions on a TD playing in an event that the TD may be required to direct.

4.9 Section 3.8 — Suspension of the TD role and IA title

MODIFY — separation of TD role and IA title Suspension of the operational TD role was separated from suspension of the IA title. Suspension of the TD role is an administrative protective measure and does not by itself suspend the life title or constitute a disciplinary sanction.

MODIFY — immediate administrative suspension The TDC Chair, WTD or General Secretary may suspend a person's ability to serve as a TD where immediate intervention is required. Notification, replacement arrangements and the right of appeal were made explicit.

MODIFY — IA title suspension Suspension of the IA title remains a matter for Congress following the required TDC recommendation and consultation. The relationship with a separate TD-role suspension or disciplinary proceeding was clarified.

4.10 Section 3.9 — TD appointments and assignments

KEEP / MODIFY — appointment and refusal Server selection, organizer request, qualification requirements, the prohibition on directing a section in which the TD is playing and the TD's right to decline an appointment were retained and consolidated.

4.11 Section 3.10 — Actions before the start of a tournament

MODIFY — server/postal distinction The section now reflects the operational difference between server and postal events. No routine pre-start action is normally required from a server TD after accepting the assignment, while a postal TD must receive and acknowledge the start list, applicable Rules and other necessary information.

4.12 Section 3.11 — Actions after the start of a tournament

KEEP / MODIFY — checking commencement The TD's non-mandatory check that play has begun was retained, with a reasonable period of approximately 21–28 days stated as guidance.

MODIFY — postal duties Postal-specific duties were consolidated, including manual monitoring, receipt and recording of game information and the handling of matters that the ICCF server performs automatically in server events.

4.13 Section 3.12 — Rules specific to directing a team event

MODIFY — TD/TC division of responsibility Team-event provisions were consolidated around the operational division between the TD and team captains. Team captains remain the normal

channel between players and the TD except where the Rules provide for direct or automated handling.

MODIFY — failure of a team captain The TD's authority to require replacement of a team captain who cannot or will not perform the role was retained and aligned with the general Code of Conduct and team-event framework.

4.14 Section 3.13 — Communication with players and team captains

MODIFY — canonical communication route The communication rules were consolidated so that server automation, individual events and team events use the appropriate channels without repeating the same rule in every later procedure.

MODIFY — postal team events The manual role of the team captain in postal team events was preserved. Later provisions may therefore refer to the applicable Rules instead of restating the team-captain channel for every claim, adjudication or appeal.

4.15 Section 3.14 — Handling claims

MODIFY — automated and manual claims Claims were reorganised around whether server automation determines the outcome or TD action remains necessary. Automated server determinations do not require the TD to reproduce the server's work.

MODIFY — TD initiative The existing principle that a TD may act on a problem without waiting for a formal player claim was retained.

KEEP / MODIFY — manual procedure Receipt, acknowledgement, collection of necessary information, decision, reasons and applicable appeal rights were retained for claims requiring TD action.

KEEP / MODIFY — postal claims Postal claim procedures retain the manual evidence, timing and transmission requirements needed for postal play, including the special treatment of extended time limits, tablebase outcomes, repetition, the 50-move rule and unclaimed time defaults.

4.16 Section 3.15 — Handling Code of Conduct violations

MODIFY — procedure rather than duplicate offences Chapter 3 now concentrates on the TD's response to conduct issues and relies on Chapter 2 for the substantive player obligations and Code of Conduct prohibitions.

KEEP / MODIFY — team captain conduct The TD's response to inappropriate or ineffective team-captain conduct was retained, including the ability to require replacement where necessary.

KEEP / MODIFY — improper communication The silent-mode intervention was retained as a corrective and preventive measure intended to stop improper communication while allowing the game to continue.

KEEP / MODIFY — repetitive draw offers Repetitive draw offers are handled through the general improper communication/harassment framework rather than by creating a separate disciplinary ladder.

MODIFY — suspected collusion A TD does not determine whether collusion has occurred. The TD preserves the relevant information and refers the matter confidentially to the World Tournament Director for the appropriate further procedure.

4.17 Section 3.16 — Adjusting players' clocks and time

MODIFY — exceptional authority Clock or time adjustment was clarified as an exceptional power that may be exercised only where authorised by the Rules. It may not be used to avoid an extended time limit already established by the server.

KEEP / MODIFY — server unavailability The special procedure following qualifying server unavailability was retained, including the role of the Services Director or Deputy in determining complete days of unavailability and the World Tournament Director's authority where a completed game must be restored to ongoing status.

KEEP — appeal period The opponent's 14-day right of appeal against the relevant time adjustment was retained.

MODIFY — stopping clocks The circumstances in which clocks may be stopped were stated as closed cases: substitution or replacement, appeal and recording leave. Matters not covered by those cases are referred to the World Tournament Director.

KEEP / MODIFY — recording leave Emergency recording of remaining leave was retained with its safeguards: it begins no earlier than the first possible day, the national delegate and team captain where applicable are informed, it is never retroactive and it cannot reverse an earlier extended-time-limit result.

KEEP / MODIFY — triple block Movement of banked time in triple block remains a distinct technical procedure and does not create a general power to stop triple block time. The existing special authority of a team captain in a team event using triple block without guaranteed time was preserved: while arranging a substitution or replacement, the TC may move available time from the outgoing player's bank to that player's clock, but may not stop the clock or increase it beyond 50 days.

4.18 Section 3.17 — Substitution and replacement of players

MODIFY — complete structural consolidation The former overlapping provisions concerning substitution, replacement, death of a player and postal procedures were reorganised into general principles, TD action on a substitution request, replacement rules, death-of-player rules and a dedicated postal procedure.

MODIFY — distinction between substitution and replacement The substantive distinction between a substitute and a replacement player was retained while making clear that either may continue games already begun by the original player where the applicable rule permits this.

MODIFY — TD action on requests The TD procedure now states the action required after a substitution or replacement request and preserves the special timing consequences of standard and Triple Block controls. A request does not create an artificial opportunity to delay a Triple Block event while time continues to run.

KEEP / MODIFY — direct TC procedure The existing server procedure by which a team captain may initiate and implement a substitution or replacement directly was retained and made explicit. Correct use of that procedure does not require separate TD action unless the Rules assign a decision or corrective action to the TD.

CLARIFICATION — 60-day responsibility The existing 60-day period was clarified as a responsibility of the team captain to have an eligible substitute or replacement placed on the relevant board within the period. In a server event the change must be completed on the ICCF server within 60 days; asking the TD to implement the change does not transfer responsibility for meeting the deadline. In a postal event the TC must provide the eligible player to the TD within the same period.

KEEP / CLARIFY — no formal withdrawal or suspension The 2026 rule that a substitution or replacement initiated and implemented by the TC does not require a separate formal withdrawal by the outgoing player and does not of itself cause a suspension was preserved.

KEEP / MODIFY — correction of TC error The World Tournament Director's authority to reverse an erroneous direct substitution or replacement entered by a TC was retained. The detailed server steps for the TC procedure were moved to the extitlCCF Tournament Operations Guide.

KEEP / MODIFY — individual events Replacement during the early stage of an individual event remains possible under the specified conditions. The historical guidance "typically no more than four months after the official start date" is retained pending the outcome of Proposal 2026-051.

POST-CONGRESS — Proposal 2026-051 If Proposal 2026-051 is adopted, delete the word "typically" from the individual-event replacement provision. The four-month reference is otherwise retained as the existing benchmark.

KEEP / MODIFY — team events Team-event procedures retain substitution and replacement after the official start, the applicable continuation of games and the consequences where no substitute or replacement is provided within the prescribed period.

KEEP / MODIFY — two-team events The special possibility of cancelling all games of a player in a two-team event where no move has been made and the applicable request is made was retained within the substitution/replacement procedure rather than in the general cancellation rule.

MODIFY — death of a player Death-related substitution and replacement consequences were consolidated here and coordinated with the player and adjudication provisions.

MODIFY — postal procedure The postal substitution/replacement procedure preserves the manual transfer of game records and documentation. The TD may obtain the necessary records from the opposing team captains where required, ensuring that continuation of the games does not depend on voluntary cooperation by only one side.

4.19 Section 3.18 — Time defaults, abandonment and cancellation of games

MODIFY — consolidation of former sections The former time-default, abandonment and cancellation provisions were consolidated. Player consequences and substitution/replacement procedures already stated canonically elsewhere are not repeated here.

MODIFY — server time defaults Automatic server confirmation of an extended time limit remains the normal rule. The absolute statement that a confirmed result can never be restored to ongoing status was qualified by "except as expressly provided in these Rules" so that the provision no longer conflicts with the exceptional server-unavailability procedure in section 3.16.

KEEP / MODIFY — postal abandonment The special postal four-month-default procedure was retained as a manual TD procedure distinct from an ordinary postal time claim. The sequence of enquiry, 14-day response period, final warning and further 14-day period is preserved before the remaining games are treated as abandoned.

KEEP / MODIFY — national delegate The national delegate remains copied into the formal postal potential- abandonment procedure. The general team-event communication rules continue to govern the role of the team captain without being duplicated in this provision.

MODIFY — cancellation The TD's authority concerning cancellation of games was separated from substitution/replacement and player-sanction rules. In individual events, cancellation after an event has been placed on the server remains outside the ordinary authority of the TD and is dealt with by the competent higher authority under the Rules.

4.20 Section 3.19 – Adjudications

MODIFY – consolidated structure TD adjudication duties were reorganised into four parts: when adjudication may or must be used, automated adjudication, manual adjudication and adjudication appeals. Player obligations remain in Chapter 2 and adjudicator duties remain in Chapter 6.

KEEP / MODIFY – circumstances for adjudication The existing grounds were retained: a scheduled end date has been reached, an unfinished game is delaying the next stage, or a player has died in the circumstances specified by the death-of-player rule.

MODIFY – automated adjudication ICCF international events use the automated adjudication system, including where the underlying game was played by post. Server notification, deadlines, adjudicator selection, transmission of material and recording of the result are not duplicated as manual TD duties.

