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State Junior Team Selection Procedure

Every year the CAWA Council allocates funding to a group of WA juniors playing in the Australian Junior Chess Championships.

The group of individuals selected to receive funding comprise the State Junior Team. Other players may choose to compete in the event, however only those named in the State Junior Team are eligible for funding.

Selection Procedure

The step by step procedure for the selection of this team is as follows:

1. The CAWA Council sets the total amount of funding.
2. The CAWA Council appoints a Junior Selection Committee (JSC) consisting of people who have been active in the officiating, coaching and/or running of junior chess throughout the year.
3. The CAWA Council makes a recommendation to the JSC for the number of representatives on the team.
4. The JSC draws up a list of all candidates on the basis of the following criteria:
 - Ratings.
 - Results in junior events over the last 12 months.
 - Results in senior events over the last 12 months.
 - Results in club events (junior and senior) over the last 12 months.
 - Recommendations and opinions of coaches/coordinators.
 - Keeness/attitudes of players.
 - Age/Gender such that the four divisions are represented.
5. Using the criteria in (4), the JSC lists the top X representatives (X being the number of representatives recommended by the CAWA Council) whilst keeping the following points in mind:
 - Strong consideration should be placed on ensuring that the team consists of at least 1 representative in each division (U18 Open, U12 Open, U18 Girls and U12 Girls).
 - The JSC can decide on more or less than the recommended number if two or more candidates are too closely matched to make a clear decision.
6. The remaining candidates are placed on a secondary list in order of eligibility for funding based on the criteria in (4).

7. The selected top candidates are each contacted and asked if they will play in the Australian Junior Chess Championships. The following applies for the two possible responses:

- Accept: Candidate is named in the State Junior Squad and gains the right to receive funding.
- Decline: Candidate is not named in the State Junior Squad and forfeits their right to funding.

8. If, within four weeks of being contacted, the candidate has not made a decision, the JSC will consider it a decline of the offer and the candidate forfeits their right to funding.

9. If a candidate declines, they are replaced by the top candidate on the secondary list, except in cases where a vacancy is created in representation of a division. In this case, the replacement may be the top candidate from the secondary list for that particular division if this is reasonable to do so.

10. If a candidate who originally declined an offer changes their mind and wishes to be once again reconsidered for the team, the JSC will place that candidate in the secondary list for a possible second selection. The order of their placement in the secondary list is at the JSC's discretion.

11. Steps (7) through (10) are repeated for the replacements until a full State Junior Squad is established. The JSC aim to establish a squad consisting of the recommended number of representatives by the Council but may decide on more or less than the recommended number if two or more candidates are too closely matched to make a clear decision.

12. The amount of funding decided upon in (1) is shared equally with every member of the State Junior Squad.

Dispute Resolution Process

If someone is dissatisfied with a decision, that person should:

1. Initially contact the Junior Selection Committee and state their case. The JSC may then make a recommendation to the CAWA Council.
2. If after this, they're still dissatisfied with the decision, they should contact the President of CAWA and state their case.
3. If the decision from the Council still remains unsatisfactory then they should raise the issue at a formal CAWA Council meeting. The CAWA Council may pass the dispute to the CAWA Appeals Board for a recommendation. The CAWA Council will have the final say on the matter.

If, after the above three steps have been taken, the decision still remains unsatisfactory, the last avenue to resolve the issue would be to call a general meeting of members under the guidelines of rule 16 of the CAWA Constitution.

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