

IBCA Regulations for the Title of International IBCA Arbiter

1. General Provisions

- 1.1 The title awarded by the IBCA Executive Board is International IBCA Arbiter.
- 1.2 The title is recommended by the IBCA Arbiters' Commission and awarded by the IBCA Presidential Board.
- 1.3 The title is valid for life unless withdrawn due to disciplinary action.

2. Eligibility and Requirements

- 2.1 The applicant shall hold at least the title of FIDE Arbiter (FA) awarded by FIDE.
- 2.2 The applicant shall attend an official IBCA Arbiters' Seminar and pass the seminar examination with a minimum score of 80%.
- 2.3 The applicant shall demonstrate a thorough knowledge of the FIDE Laws of Chess, IBCA Competition Rules, FIDE Swiss Pairing Regulations, and sufficient command of the English language.

3. Arbiter Norms

- 3.1 To qualify for the title, the applicant shall obtain either:
- one (1) arbiter norm from an official IBCA World or Continental Championship; or
 - two (2) arbiter norms from IBCA National Championships approved by the IBCA Arbiters' Commission.
- 3.2 An arbiter norm shall be awarded only if the applicant has performed satisfactorily throughout the event.
- 3.3 Arbiter norms shall be signed by the Chief Arbiter of the event.
- 3.4 If the applicant served as the Chief Arbiter of the event, the arbiter norm shall instead be signed by the Organizer of the event, who confirms that the applicant performed the duties of Chief Arbiter satisfactorily.

4. Applications

Applications shall include:

- completed application form;
- seminar certificate;
- examination result;
- required arbiter norm certificate(s);
- any additional documents requested by the IBCA Arbiters' Commission.

5. Approval

The IBCA Arbiters' Commission shall review all applications. If the requirements are fulfilled, the Commission shall recommend the applicant to the IBCA Presidential Board for the award of the title.

6. Appointment as Chief Arbiter

6.1 The Chief Arbiter of an official IBCA World or Continental Championship shall hold the title of International IBCA Arbiter.

6.2 This requirement shall become mandatory after a transitional period.

6.3 During the transitional period, the IBCA Arbiters' Commission may approve an experienced and suitably qualified arbiter who does not yet hold the title of International IBCA Arbiter to serve as Chief Arbiter of an official IBCA World or Continental Championship.

7. Transitional Provision

For a transitional period determined by the IBCA Presidential Board, the IBCA Arbiters' Commission may recommend experienced IBCA arbiters who have demonstrated substantial officiating experience at IBCA events, even if not all requirements of these Regulations have been fulfilled.