KEEP – mutual draw claims Where both players claim a draw, the server records a draw without referral to an adjudicator.

KEEP / MODIFY – manual adjudication The manual procedure for an unrated national event was retained. The TD receives claims and supporting analysis in accordance with the applicable Rules, thereby preserving the relevant player and team-captain communication routes without repeating them here.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – national-event opt-out The 2026 Rules are not fully aligned: the TD provisions refer to an “unrated national event”, while Chapter 6 refers more broadly to a “national event”. The present Chapter 3 text retains the narrower formulation pending the Chapter 6 audit.

KEEP / MODIFY – adjudication appeals An eligible appeal remains a technical second-adjudicator procedure rather than an appeal to the Appeals Committee. The second adjudicator’s decision is final. Where the initial adjudication was automated, the TD refers the request for organization at the appropriate ICCF level; where the initial adjudication was manual, a different adjudicator is selected manually.

DELETE – accepted-withdrawal adjudication detail Historical adjudication provisions dependent on an “accepted withdrawal” in an unrated national event were not reproduced. The revised Rules no longer establish a general ICCF formal-withdrawal procedure, and any member-federation-specific arrangement does not require duplication in the general ICCF adjudication procedure.

4.21 Section 3.20 – Records to be kept

MODIFY – general retention principle Record retention was expressed functionally: material is kept for as long as it may reasonably be required for completion or review of the matter, including the expiry of any applicable review period.

MODIFY – server events Information already recorded and retained by the ICCF server need not normally be duplicated by the TD. Material relevant to a TD decision that is not adequately retained by the server must still be preserved.

MODIFY – postal events Postal TDs must retain the game records, correspondence, claims, decisions and other documentation required for their manual duties, taking account of claim and appeal periods and any additional time reasonably required for postal transmission.

4.22 Section 3.21 – Enforcing rules on publication of games

MODIFY – de-duplication The substantive conditions for live display or publication remain in Chapter 2. Chapter 3 now states the TD’s enforcement duty rather than repeating those

conditions.

KEEP / MODIFY — graduated event consequences The TD applies the consequence prescribed in Chapter 2 for the first, second or third violation by the same player in the same event.

MODIFY — repeated violations across events The former direct two-year suspension power of the World Tournament Director was replaced by referral into the general disciplinary framework where repeated violations in different events require disciplinary action.

4.23 Section 3.22 — Warnings, tournament-level measures and disciplinary referral

MODIFY — three-level architecture The former mixture of warnings, penalties and disciplinary sanctions was reorganised into corrective or preventive measures, tournament-level penalties and referral for formal disciplinary action.

KEEP / MODIFY — proportionality and progression Warnings need not precede every penalty, and the response must remain proportionate to the seriousness and repetition of the breach. Specific measures prescribed elsewhere in the Rules take precedence over the general progression.

KEEP / MODIFY — TD event-level authority The TD retains authority within the event to issue directions or warnings, impose applicable time penalties, record a loss where authorised and disqualify a player where the Rules permit.

KEEP / MODIFY — additional postal measures The postal warning and time-penalty framework was retained, together with the stronger measures available for serious cases and the possibility of requiring a replacement player in a team event where applicable.

MODIFY — monitored postal game Where a postal game is not proceeding properly, the special monitoring power was restored close to its original function. The TD may require both players to provide a copy of every move, as transmitted in accordance with the applicable Rules, so that the TD can monitor the game. While the requirement remains in effect, the players must be informed that a move is not regarded as valid unless the TD has received a copy. This preserves the bilateral monitoring function and avoids redefining the Chapter 2 requirements for transmitting a postal move.

MODIFY — decisions and notification Significant tournament-level decisions must be communicated with reasons and the applicable appeal information. Notification or consultation of the member federation is retained where appropriate to the seriousness of the measure.

MODIFY — disciplinary referral Serious or repeated conduct, conduct extending beyond a single event, or a matter potentially requiring a sanction outside TD authority is referred to the World Tournament Director for action under section 1.7.2 and the applicable disciplinary regulations.

MODIFY — parallel event and disciplinary action Tournament-level action and disciplinary referral are expressly independent: an immediate event measure does not prevent separate disciplinary review, and referral does not prevent the TD from taking a necessary measure within the event.

4.24 Section 3.23 — When an appeal against a TD decision is filed

MODIFY — reliance on Chapter 1 The section no longer recreates the jurisdiction of the Appeals Committee and Arbitration Committee. Appeals against TD decisions are governed by section 1.7.2, while Chapter 3 states the actions required from the TD after an appeal is filed.

KEEP / MODIFY — adjudication exception Adjudication appeals are expressly excluded because they use the separate second-adjudicator procedure in section 3.19.

MODIFY — no automatic stay Filing an appeal does not by itself suspend the TD decision unless the Rules provide otherwise or the competent appeal body directs otherwise.

MODIFY — integrity of decision under appeal The TD shall not alter the challenged decision merely because an appeal has been filed, while retaining the ability to correct an evident error where the Rules permit and the correction resolves the matter.

MODIFY — cooperation and implementation The TD must preserve relevant records, cooperate with the competent appeal body, provide requested material and reasons, and implement the final decision.

MODIFY — extraordinary procedural review Extraordinary procedural review is not treated as another appeal and is therefore not reproduced in this section. Its legal basis belongs in the general architecture of section 1.7.2 and its detailed procedure in the Arbitration Committee Regulations.

4.25 Section 3.24 — At the end of an event

KEEP / MODIFY — certificates The TD or TO remains responsible for ensuring that certificates made available for the event reach the players entitled to receive them, while allowing for server-supported distribution where available.

KEEP — title norms The TD is not required to confirm a title norm unless specifically requested to do so by the Qualifications Commissioner.

MODIFY — outstanding duties Completion of all games does not terminate outstanding TD duties. Appeals, records, implementation of decisions and other unresolved matters continue for as long as required by the applicable Rules.

4.26 Section 3.25 — Absence, leave and replacement of the TD

MODIFY — consolidated absence framework The former leave provisions were consolidated into planned leave, extended leave and backup coverage, and inability to continue or replacement.

KEEP / MODIFY — planned leave The threshold for planned absence of more than four consecutive days was retained. Server events use the server leave and backup mechanism; postal events retain the necessary manual notifications.

KEEP / MODIFY — extended leave Absence exceeding three weeks requires additional backup or temporary-TD arrangements rather than reliance only on the ordinary short-leave mechanism.

MODIFY — inability to continue A TD who cannot continue for an extended or indefinite period must enable an orderly handover of outstanding matters and the appointment of a temporary or permanent replacement.

4.27 Cross-document conclusions from the Chapter 3 audit

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Chapter 2 references The Chapter 3 audit confirms the substantive links from Chapter 2 to the death-of-player, substitution/replacement and adjudication procedures. References in Chapter 2 that still identify the adjudication section as section 3.20 must be updated to section 3.19 following the Chapter 3 restructuring. References into Chapter 6 remain provisional until that chapter is audited.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Chapter 6 adjudication rules Chapter 6 must be checked against section 3.19, including adjudicator anonymity, selection, time limits, appeal adjudication and the inconsistent 2026 wording “unrated national event” versus “national event” for opting out of automated adjudication.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — disciplinary regulations Section 3.22 is aligned with the Chapter 1 distinction between tournament-level measures and formal disciplinary action. The Regulations for the Disciplinary Committee should not remain the primary location for the detailed extraordinary procedural review procedure.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Arbitration Committee Regulations The detailed extraordinary procedural review procedure should be located principally in the Arbitration Committee Regulations and aligned with the legal basis in section 1.7.2. Extraordinary review is procedural and is not a further merits appeal.

STRUCTURAL / FOLLOW-UP — Tournament Operations Guide Server-dependent TD procedures removed from Chapter 3 are collected in the extitICCF Tournament Operations Guide, together with corresponding TO and TC procedures. Exact menu names and server controls marked for later verification should be checked against the live server or test environment without changing the normative allocation of responsibilities in the Rules.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Appeals Committee Regulations Section 3.23 relies on the jurisdictional structure established in section 1.7.2. The Appeals Committee reviews compliance with the applicable Rules and procedures; adjudication appeals remain outside that committee's jurisdiction and use the technical second-adjudicator process.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Outline of Duties The Outline of Duties should be checked after completion of the Rules audit against the revised TD hierarchy, Tournament Director Committee functions, Rules Director terminology, disciplinary referral route and current appeal architecture.

4.28 Outstanding decisions and follow-up

1. Following the 2026 Congress, implement the result of Proposal 2026-051 concerning the word “typically” in the individual-event replacement provision.
2. During the Chapter 6 audit, resolve the 2026 inconsistency between “unrated national event” and “national event” in the manual-adjudication opt-out provisions and verify all Chapter 3/Chapter 6 adjudication cross-references.
3. Update the remaining Chapter 2 references from section 3.20 to section 3.19 following the final Chapter 3 numbering.
4. Complete the previously identified cross-document work on extraordinary procedural review: align section 1.7.2, the Arbitration Committee Regulations and the Regulations for the Disciplinary Committee.
5. After completion of the full Rules audit, update the Outline of Duties to reflect the final TD, disciplinary and appeal architecture.

4.29 Chapter 3 audit status

Chapter 3 is technically closed for the purposes of the 2027 Rules audit, subject to:

- implementation of relevant 2026 Congress decisions;
- the Chapter 6 adjudication cross-check identified above;
- correction of consequential cross-references in earlier chapters;
- completion of the extraordinary-procedural-review alignment across Chapter 1 and the committee regulations; and
- final whole-document technical validation after all chapters have been audited.

5 Audit Log — Chapter 4: Organising ICCF Events: Instructions for TOs

5.1 Chapter-wide editorial and structural changes

MODIFY — functional consolidation Chapter 4 was reorganised around the responsibilities actually exercised by the tournament organizer (TO). Repeated playing, TD and team-captain rules were reduced in favour of references to their canonical provisions.

MODIFY — operational material transferred to Guide Detailed server instructions, menu paths, setup screens, troubleshooting steps and other interface-dependent material were removed from the Rules and transferred to the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide*. Chapter 4 now states what the TO must determine or ensure; the Guide explains how those tasks are carried out on the ICCF server.

MODIFY — limits of TO authority The chapter distinguishes matters determined by the TO from parameters or approvals determined by the competent ICCF official, member federation or organising body. The TO's role is organisational and does not confer powers assigned elsewhere in the Rules.

MODIFY — terminology and references Current ICCF terminology was applied consistently, including “member federation”, “tournament organizer”, “World Tournament Director”, “Direct Entry” and “Tournament Management Committee”. Cross-references were simplified where the governing rule belongs in another chapter or appendix.

5.2 Section 4.1 — The responsibility of a TO

MODIFY — scope of responsibility The former statement that the TO determines all organisational aspects of an event was qualified. The TO is responsible for organisational arrangements within the applicable ICCF Rules and within parameters set by the competent ICCF official or organising body.

KEEP / MODIFY — core functions Tournament structure, playing parameters and the roster of players remain core TO responsibilities where applicable.

5.3 Section 4.2 — When a TO is required

CLARIFICATION A designated TO is required for ICCF tournaments and other events using the ICCF server. The rule expressly covers national events using the server even where the person performing the function is not formally called the TO.

5.4 Section 4.3 — Requirements to become an ICCF TO

MODIFY — consolidated requirements Approval, familiarity with the applicable Rules, proper conduct and the consequences of misuse of TO privileges were grouped under one coherent framework.

KEEP / MODIFY — approval and competence The requirement for appropriate ICCF approval and sufficient familiarity with the responsibilities of Section 4 was retained while removing unnecessary server-navigation detail.

KEEP / MODIFY — conduct and privileges The TO remains subject to the ICCF Code of Conduct and may have TO privileges suspended or withdrawn where appropriate under the applicable ICCF procedures.

5.5 Section 4.4 — TO appointments

KEEP / MODIFY — appointment The requirement for an identifiable TO was retained while avoiding duplication of approval requirements already stated in section 4.3.

MODIFY — conflicts and combined roles The possibility of combining TO, TD, backup-TD or player roles was retained only where the person independently satisfies the requirements and conflict restrictions applicable to each role.

5.6 Section 4.5 — Organising an invitational tournament

KEEP / MODIFY — approval process The requirement to obtain the necessary ICCF approval before organising an international invitational tournament was retained, with the application information stated more concisely.

KEEP / MODIFY — invitation channel Invitations to players from member federations are normally made through the relevant national delegate, and invitations to isolated players through the appropriate ICCF support channel.

MODIFY — rating basis Rating information used for invitations and eligibility is treated as an input governed by the ICCF rating rules. The TO does not determine or alter a player's ICCF rating.

OPEN — unrated international invitationals The 2026 provisions are not fully aligned on whether an unrated international invitational event sponsored by a member federation requires WTD approval. The apparent exemption in former section 4.5.1 must be checked against sections 1.2.6.4 and 1.3.3 and current operational practice before the issue is closed.

5.7 Section 4.6 — Organising an individual event

MODIFY — normative workflow Promotion, registration, announcement, event creation and verification were retained as TO responsibilities, while detailed server clicks were moved to the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide*.

MODIFY — ratings Former wording that could imply TO responsibility for establishing a player's rating was removed. Provisional and official ratings are governed by Appendix 1 and the applicable rating procedures.

KEEP / MODIFY — international title tournaments Requirements specific to international title tournaments were retained and aligned with Appendix 2 and the applicable approval framework.

5.8 Section 4.7 — Determining event parameters

MODIFY — consolidated parameters Event status and structure, dates, time control, playing and viewing conditions, pairing and tie-breaking, registration, certificates and permitted national-event variations were consolidated into a single section.

KEEP / MODIFY — advance determination Parameters affecting participation or play should be determined before the event is announced or started and applied consistently. Special conditions affecting a player's decision to enter should be stated in the tournament announcement.

MODIFY — format-specific material Detailed descriptions of particular tournament formats were removed where they are not general normative rules. The absence of a format from the ICCF Rules does not prohibit its use where the applicable Rules and approval requirements are satisfied.

MODIFY — unrated national events Permitted national-event variations remain possible where provided by the Rules. Selection of the corresponding server options is operational material and is described in the Guide.

5.9 Section 4.8 — Appointment of TDs and backup TDs

MODIFY — reliance on Chapter 3 The TO must ensure that the required TD and backup TD appointments are made, while qualification, specialization, participation and conflict restrictions are governed by Chapter 3 rather than repeated here.

KEEP / MODIFY — national-event preference Priority should normally be given to a suitably qualified TD from the organising member federation for a national event, unless another appointment is appropriate.

MODIFY — server procedure Automated selection, requesting a specific TD and confirming availability remain practical TO tasks, with detailed server steps transferred to the Guide.

5.10 Section 4.9 — Starting an event

KEEP / MODIFY The requirement to make the start information available at least one week before the official start date was retained, subject to any event-specific provision. Detailed server start procedures were moved to the Guide.

5.11 Section 4.10 — Multi-group events

MODIFY — balancing principles The substantive objective of forming sections as evenly as practicable was retained, with explicit reference to group size, average rating or relevant title-norm category, and geographical distribution.

KEEP — no self-pairing A player permitted to enter an event more than once must not be allocated so as to be paired against themselves.

MODIFY — operational methods Manual segmentation, randomisation and practical balancing methods were transferred to the Guide.

5.12 Section 4.11 — Organising a team event

KEEP — no self-pairing The prohibition on organising a team event in a way that pairs a player against themselves was retained.

MODIFY — server setup The TO's responsibility to create and verify teams, team captains, boards, players and directing appointments was retained; detailed server setup was transferred to the Guide.

MODIFY — Champions League The chapter now relies on section 1.2.5 and the applicable tournament announcement for Champions League requirements instead of repeating a separate server procedure.

KEEP / MODIFY — team captains Responsibility for designating team captains remains primarily with the relevant member federation or other body forming the team. Restrictions preventing one person from representing opposing teams in the same section, group or division were retained and stated from the TO perspective.

KEEP / MODIFY — colours The existing team colour-allocation principle was retained as a normative event-setup rule.

5.13 Section 4.12 — Player withdrawal before or after event setup

MODIFY — stage of event setup The provision distinguishes withdrawal before the event is placed on the server from substitution or replacement after server setup. Once posted, the applicable

Chapter 3 and team-event procedures govern the change.

KEEP / MODIFY – TO assistance The TD may request the TO’s assistance in finding a suitable replacement, while the legal substitution or replacement procedure remains governed by the relevant Rules.

5.14 Section 4.13 – Prizes and awards

MODIFY – consolidated requirements Monetary prizes, medals, trophies, free entries and certificates were consolidated under one provision requiring compliance with applicable ICCF financial and approval requirements.

KEEP / MODIFY – advance announcement Prizes, tie arrangements and any condition affecting entitlement must be made clear before entries are accepted.

KEEP / MODIFY – free entries and certificates A free-entry prize requires the applicable authorization, and certificate eligibility should be determined before the event starts. Detailed server mechanics are described in the Guide.

5.15 Section 4.14 – Adjudications and event deadlines

MODIFY – removal of obsolete TO role The TO no longer has responsibility for selecting adjudicators or conducting adjudications. Those functions belong to the TD framework in Chapter 3.

KEEP / MODIFY – deadlines The TO remains responsible for ensuring that the TD is aware of any event or stage deadline requiring completion. Where the end date is already recorded on the server, no additional routine action is normally required.

5.16 Section 4.15 – Further assistance

MODIFY – functional contacts The former list of individual “how-to” contacts was simplified. The TO should consult the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide* and contact the ICCF official responsible for approval, Rules interpretation, finance, Direct Entry or technical support as appropriate.

5.17 Cross-document conclusions from the Chapter 4 audit

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Chapter 5 Team-captain appointment and team-event responsibilities were separated so that Chapter 4 states what the TO must ensure and Chapter 5 states the role and duties of the TC. Final cross-references should use stable semantic labels once Chapters 4 and 5 are closed.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – unrated international invitationals The approval requirement for unrated international invitational events remains open and must be aligned across sections 1.2.6.4, 1.3.3 and 4.5 after confirmation of current WTD/Rules practice.

STRUCTURAL / FOLLOW-UP – Tournament Operations Guide Server-dependent TO procedures are collected in the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide*. The Guide is supporting operational material and does not create independent normative requirements.

6 Audit Log – Chapter 5: Instructions for Team Captains

6.1 Chapter-wide editorial and structural changes

MODIFY – functional restructuring Chapter 5 was reorganised around the duties actually performed by a team captain (TC): representation and communication, monitoring and problem resolution, substitution/replacement, adjudication support, record keeping and availability.

MODIFY – de-duplication with Chapter 3 The substantive mechanics and legal consequences of substitution, replacement, abandonment, adjudication and other TD decisions are governed principally by Chapter 3. Chapter 5 now states what the TC must do within those procedures rather than reproducing the complete TD rules.

MODIFY – operational material transferred to Guide Detailed server workflow, practical communication sequences and other interface-dependent instructions were transferred to the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide*. The Rules retain the TC's duties, responsibilities and applicable deadlines.

DELETE / RENUMBER – former section 5.3 The former provision entitled “Input to tournament organizers”, dealing only with the provisional rating of an unrated player, was deleted as a duplicate of Appendix 1 and because it did not establish a TC-specific responsibility. Subsequent sections were renumbered consecutively.

6.2 Section 5.1 – Role of the Team Captain

MODIFY – concise role definition The TC's role was consolidated around representing and supporting the team, communicating with players, other TCs and officials, assisting with procedural questions, resolving minor issues and arranging substitute or replacement players where required.

MODIFY – escalation principle Minor matters should be resolved without unnecessary TD involvement where appropriate, while matters requiring an official ruling, disciplinary action, substitution/replacement, Rules interpretation or other significant intervention must be referred to the TD.

KEEP / MODIFY – postal function The additional communication and reporting role of the TC in postal events was retained, reflecting functions that are automated by the server in server events.

6.3 Section 5.2 – Appointment and Status of the Team Captain

MODIFY – reliance on Chapter 4 The detailed appointment rules are not duplicated. Chapter 5 states that each team has one designated TC at a time and refers appointment to the organisational framework in Chapter 4.

KEEP / MODIFY – backup TC A backup TC may be designated but acts only when the designated TC is temporarily unable to perform the role.

CLARIFICATION – continuing eligibility A person serving as TC must remain eligible to perform the function throughout the event.

6.4 Section 5.3 – Facilitating Communication

MODIFY – server claims Game-ending claims handled through the ICCF server are submitted through the applicable server procedure and do not require the TC to act as an intermediary.

KEEP / MODIFY — other issues Other player issues normally pass through the TC, who should resolve minor matters where appropriate and refer matters requiring an official decision to the TD. The TC gathers and forwards information reasonably needed by the TD.

KEEP / MODIFY — postal communication In postal team events, claims and other matters requiring TD attention are normally communicated through the TC, except where the issue concerns the TC's own conduct or failure to perform the role.

MODIFY — appeals Chapter 5 no longer restates the jurisdiction, deadlines and finality of the appeals system. It states only the TC's operational role: server notification where applicable and prompt forwarding in a postal procedure that requires submission through the TC.

KEEP / MODIFY — postal game scores Completed postal game scores and results continue to be transmitted through the TCs, who must forward them to the TD without unnecessary delay.

6.5 Section 5.4 — Monitoring Players and Resolving Problems

MODIFY — monitoring rather than duplicate sanctions The TC's duty is expressed as monitoring whether players have begun and continue play, contacting an inactive player promptly and informing the TD where intervention may be necessary. Detailed consequences of inactivity or time default remain in the applicable playing and TD rules.

MODIFY — minor and major issues The distinction between minor disputes and matters requiring official intervention was retained but shortened. Examples of major matters are illustrative rather than an exhaustive duplicate of Chapter 3.

MODIFY — suspected abandonment The TC must attempt to contact an unexpectedly inactive player and provide the TD with relevant information. The legal determination of abandonment is governed by Chapter 3 and is not redefined in Chapter 5.

6.6 Section 5.5 — Player Discontinuation, Substitution and Replacement

MODIFY — Chapter 3 as canonical procedure The detailed substitution and replacement mechanics were removed from Chapter 5 where they duplicate Chapter 3. Chapter 5 now states the TC's responsibilities within the canonical procedure.

KEEP / MODIFY — before the official start Where a player becomes unable or unwilling to participate before the official start date, the TC must inform the appropriate TO or TD and assist in obtaining an eligible replacement.

KEEP / MODIFY — substitution The TC remains responsible for finding an eligible substitute within the applicable time limit and for providing the information needed to implement the change. Eligibility, rating limits, continuation of games and limits on substitutions are governed by Chapter 3.

KEEP / MODIFY — replacement A substitute who satisfies the Chapter 3 conditions may request replacement status through the TC. Rating, move-count, completed-game, title-norm and approval conditions are not duplicated here.

MODIFY — procedure and time limits The TC must act promptly and comply with the applicable deadline. Detailed server steps were transferred to the Guide, while Chapter 3 contains the normative 60-day rule and its consequences.

KEEP / MODIFY — failure to provide player Failure to provide an eligible substitute or replacement within the applicable period is dealt with under Chapter 3, including the special possibility of cancellation in the specified two-team-event situation.

6.7 Section 5.6 — Substitutions or Replacements Initiated by the Team Captain

KEEP / MODIFY — direct server procedure The existing right of a TC to initiate and implement a substitution or replacement directly through the ICCF server was retained. Detailed server navigation is described in the Guide.

KEEP / MODIFY — eligibility and time controls The TC must ensure that the incoming player satisfies the applicable eligibility and rating requirements and that any server function affecting clocks or banked time is used in accordance with Chapter 3.

KEEP / CLARIFY — completion within time limit The direct procedure must be completed within the applicable time limit. Chapter 3 now states the 60-day responsibility and the consequences of failure to complete the change.

KEEP — correction of TC error An error made by the TC while using the direct procedure must be referred promptly to the World Tournament Director, whose corrective authority is stated in Chapter 3.

6.8 Section 5.7 — Adjudications

MODIFY — automated adjudication In server events using automated adjudication, the TC has no formal role other than assisting a player with procedural questions where necessary.

KEEP / MODIFY — manual procedure Where manual adjudication is used, the TC forwards the TD's instructions and transmits material where the applicable procedure requires use of the TC channel. The substantive adjudication and appeal rules remain in Chapters 3 and 6.

6.9 Section 5.8 — Records and Communications

MODIFY — relevant records The TC must retain correspondence and other material relating to unresolved or potentially appealable matters during the event and for at least 14 days after the event has ended.

MODIFY — server records Information already retained automatically by the ICCF server need not be duplicated unless there is a specific reason to preserve additional material.

6.10 Section 5.9 — Conduct and Availability of the Team Captain

KEEP / MODIFY — conduct The TC's obligation to act responsibly and in the spirit of *Amici Sumus* was retained and linked to the ICCF Code of Conduct.

KEEP / MODIFY — temporary unavailability A TC who becomes temporarily unable to perform the role must ensure that the relevant players, opposing TCs and TD are informed and that any designated backup or replacement TC can assume the necessary duties.

MODIFY — assistance The former list of named officials to consult was simplified. Where uncertain about procedure or interpretation, the TC should consult the TD or the other appropriate ICCF official.

6.11 Cross-document conclusions from the Chapter 5 audit

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Chapter 3 Chapter 3 is the canonical location for the legal mechanics of substitution and replacement, including eligibility, the 60-day period, default

consequences, direct TC procedures, clock treatment and correction of an erroneous server change. Chapter 5 states the corresponding TC duties.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Chapter 4 Chapter 4 governs the organisational appointment and event-setup aspects of team captains. Chapter 5 governs the TC’s role after appointment. Final semantic cross-references should be inserted once the chapter labels are stable.

STRUCTURAL / FOLLOW-UP – Tournament Operations Guide Practical TC workflows, including communication, postal handling and direct server substitution/replacement, are collected in the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide*. Exact server labels marked for later verification should be checked against the live server or test environment without altering the normative Rules.

7 Audit Log – Chapter 6: Instructions for ICCF Adjudicators

7.1 Chapter-wide editorial and structural changes

MODIFY – functional restructuring Chapter 6 was reorganised around the adjudicator’s role: eligibility and appointment, circumstances in which adjudication is used, material provided to the adjudicator, adjudication principles and procedure, and appeals against adjudication decisions. The former sequence of sections 6.1–6.7 was consolidated into sections 6.1–6.5 without changing the underlying adjudication system.

MODIFY – de-duplication with Chapter 3 Chapter 3 is the canonical location for the organisation and initiation of adjudication, including the circumstances and procedural conditions under which an adjudication or adjudication appeal is commenced. Chapter 6 now concentrates on the adjudicator, the material to be assessed, the standards governing that assessment, determination of the result and the appeal adjudicator’s role.

MODIFY – operational material transferred to Guide Server-dependent and communication-dependent procedures were transferred to the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide*. These include the practical method of applying to become an adjudicator, receiving and accepting or declining assignments, receiving adjudication material, recording results on the server and the current manual workflow for adjudication appeals.

DELETE / RENUMBER – obsolete deleted placeholders Former provisions retained only as “[Deleted]” placeholders, including former section 6.6.5 and the deleted item within former section 6.6.2, were omitted. The remaining provisions were renumbered consecutively.

7.2 Section 6.1 – Eligibility and Appointment of Adjudicators

KEEP / MODIFY – eligibility The existing eligibility threshold was retained: an ICCF player in good standing qualifies to serve as an adjudicator by holding the title of GM or SIM and/or having an official ICCF rating of 2500 or higher. The wording was modernised without changing the threshold.

KEEP / MODIFY – becoming an adjudicator Application to the World Tournament Director was retained together with the required identifying information and languages understood by the applicant. The current transmission method by email was removed from the normative Rules and placed in the Guide so that it can be updated independently if the operational procedure changes.

KEEP / MODIFY – automated assignment Automated selection through the ICCF server, the 4-day response period and the right to decline an assignment were retained. The former explanatory discussion concerning avoidable delay after non-response was shortened; the practical expectation of prompt acceptance or refusal is described in the Guide.

KEEP / MODIFY – completion period The principle that an adjudicator should not receive more work than can reasonably be decided within approximately 30 days, and that an individual adjudication should normally be completed within that period, was retained in concise form.

CLARIFICATION – manual assignment in national events The manual-adjudication provision was aligned with Chapter 3 by referring to an unrated national event in which the tournament organizer has opted out of the automated adjudication system. In that situation the TD may select an adjudicator manually; the person need not be a registered ICCF adjudicator, must satisfy the applicable event requirements and may decline the assignment.

KEEP / MODIFY – anonymity The confidentiality of the initial and appeal adjudicators was retained. Players and team captains are not informed of the adjudicator's identity without consent, and in an automated procedure the TD is likewise not informed. A national delegate may know the adjudicators belonging to that member federation but not which adjudicator decided a particular case.

7.3 Section 6.2 – When Adjudication Is Used

MODIFY – reliance on Chapter 3 The three existing categories of adjudication were retained in concise form: an unfinished game at the scheduled end of an event, an unfinished game delaying a subsequent stage where no scheduled end date exists, and an adjudication arising from a player's death. Detailed triggering conditions are not duplicated and are governed by Chapter 3.

CLARIFICATION – separation of roles Chapter 6 no longer determines whether the adjudication procedure is to be initiated. That organisational decision and the corresponding initiation procedure belong to Chapter 3; Chapter 6 governs the adjudicator once the case has been referred for adjudication.

7.4 Section 6.3 – Material Provided to the Adjudicator

KEEP / MODIFY – adjudication material The existing material supplied for adjudication was retained: the PGN game record, the players' claims, submitted analysis and an indication where a claim was generated automatically without supporting analysis.

KEEP – individual and team events The rule that the material supplied does not differ between individual and team events was retained.

CLARIFICATION – permitted basis of decision The section now states expressly that the adjudicator is to decide the case from material properly provided under the adjudication procedure together with any independent analysis permitted by Section 6. This makes explicit the boundary between submitted material and the adjudicator's own analysis.

MODIFY – delivery mechanism The former statement that the server forwards the material was separated from the normative list of material. Automated and manual delivery procedures are described in the Guide.

7.5 Section 6.4 – Adjudication Principles and Procedure

MODIFY – structural consolidation Former sections 6.6.1–6.6.6 were reorganised into six functional parts: players' claims and analyses, assessment of submitted analysis, the adjudicator's own analysis, determination of the result, recording and notification, and records. Obsolete deleted placeholders were removed.

7.5.1 Section 6.4.1 – Players’ Claims and Analyses

KEEP / MODIFY – finality of claims The rule that an adjudication claim cannot be withdrawn, negated or altered once submitted was retained.

KEEP / MODIFY – mutual draw claims Where both players claim a draw, the game is declared drawn without referral to an adjudicator. The former reference to declaration by the TD or server was simplified because the adjudicator has no decision to make in that situation.

KEEP / CLARIFY – nature of supporting analysis The principle that supporting analysis may include plans, positional considerations and other chess reasoning, and need not consist solely of variations, was retained and expressed more directly.

KEEP / MODIFY – win claim without analysis A win claim without supporting analysis is treated as a draw claim, with the existing exception for an adjudication arising from the player’s death.

KEEP / MODIFY – failure to submit a claim Failure to submit a claim continues to produce an automated draw claim without supporting analysis and normally removes the right of appeal. The death exception was retained and the obvious former wording error “accept when” was corrected to express the intended exception.

7.5.2 Section 6.4.2 – Assessment of Submitted Analysis

KEEP / MODIFY – common analysis lines Where both players’ submitted analyses follow the same line for several moves, those moves continue to be treated as if played and the assessment begins from the position at which the analyses diverge.

CLARIFICATION – assessment where one claim has no analysis The former requirement to decide whether the other player’s analysis is “complete, correct, and irrefutable” was expressed as whether that analysis is complete, correct and sufficient to support the claim. This avoids an isolated absolute formulation while preserving the required substantive assessment of the submitted case.

KEEP / MODIFY – sufficient case for a win The existing practical criteria for determining whether a player has presented a sufficient case for a win were retained but reorganised. A bare assertion, unexplained engine evaluation, engine variations standing alone, or material advantage without relevant positional context is not necessarily sufficient; variations combined with chess explanation, or a sufficiently detailed verbal analysis, may be sufficient.

KEEP / MODIFY – flaws in submitted analysis The distinction between minor errors and serious errors capable of undermining a win claim was retained. The adjudicator should continue to consider whether it would have been reasonable for the opponent to find the relevant drawing or winning continuation.

KEEP – playing strength and tablebases The adjudicator must continue to take account of the players’ demonstrated playing strength in reaching the adjudicated position and may assume that both players have access to available endgame tablebases.

7.5.3 Section 6.4.3 – Adjudicator’s Own Analysis

KEEP / MODIFY – independent analysis The adjudicator’s right to use endgame tablebases, including available 7-piece tablebases, and to conduct independent analysis after considering the players’ submissions was retained.

KEEP / CLARIFY – limit on constructing a winning case Independent analysis may not be used to construct a win that was not presented to a reasonable degree in the relevant player’s submitted analysis. The existing exception for an automatically generated claim without supporting analysis was retained.

7.5.4 Sections 6.4.4–6.4.6 – Result, Notification and Records

MODIFY – determination separated from reporting The substantive restrictions on the result were separated from the server procedure used to record and report it. A player who claimed only a draw cannot be awarded a win, and a win claim unsupported by analysis cannot result in a win except in the existing death case.

KEEP / MODIFY – prompt recording The requirement to record an adjudication result promptly, even though it may still be appealed, was retained. In an automated adjudication the server records the result on the event crosstable and notifies the appropriate participants and officials.

MODIFY – server procedure transferred to Guide Detailed practical steps for entering the result through the ICCF server were moved to the Guide. Chapter 6 retains only the normative requirement to record the result and the effect of the automated process.

KEEP / MODIFY – adjudicator records The requirement to retain notes supporting the adjudication decision for at least 14 days after the result is recorded was retained and expressed to include relevant analysis as well as explanatory notes.

7.6 Section 6.5 – Appeals against Adjudication Decisions

KEEP / MODIFY – separate adjudication appeal route The special nature of an adjudication appeal was retained. The first adjudication decision may be appealed to a second adjudicator rather than to an ICCF Appeals Committee, and the appeal adjudicator's decision is final.

KEEP / MODIFY – time limit and right of appeal The 14-day appeal period was retained. A player who failed to submit a claim and therefore received an automated draw claim, or who failed to submit analysis in support of the original claim, continues to have no right of appeal.

KEEP – additional analysis Both players may continue to submit additional analysis for consideration in the adjudication appeal.

KEEP / CLARIFY – appeal adjudicator The appeal adjudicator must be different from the initial adjudicator and should, where practicable, be of greater playing strength, preferably reflected by a higher rating than the initial adjudicator. This preserves the former preference for a higher-rated appeal adjudicator while expressing the underlying criterion more clearly.

KEEP / MODIFY – appeal material and initial adjudicator comments The appeal adjudicator receives the material from the initial adjudication together with properly submitted additional analysis. The initial adjudicator may provide further comments, but is not required to do so, and the identities of the two adjudicators remain confidential from one another.

MODIFY – organisation of appeal procedure Organisation of the appeal is governed by Chapter 3. The appeal adjudicator applies the same adjudication principles as in the initial adjudication and communicates the decision through the person responsible for organising the appeal. The resulting notification and any necessary crosstable correction are handled through the applicable procedure.

MODIFY – manual workflow transferred to Guide The former detailed email-based appeal workflow involving selection of the second adjudicator, contact with the initial adjudicator, forwarding of material, notification of the verdict and crosstable correction was moved to the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide*. The Rules retain the rights, restrictions, confidentiality requirements and finality of the appeal.

7.7 Cross-document conclusions from the Chapter 6 audit

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Chapter 3 Chapter 3 governs the organisation and initiation of adjudication and adjudication appeals. Chapter 6 governs eligibility and appointment of

adjudicators, the material and analytical standards used in deciding the case, determination and recording of the result, and the role of the appeal adjudicator. Cross-references between the two chapters were aligned so that these functions are not unnecessarily duplicated.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK – Tournament Operations Guide Section 4 of the *ICCF Tournament Operations Guide* now contains the operational workflow for adjudicators: application, assignments, receipt of material, practical handling of an adjudication, result entry, record keeping and adjudication appeals. The Guide does not replace the normative requirements in Chapter 6.

STRUCTURAL / FOLLOW-UP – practical server verification Server-dependent details in the Guide that are marked for verification should be checked against the live ICCF server or test environment. This includes the current application method, assignment controls, result-entry controls and the extent to which the adjudication appeal procedure remains manual. Such verification can be carried out during operational work or training without reopening the normative structure of Chapter 6.

8 Audit Log – Chapter 7: The Tournament Director Committee (TDC)

8.1 Chapter-wide editorial and structural changes

MODIFY – competence-based structure Chapter 7 was reorganised to define the TDC’s professional role, composition, governance and responsibilities without reproducing operational rules for tournament directors. The three main sections remain: purpose, composition and responsibilities. The responsibilities have been arranged in five functional subsections.

MODIFY – distinction between TDC and WTD The TDC remains the highest professional authority in the ICCF tournament-director and arbiter sector. This professional authority is distinguished from the World Tournament Director’s operational responsibility for tournament direction. Executive Board oversight and the Congress appointment of the TDC Chair are retained.

MODIFY – de-duplication with Chapter 3 The detailed provisions for admitting TDs, mentor assignments, International Arbiter title applications, disciplinary procedures, the Dead Man’s Defense and clock adjustments are regulated principally in Chapter 3. Chapter 7 now states the TDC’s corresponding powers and responsibilities and refers to the relevant Chapter 3 procedures.

MODIFY – records and controlled access The record-keeping requirements formerly contained in 7.3.1(d) were separated into 7.3.2. Data fields and the obligation to provide official reports remain explicit, while access is governed by applicable privacy provisions and role permissions. Verification of the exact server implementation and available data remains an open item.

8.2 Section 7.1 – Purpose and role of the TDC

CLARIFICATION – highest professional authority The original description of the TDC as the highest level in the arbiter sector was retained in substance and clarified as highest professional authority. The wording does not create operational authority over the WTD.

MODIFY – scope of activity Professional standards, training, development, performance assessment and experience records were stated together. The specific transmission of IA-candidate assessments to the Qualifications Commissioner and member federation was moved to the competence rule in 7.3.3.

8.3 Section 7.2 – Composition and oversight of the TDC

KEEP / MODIFY – required membership The unfixed number of TDC members was retained, as were the required participation of the WTD, the Appeals Committee Chair, two IAs and a non-IA TD, with the possibility of additional members. The drafting uses “at least” for the last two membership categories; the intended minimum representation should be confirmed.

KEEP – Congress and EB responsibilities The Chair remains appointed by Congress, and the Executive Board continues to supervise the TDC between Congresses.

OPEN – appointment of other members The procedure for appointing members other than the TDC Chair is not specified. No appointing authority was inferred from practice.

8.4 Section 7.3.1 – Rules, procedures and training

MODIFY – consolidating rule-related duties Former points 7.3.1(a) and (c), both concerning current TD rules and proposed amendments, were clarified without giving the TDC additional legislative competence. Preparation of changes is to be coordinated with the Rules Director and relevant ICCF officials.

KEEP / MODIFY – training Responsibility for TD training, professional development and the TD Review Test was retained in concise wording.

MODIFY – separation of record keeping Former point 7.3.1(d) was moved to 7.3.2 to distinguish records and databases from professional rules and training.

8.5 Section 7.3.2 – TD records and databases

KEEP / MODIFY – necessary records TD identities, countries, contact details, language skills, qualifications, mentors and tournament directing experience were retained. The revised text also identifies TD levels, specialisations and active/inactive or suspension status, reflecting reported fields on the ICCF server. Such additions must not be presented as new collection or disclosure duties without factual confirmation.

MODIFY – implementation-neutral drafting The previous requirement to maintain separate lists of new and current TDs, and the prediction that their data would be compiled automatically, were replaced by a functional duty to maintain the necessary records on the ICCF server. The existing limited-access TD List and national Role Lists are not hard-coded into the Rules as interface specifications.

KEEP / CLARIFY – reporting and privacy The TDC remains responsible for enabling relevant reports for ICCF officials. Access to personal data remains subject to ICCF privacy rules and the permissions appropriate to the official’s role. The exact available fields and access rights have not yet been independently verified.

8.6 Section 7.3.3 – International Arbiter title applications

MODIFY – one authoritative application procedure The TDC’s task of assessing qualitative and quantitative qualifications and recommending applications to the QC was retained. The detailed application, documentation, decision and award procedures are regulated in Chapter 3, section 3.6 (sec:becoming-ia).

DELETE – historical administrative explanation The obsolete explanation that TD registration had formerly been processed by the TDC was omitted. Appointment and registration of TDs are addressed in Chapter 3, section 3.5.

8.7 Section 7.3.4 — Mentoring and consultation

KEEP / MODIFY — independent TDC mentoring responsibilities The TDC’s consultative role, maintenance of mentor records and authority in mentor assignments and individual mentoring requirements were retained. The TDC is not described merely as an assistant to the WTD. Detailed mentor rules are in Chapter 3, section 3.5 (sec:becoming-td).

DELETE — duplicated operational examples The special consultation examples concerning the Dead Man’s Defense and clock adjustments, already governed by Chapter 3, were not restated here. The general consultative competence remains.

DELETE — obsolete placeholder Former point 7.3.3.4, retained only as “[Deleted]”, was omitted.

8.8 Section 7.3.5 — Disciplinary matters

MODIFY — canonical disciplinary provisions The partial repetitions of the TD-role and IA-title suspension provisions in former 7.3.4.1 and 7.3.4.2 were replaced by a concise reference to Chapter 3, section 3.8 (sec:td-ia-suspension). The distinct responsibilities of the TDC and its Chair, together with those of the WTD, General Secretary and Congress, remain governed by that section.

KEEP — procedural safeguards Nothing in this consolidation removes notification requirements, appeal rights or the distinction between administrative suspension of TD duties and formal suspension of the IA title. These matters remain in Chapter 3, section 3.8.

8.9 Cross-document conclusions from the Chapter 7 audit

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — verified semantic references The Chapter 7 source now uses the semantic labels present in the supplied 2027 section-3.tex: sec:becoming-td (3.5), sec:becoming-ia (3.6), and sec:td-ia-suspension (3.8). The Chapter 7 label names were also checked for duplicates against the supplied Rules sections and appendices; no collisions were found.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — Statutes and Outline of Duties The Statutes do not expressly establish a TDC appointment procedure. The existing executive, operational and rule-coordination responsibilities in the ICCF Outline of Duties are not intended to be altered by this editorial consolidation. The appointment process for TDC members other than the Chair remains for confirmation.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — data protection Section 1.7.1.1 and the current ICCF privacy policy remain the controlling references for confidentiality and personal-data access. No additional public access to TD data is created by Chapter 7.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — disciplinary and appeal routes Chapter 3, section 3.8 is the governing source for TD-role and IA-title suspension. The relationship with Chapter 1, the Appeals Committee Regulations, Arbitration Committee Regulations and Disciplinary Committee Regulations should be checked during the final whole-Rules cross-review without automatically shifting TD cases to another committee.

CROSS-DOCUMENT CHECK — IA mentoring end date The Chapter 3 mentor-duration provision was found to refer to Congress approval although the title-effective-date provision uses confirmation and registration by the Qualifications Commissioner. The accompanying Chapter 3 correction aligns the two; it does not change Chapter 7.

8.10 Outstanding decisions and follow-up

1. Confirm the procedure for appointing TDC members other than the Congress-appointed Chair, without assuming an appointing authority.
2. Confirm that “at least two” IAs and “at least one” non-IA TD faithfully reflect the intended membership requirements, and whether the Chair may also fulfil a required membership category.
3. Verify the detailed TD data fields, restricted TD List, member-federation Role Lists, official access permissions and availability of reports with the WTD and TDC.
4. Review case-specific conflicts of interest involving members of the Appeals Committee who have participated in a TDC decision; consider a general recusal rule, not a special Chapter 7 provision.
5. Verify the final disciplinary and appeal architecture across the relevant Rules and specialist committee regulations.
6. At a future stage, consider a consistent, concise framework for regulating other ICCF committees. This is an editorial recommendation, not part of the Chapter 7 changes.

8.11 Chapter 7 audit status

Chapter 7 has been accepted as working draft text by the auditor. The present changes are primarily editorial corrections, clarification of existing meaning and consolidation of duplicated procedures. The remaining factual or competence questions must be confirmed before any potentially substantive effects can be ruled out. Formal approval by the competent ICCF bodies is not presumed.

9 Audit Log — Appendix 1: The Working Rules of the Ratings System

9.1 Scope and sources

This record compares Appendix 1 of the ICCF Rules dated 11 March 2026 with the working 2027 LaTeX text. It also takes account of the related rating provisions in section 1.4, the existing Chapter 1 Audit Log, and the technical rating papers prepared by Professor Mark Glickman in June 2022 and November 2025.

This record documents the completed Appendix 1 review and agreed clarifications. Editorial reorganisation did not authorise changes to the rating algorithm or to the treatment of rated results. Earlier audit conclusions recorded in the Chapter 1 Audit Log are retained. The mathematical formulae in Appendices 1 and 2 were checked and confirmed by Mariusz Wojnar and Austin Lockwood; the Ratings Commissioner and the Qualifications Commissioner raised no objections. This describes the consultation outcome and does not imply separate formal approval by those officers.

9.2 General principles and eligibility (former section 1)

KEEP — model and general principles The numerical description of the rating system and the multinomial logit model have been retained. Changes to wording and presentation are editorial.

MODIFY — division between section 1.4 and Appendix 1 The old Appendix 1 provision on minimum reflection time, rated postal events, and the responsible officials has been moved into section 1.4. The technical appendix now refers to the rating eligibility framework in section 1.4 instead of duplicating it. This is a structural consolidation, with no change to the tournament-eligibility requirements.

KEEP / MODIFY — rating used for completed games The separate treatment of the rated player’s current published rating and the opponent’s rating valid when the game ends has been retained, including the exception for a player’s lower current rating versus starting rating. Former point 1.4 has become the dedicated subsection on the rating used for completed games. The cross-reference inside the updating procedure has been adapted to the revised structure.

MODIFY — semantic references Semantic labels have been introduced for the technical provisions. References to the general ICCF rating system use `sec:iccf-rating-system`; the target is defined in the current Chapter 1 source. For a separately distributed Appendix, the Editorial Guide’s cross-document reference conventions apply.

9.3 Rating procedure and formulae (former section 2)

MODIFY — mathematical typesetting The original 2026 PDF does not reproduce several formulae in point 2.2(e) in complete readable form, particularly the result-specific first- and second-derivative expressions D_{1j} and D_{2j} . The revised source supplies full $\text{\LaTeX}$ formulae with separate labels and explicitly identifies the win, draw, and loss cases. This is an important correction to the official presentation. The complete mathematical formulae were checked and confirmed by Mariusz Wojnar and Austin Lockwood; the Ratings Commissioner and the Qualifications Commissioner raised no objections.

KEEP — rating model and constants The revised calculation retains the Elo-to-standardised-scale conversion factor 173.7 and the parameters $\beta_0 = 1.0986$ and $\beta_1 = 0.17037$. The colour-related parameters present in Glickman’s full model are omitted because the ICCF presentation uses the version with no colour advantage (equivalent to setting α_0 and α_1 to zero). The probability definitions, auxiliary quantities, derivatives, and conversion back to Elo have been reorganised into labelled subsections. The formulae were reviewed against Glickman’s technical documentation as part of the completed mathematical verification. This documentary review does not constitute an independent test of the ICCF server software.

KEEP — rating deviation rule The 2026 correction to the rating-deviation rule is preserved: when $RD_{\text{old}} \leq 120$, the updated value is the smaller of the square-root result and 120, with $c = 25$. The separate treatment of values above 120, the minimum value 30, and the final range of permitted RD values are retained. The uncapped expression in the June 2022 proposal is not to replace the later approved version recorded in the 2026 Rules and Glickman’s November 2025 paper.

MODIFY — organisation and cross-references The former lettered calculation steps were subdivided into separately headed and labelled provisions covering initial ratings, standardisation, parameters, probability calculations, observed results, derivative quantities, and final values. References to formulae and related sections are now explicit.

CLARIFICATION — no results during a period The 2027 text expressly says that where a player has no game results, the game-based rating update is not performed while the rating deviation retains the period-start value after the prescribed time-related adjustment. The sentence makes the zero-game case explicit without introducing a different calculation procedure.

CONFIRMED — mathematical verification The completed review covered the result-specific expressions for D_{1j} and D_{2j} , the treatment of a rating period with no rated results, and the formulae in the related title-regulations Appendix 2. The checking by Mariusz Wojnar and Austin Lockwood is confirmed; the Ratings Commissioner and Qualifications Commissioner did not raise objections. The audit records corrected documentation, not a change to the underlying rating model.

9.4 Rating periods and publication (former section 3)

MODIFY — division of responsibilities The main Rules in section 1.4 state the requirements for the quarterly rating lists, their publication, and activity status. Appendix 1 retains the technical table

relating completed-game calculation periods to publication and applicability periods.

KEEP / MODIFY – publication table The four traditional periods are retained. The 2027 table identifies 15 December, 15 March, 15 June, and 15 September under an “Approximate publication” heading. The previous text also indicated approximate mid-month publication. The dates must not be read as replacing the general publication rule of section 1.4.

CROSS-DOCUMENT COORDINATION – publication timetable Any changes arising from Congress decisions on the publication timetable, including proposal 2026-053, belong to the general post-Congress consolidation of the 2027 Rules. The timetable in section 1.4 and the technical table in Appendix 1 are maintained consistently. This is a publication-coordination matter, not an unresolved issue in the Appendix 1 audit.

9.5 Postal results (former section 4)

CLARIFICATION – postal-result registration The former rule expressed the deadline by reference to the date on which the next rating list became valid. The revised wording states the applied calculation-period rule directly: a postal result registered on the ICCF webserver by the end of the relevant calculation period is included in the calculation for the next rating list, on the same basis as a server-game result. A result registered after that cutoff is included in the following calculation period. This treatment was discussed and confirmed during the earlier audit; no change to the established operational practice is intended.

CONFIRMED – relation to section 1.4 The explicit calculation-period wording in Appendix 1 and the publication framework in section 1.4 describe the same established treatment of rated results. The earlier question about a possible separate postal deadline is closed.

9.6 Precision, substitutes, and effective date (former sections 5–7)

KEEP – precision and rounding Double-precision calculations, the rule against rounding intermediate values, upward rounding of half values, and the final RD range of 30–250 have been retained and reformatted.

KEEP – substitute players The special rating treatment of substitute players in team events is retained: only advantageous results count towards the substitute player’s new rating, and opponents are rated against the higher-rated of the original and substitute players. These rating rules are to be read together with the separate substitution and replacement procedures in Chapters 3 and 5.

MODIFY – effective-date explanation The current system’s introduction on 1 October 2023 is retained. The revised Appendix also records 1 January 2026 as the effective date of the current version incorporating the corrected RD rule. This is a version-history clarification, not a proposal to change the effective date of the rating system.

9.7 Cross-document relationships and completed confirmations

CROSS-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP – Chapter 1 / section 1.4 The general rating-eligibility criteria, minimum reflection times, list publication, fixed-rating threshold and active-list rules are set out in section 1.4. Appendix 1 retains the technical rating calculations and applicable period information. The division is recorded in the Chapter 1 audit under `audit:chapter1-1-4` and `audit:chapter1-appendix1`.

CROSS-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP – Appendix 2 Appendix 2 applies the relevant rating and RD values for title-tournament and title-norm calculations. Its mathematical formulae were also verified during the earlier joint review. Any matters of general rating-list activity policy are

recorded in the Chapter 1 Audit Log and do not constitute outstanding Appendix 1 technical matters.

CONFIRMED — mathematical presentation The corrected RD ceiling and complete derivative formulae have been reviewed. Mariusz Wojnar and Austin Lockwood confirmed the mathematical verification, and the Ratings Commissioner and the Qualifications Commissioner raised no objections. The LaTeX source provides complete typesetting of the mathematical expressions.

CONFIRMED — postal-result cutoff The registration cutoff is the end of the applicable calculation period. Postal and server results are included on the same calculation-period basis. The revised Appendix 1 wording records this existing practice.

EDITORIAL COORDINATION — final publication The source uses semantic labels and complete mathematical expressions. The choice of internal hyperlinks or plain external document references follows the Editorial Guide and the final publication format. Congress-driven publication timetable updates, where applicable, are handled in the consolidated Rules as a whole.

9.8 Audit status and approval requirements

The Appendix 1 review is complete. The relevant changes are classified as editorial corrections, structural consolidation or clarification of existing meaning. No unresolved matters remain in the Appendix 1 audit. The mathematical formulae in Appendices 1 and 2 were checked by Mariusz Wojnar and Austin Lockwood. The Ratings Commissioner and the Qualifications Commissioner raised no objections. The revised postal-registration provision records the existing calculation-period practice and does not introduce a separate postal-results deadline.

The review and absence of objections must not be represented as a separate formal decision of an ICCF governing body. Any subsequent Congress-approved timetable changes are handled under the normal consolidation and publication process, independently of the completed Appendix 1 audit.

No mathematical rule, rating cutoff or eligibility requirement is changed by the Audit Log itself. Approval status remains distinct from the editorial classification of an adopted clarification.

10 Audit Log — Appendix 2: International Correspondence Chess Title Regulations

10.1 Scope and sources

This record compares Appendix 2 of the ICCF Rules dated 11 March 2026 with the agreed 2027 LaTeX working text. It also records the division of material between section 1.5 (ICCF titles), section 1.4 (the rating framework) and Appendix 2, as documented in the Chapter 1 Audit Log. The comparison covers tournament requirements, mathematical formulae, legacy provisions, title-result calculations and exceptional cases.

The mathematical formulae in Appendices 1 and 2 were checked and confirmed by Mariusz Wojnar and Austin Lockwood. The Ratings Commissioner and the Qualifications Commissioner raised no objections. This records the completed consultation; it is not presented as a separate formal approval by those officers.

10.2 Requirements for international title tournaments (former point 1)

MODIFY — clearer structure Former point 1 has been divided into separately headed provisions on the number of opponents, player and federation requirements, internal events, minimum scores, tournament direction, excluded events and the summary table. The substantive requirements are retained.

KEEP — opponents and TTC authority Each player must have at least eight opponents. The Title Tournament Commissioner retains the specific authority to organise eligible double-round-robin or Scheveningen events with fewer than nine players, provided each player plays at least eight games. That authority is not transferable to member federation events.

KEEP — quantitative and federation requirements The minimum proportions of players with 12 completed rated games (75%) and with a fixed rating, $RD \leq 120$ (60%), have been retained. The requirement for opponents representing at least three affiliated federations and the maximum of two thirds of the players belonging to one federation remain unchanged. The isolated-player flag convention and the exception for the final stages of multi-stage events have been preserved.

MODIFY — federation cross-references The minimum and maximum federation-composition provisions now have separate semantic labels. They support references from Chapter 1 without changing those requirements.

KEEP — internal events, scores and arbiters Internal events remain ineligible as title tournaments. The minimum score of 35%, the International Arbiter requirement where a Grandmaster norm is possible, and the prohibition on an arbiter playing in an event that the arbiter directs are retained. Promotion tournaments, thematic tournaments and cup preliminaries remain excluded.

KEEP / MODIFY — summary table The five-column table for events involving 8–19 games retains its original numerical requirements. It has been typeset as a page-breakable LaTeX table with the column definitions clearly explained. This is a presentation change, not a recalculation of eligibility thresholds.

10.3 Title norm formulae and overscore (former points 2.1–2.4)

KEEP — rating model and title performance The general ICCF rating principles and the use of the multinomial logit model are retained. A title performance is assessed against the minimum rating level for the relevant title and the summed scoring probabilities against the opponents.

MODIFY — complete mathematical presentation The winning-expectancy expression We_i , including its win and draw probabilities at $\mu_i - \sigma_i$ and $\mu_i + \sigma_i$, is fully typeset. Its presentation in the original document was incomplete or distorted. The norm requirement $P = \sum_{i=1}^n We_i$, with upward rounding to the nearest half point, is presented as a separately labelled equation. The corrected formula presentation has been checked and accepted during the earlier mathematical review.

KEEP — performance levels The existing minimum performance ratings for GM (2600), SIM (2525), IM (2450), CCM (2300) and CCE (2150), and their corresponding standardised values, have been preserved and placed in a clear table.

KEEP / MODIFY — overscored games The formula for the number of overscored games n_g , rounding down to a whole number and the lower bound of zero are retained. The effect on the 24-game title requirement is stated clearly. The general title-rule provisions on overscore in section 1.5 have been consolidated to avoid unnecessary repetitions.

MODIFY — title norms and direct titles Appendix 2 defines the technical conditions for a title norm and refers to section 1.5 for direct-title rules, rather than repeating the direct-title catalogue and its old numbered points. References now use the appropriate semantic targets in Chapter 1.

10.4 Other calculations, ratings and legacy categories (former points 2.5–2.11)

KEEP / MODIFY — average and performance ratings The average opponents' rating R_a is displayed as a labelled equation, preserving rounding to the nearest integer with halves rounded upward. The minimum opponent-average requirement remains 200 rating points below the required performance rating, with the same title-by-title thresholds as in 2026.

KEEP — fixed rating and new players A player may earn a norm regardless of the player's rating deviation but needs $RD \leq 120$ to be awarded a title. The provisions for a new player's recognised FIDE rating with $RD = 150$, or the default ICCF rating of 1800 with $RD = 250$, are retained. The reference to the corresponding Chapter 1 rule has been updated.

KEEP — inactive players The existing inactivity definition has been retained in the 2027 working text. Its presence here is a legacy placement and does not establish a second activity policy independent of Chapter 1. The earlier general editorial observation about document organisation is recorded in the Chapter 1 audit, not as an unresolved Appendix 2 issue.

KEEP — former event categories The minor categories A–L and major categories 1–18 are retained with their original rating ranges. Their continued use for billing, marketing and tournament director eligibility is stated clearly; these tables are not presented as current requirements for awarding title norms.

10.5 Computation of title results (former point 3)

KEEP — initial server calculation The ICCF server continues to calculate and display the initial title-norm requirements on behalf of the Qualifications Commissioner, using the composition applicable at the official start date.

MODIFY — specified recalculation cases The 2026 wording said generally that calculated norm requirements were fixed. The 2027 working text retains that starting principle but expressly specifies its treatment when the tournament composition changes before the official start, when a player is replaced after the start, or when a player is removed and games are cancelled. In particular, a post-start recalculation must not raise the norm above the requirement fixed at the official start, and special protection is stated if cancellations would leave fewer than eight games. These procedural qualifications are additional detail in the 2027 text compared with the short 2026 provision. Their presence is recorded transparently as an already agreed part of the working draft, not as a newly raised question.

MODIFY — substitution without replacement The working text expressly states that using a substitute in a team event without granting replacement status does not change the title-norm requirements. This distinguishes that procedure from a replacement and aligns the title calculation with the substitution/replacement distinction in Chapter 3.

KEEP — one norm for several titles The existing rule allowing one qualifying norm to count for more than one applicable title has been retained.

10.6 Exceptional cases (former point 4)

KEEP — decision authority In exceptional cases, the Executive Board continues to decide on the basis of a proposal from the Qualifications Commissioner. No additional deciding body or separate exceptional procedure has been introduced.

10.7 Cross-document consistency and completed verification

CROSS-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP — section 1.5 Chapter 1 contains the general law on titles, the 24-game requirement, direct titles, title applications and awarding. Appendix 2 gives the detailed tournament requirements, thresholds and calculation methods. The division is recorded in the Chapter 1 Audit Log under `audit:chapter1-1-5` and `audit:chapter1-appendix2`.

CROSS-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP — section 1.4 Fixed-rating status and the initial rating of a player new to ICCF depend on the general rating framework. The revised references connect the title-regulations Appendix to the relevant Chapter 1 provisions.

CROSS-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP — Chapter 3 The distinction between substitution and replacement, and any resulting recalculation of title-norm requirements, is linked with the event-direction rules. Chapter 3 refers to Appendix 2 as the source for these calculations.

CONFIRMED — formula verification Mariusz Wojnar and Austin Lockwood confirmed the mathematical checking of Appendices 1 and 2. The Ratings Commissioner and Qualifications Commissioner raised no objections. The audit records a corrected official mathematical presentation, not a new title-performance formula or a separate software audit.

EDITORIAL — cross-reference policy Internal labels and links have been added in the consolidated LaTeX source. Where an Appendix is issued separately, external references should follow the Editorial Guide and should not rely on links that function only within an integrated PDF.

10.8 Audit status and approval record

The Appendix 2 comparison is complete and the agreed 2027 working text is retained unchanged. No unresolved Appendix 2 audit matters are recorded. Most changes concern editorial corrections, clarification, structural consolidation and the accurate presentation of formulae. The expanded title-result recalculation provisions are specifically identified above as a procedural change compared with the short wording of 2026; they are not concealed under a purely typographical classification.

The mathematical verification has been completed as described above. An absence of objections from the Ratings Commissioner and Qualifications Commissioner is not claimed to constitute a formal Congress or Executive Board decision. Any formal adoption of the complete 2027 Rules remains governed by the normal ICCF approval procedure; this is distinct from whether an Appendix-specific audit question remains unresolved.

11 Audit Log — Appendix 3: The Triple Block Time Control System

11.1 Scope and sources

This record compares Appendix 3 of the ICCF Rules dated 11 March 2026 with the agreed 2027 LaTeX working text. The Appendix describes the triple block time control system for players, tournament directors, team captains and tournament organisers. The four-part structure of the original has been retained and edited for clarity, consistency and stable cross-references.

The previously agreed rules for triple block events are treated as settled. This Audit Log records the changes already incorporated in the working text; it does not create new unresolved questions or propose a change to the time-control system.

11.2 General differences from standard time control (former section 1)

KEEP — separate three-block system The basic distinction between standard time control and triple block is preserved. The player receives a total amount of reflection time based on the event duration, managed through the clock, increment and bank. The tournament organiser selects the duration and, where available, the guaranteed time option.

KEEP — no leave, buffer or time doubling Triple block provides no separate leave time and no standard time-control buffer. The standard 40-day requirement and time doubling do not apply. The player instead must make a move or refill the clock within the 50-day maximum, while sufficient time remains available.

CLARIFICATION — claims and appeals The existing treatment of claims and appeals as possible reasons for stopping the clock has been expressed consistently across the general explanation and the tournament director rules. The Appendix does not introduce a new general right to stop the clock for leave or other personal reasons.

KEEP — event end dates Without guaranteed time, the scheduled end date remains fixed. With guaranteed time, play may extend beyond the scheduled end date. Games are not adjudicated solely because the scheduled end date is reached.

MODIFY — technical references References to the 40-day standard time-control provision and the guaranteed time rule now use identified LaTeX labels rather than relying on fragile references to historic lettered items.

11.3 Clock, increment, bank and guaranteed time (former section 2)

KEEP — initial allocation and units Reflection time continues to be measured in days, hours, minutes and seconds without rounding to whole days. In events with a fixed end date, each player's total reflection time is half the scheduled event duration. The initial clock allocation and maximum clock balance remain 50 days.

KEEP — increments and bank The increment continues to apply after each of the first 50 moves only. Any part of an increment that would take the clock beyond 50 days goes to the bank. The initial bank allocation remains 50 or 75 days, as determined by the event duration; the bank replaces separate leave time.

KEEP / MODIFY — allocation table The example durations from 302 to 1100 days, their initial clock and bank allocations and their increments have been retained. The table has been rebuilt in LaTeX with consistent numerical layout and a semantic reference label.

KEEP — manual bank transfers A player may refill the clock from the bank while it is the player's move, but the clock may never show more than 50 days. The explanatory wording has been shortened without changing the transfer rule.

CLARIFICATION — guaranteed time The guaranteed time (GT) option and its automatic reset to three days after a qualifying move beyond move 50 have been separated into clearly identified provisions. The reset applies when the remaining clock is below three days and neither the bank nor the increment has time remaining. The automatic reset may recur. Without GT, no such extra time is provided.

MODIFY — numbering and internal navigation The GT option and the resulting automatic three-day reset now have separate semantic labels. This removes ambiguity arising from older references to a lettered subsection and does not create an additional option.

11.4 Team-captain and tournament-director responsibilities (former sections 2 and 3)

KEEP — bank transfer during team changes In a team event without GT, a team captain may move time from the outgoing player's bank to that player's clock when arranging a substitution or replacement. Time must be available in the bank and the substitution or replacement must be completed. The captain cannot use this power merely to rescue a player from the consequences of slow play or carelessness.

KEEP — clock stoppage and adjustment Without GT, team changes take place while clocks are running. Tournament directors do not reset a clock simply to compensate for time spent finding or installing a substitute or replacement. Where a technical reset is necessary, the director uses the ICCF Helpdesk procedure. With GT, the existing rules permit clock stoppage during a properly recorded substitution or replacement process.

KEEP — claims, penalties and conduct The treatment of claims and appeals, including the time penalty following an unsuccessful claim or appeal, is retained. The existing rule concerning deliberate manual clock refilling in a clearly lost position remains recorded as a Code of Conduct matter.

KEEP — 60-day and end-date limits The 60-day limit for completing a team substitution or replacement, including the consequence of not completing the procedure, is preserved. The process cannot continue beyond the scheduled end date where a fixed end date applies.

MODIFY — presentation for officials The provisions have been separated into clear instructions and labelled rules for tournament directors and team captains. The underlying division of responsibilities remains the same as in the 2026 Appendix.

11.5 Replacement rules and end dates (former sections 3 and 4)

KEEP — individual events A replacement before the official start is permitted. After the start, the existing link with GT is retained: a replacement in an individual event may be made during the first four months only if GT was selected. The replacement starts all games from the beginning, both in position and time. Without GT, no replacement is permitted after the official start date.

KEEP — team events The availability of substitutions and replacements in team events does not depend on whether GT was selected. GT affects the applicable clock handling, not the existence of the substitution or replacement procedure.

KEEP — adjudication and fixed end date Games are not adjudicated solely because an event has reached its scheduled end date. In events without GT, an adjudication cannot extend a game beyond that date. A team substitution or replacement also cannot extend beyond the scheduled end date.

CLARIFICATION — explicit separation The conditions for individual replacements, team changes, clock management and fixed end dates are presented in separate paragraphs. This avoids confusing the individual four-month rule with the separate rules applicable to team events.

11.6 Instructions for tournament organisers (former section 4)

KEEP — start date and event duration Tournament organisers continue to enter the official start date and the duration of the event. The ICCF server allocates the time-control parameters. The minimum duration of 302 days for a rated triple block event is retained in the Appendix.

KEEP — team-captain live viewing The requirement for live viewing with no delay after a game is completed remains in place for triple block team events. It allows the team captain to manage

bank transfers during player changes.

KEEP — organiser’s GT choice The description of selecting GT, its three-day minimum on the clock after a qualifying move and its consequences for event duration are preserved. The distinction between fixed-end-date events and events that may extend indefinitely remains clear.

MODIFY — consolidated references Internal references to the illustrative allocation table and to GT have been updated to labelled provisions. The organiser instructions reflect the same GT and replacement conditions stated earlier in Appendix 3.

11.7 Cross-document consistency and completed checks

CROSS-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP — Chapters 2 and 3 The rules for reflection time, claims, appeals, clocks and event direction use the same basic time-control distinctions as Chapters 2 and 3. References to the 40-day standard time-control rule are identified by semantic labels.

CROSS-DOCUMENT RELATIONSHIP — Chapters 4 and 5 Tournament organiser choices and team-captain powers are described consistently with the corresponding responsibilities in Chapters 4 and 5. GT does not remove the separate limits on substitutions and replacements.

EDITORIAL — official terminology Terms such as *clock*, *increment*, *bank*, *guaranteed time*, *tournament director*, *tournament organiser* and *team captain* are used consistently. The 2027 document follows the Editorial Guide’s drafting, numbering and cross-reference conventions.

CONFIRMED — original numerical parameters The original 50-day maximum clock, 50-move increment limit, three-day GT reset, 302-day minimum rated-event duration, four-month individual replacement window and 60-day team change period are retained in the 2027 Appendix.

11.8 Audit status and approval record

The Appendix 3 review is complete, with no unresolved audit matters identified for this Appendix. The working 2027 text remains unchanged. Its principal revisions are editorial corrections, structural reorganisation, improved cross-references and clarification of the existing triple block procedures. No new time-control parameter, additional GT option or independent disciplinary procedure is introduced by this Audit Log.

The records of changes already agreed during the audit are separate from formal approval of the complete ICCF Rules 2027. The ordinary ICCF approval process applies to the finished publication; the Audit Log itself does not amend any rule.