



Junior Selection Policy - CARIFTA

Selection for 2020 CARIFTA Championships in Guyana

This document sets out the Barbados Chess Federation's (BCF's) selection policy for the 2020 CARIFTA Chess Championships (CARIFTA) in Guyana.

CARIFTA is organized annually over the Easter holidays under the aegis of the Confederación De Ajedrez Para Américas (CCA) by a National Federation or the organizer of the CARIFTA Member Country which won the bid and was approved by the Continental Assembly, the previous year.

The following are the CARIFTA Member Countries:

Anguilla	Haiti
Antigua & Barbuda	Jamaica
Aruba	Martinique
Bahamas	Montserrat
Barbados	Netherlands Antilles
Belize	St. Lucia
Bermuda	St. Vincent and the Grenadines
British Virgin Islands	Suriname
Dominica	Trinidad and Tobago
French Guyana/Cayenne	Turks and Caicos Islands
Grenada	US Virgin Islands
Guadeloupe	St. Kitts and Nevis
Guyana	Cayman Islands

CARIFTA provides a great experience but should only be viewed as a small part of a player's development during the year. Whilst the desire to represent your country is understandable, players should also consider the many high-quality senior and junior tournaments that exist in the Barbados, for example the National Youth & Cadet Championships, the National Scholastic Championships, the Barbados Under-20 Junior Championships, the Heroes Day Cup, the Barbados National Championships and its Qualifiers, the Ladies National Championships and the Michael Forde Memorial.

Selection criteria and procedures in this policy are predicated on traditional rules and arrangements for CARIFTA, many of which are beyond the BCF's control. The BCF Executive Committee reserves the right to limit the size of a delegation and numbers of players invited in each section.

The BCF reserves the right to change selection criteria after consultation with stakeholders, to not issue any invitations and to withdraw any participant or an entire team in the interest of health, safety or as a consequence of misconduct.

Understanding the selection process requires reading both sections of this policy document:

- (1) CARIFTA Championships and
- (2) General Requirements and the *Italicised* Terms.

This policy is effective for CARIFTA 2020 and will be reviewed by the BCF Executive Committee by the end of June 2020 for the 2021 CARIFTA selection cycle.

Please note that:

- all dates are correct at the time of publishing but may change.
- delegations will only be sent to an event if travel is considered safe (as per official advice).

(1) CARIFTA CHAMPIONSHIPS

CARIFTA is organized in three age-based sections, Under-20, Under-16 and Under-12, determined by the age of the player on the 1st January 2020 and has Open and Girls' sections in each of these age groups.

Players who strive to represent Barbados at CARIFTA must satisfy the activity, eligibility and other criteria specified later in this policy.

A player on achieving any of the following criteria will receive an invitation to join the Barbados CARIFTA team, contingent on satisfying the eligibility and activity criteria by February 1st 2020:

- *Personal Rights*
- *Qualifying performance at 2019 CARIFTA*
- *2020 Barbados Under-20 Champions*
- *2020 Barbados Under-16 Champions*
- *2020 Barbados Under-12 Champions*
- *Target Rating*

Invitations to Additional Players may also be sent according to guidelines below.

2. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND ITALICISED TERMS

2.1 Eligibility

1. All players must be BCF Junior Members in good financial standing, valid to the end of CARIFTA 2020.
2. All players must be registered with FIDE as a Barbados player (BAR) or be eligible for initial FIDE registration as a Barbados player.
3. All players must satisfy the activity and other relevant requirements below.

2.2 Activity

This requirement applies to juniors being considered for CARIFTA selection. In the twelve months prior to February 1st 2020:

1. Under-20 players must play a minimum of **30 standard BCF/FIDE tournament games**, at least **15 of which are FIDE rated**, and play the **2020 Barbados Under-20 Junior Championships**. The 30 standard BCF/FIDE tournament games must include at least one senior tournament.
2. Under-16 players must play a minimum of **30 standard BCF/FIDE tournament games**, at least **7 which are FIDE rated**, and play the **2020 Barbados Under-16 Championships**. The 30 standard BCF/FIDE tournament games must include at least one senior tournament.
3. Under-12 players must play a minimum of **30 standard BCF/FIDE tournament games**, at least **7 which are FIDE rated**, and play the **2020 Barbados Under-12 Championships**. The 30 standard BCF/FIDE tournament games must include at least one senior tournament.

2.3 Personal Rights

This term refers to the right usually granted by CARIFTA organisers to the previous year's gold medal winners.

2.4 Qualifying performance at 2019 CARIFTA

A player who competed in CARIFTA 2019 and scored at least 5 points will receive an invitation to join the 2020 Barbados CARIFTA Squad, subject to meeting the abovementioned activity requirements.

2.5 Junior, Youth and Cadet Champions

2020 Barbados Under-20 Junior Champions

The Barbados Under-20 Junior Champions, Open and Girls from the 2020 Barbados Under-20 Junior Chess Championships.

2020 Barbados Youth Champions

The Barbados Under-16 Champions, Open and Girls from the 2020 Barbados Youth Chess Championships.

2020 Barbados Cadet Champions

The Barbados Under-12 Champions, Open and Girls from the 2020 Barbados Cadet Chess Championships.

2.6 Target Rating

This term refers to a player's peak rating from the FIDE rating lists published from March 2019 to February 2020 inclusive. Targets are set out in the table below.

Selection Targets for 2020 CARIFTA

Birth Year	CARIFTA	Target Rating
2000/2003	U20 Open/Boys	1750
	U20 Girls	1500
2004/2007	U16 Open/Boys	1600
	U16 Girls	1450
2008/2013	U12 Open/Boys	1350
	U12 Girls	1250

2.7 Additional Players

Invitations to Additional Players are at the sole discretion of the BCF Executive Committee and may be issued according to the following guidelines:

1. To recognise exceptional circumstances, for example material illness that warrant an exception to targets, activity or other criteria in this policy. Parents must provide a copy of the child's medical certificate or a statement summarising the nature of the exception to policy for consideration. Players, parents or coaches should contact the Vice-President for Junior Chess when they become aware of exceptional circumstances that warrant an invitation as an Additional Player.
2. Where the overall size of the delegation is less than 12 players, at the discretion of the BCF Executive Committee, invitations may be extended in descending rating order to additional players who have ratings of at least 80% of the stated targets (but otherwise meet all other selection criteria) to seek to increase representation for the event.

Selection Targets for 2020 CARIFTA

Birth Year	CARIFTA	80% Target Rating
2000/2003	U20 Open/Boys	1400
	U20 Girls	1200
2004/2007	U16 Open/Boys	1280
	U16 Girls	1160
2008/2013	U12 Open/Boys	1080
	U12 Girls	1000

3. Applications for consideration as Additional Players can be submitted from **January 6th to 15th 2020.**

Code of Conduct

Participation in CARIFTA is subject to the player, parent and any other accompanying person agreeing to the BCF's Code of Conduct for international events which covers teamwork and other behavioural requirements.

The BCF Executive Committee may withdraw a player's tournament registration at any time and decline to invite players or parents to future championships whom the Head of Delegation reports for behaviour detrimental to good teamwork or other material breaches.

Coaching

The BCF is committed to sending two coaches to accompany the team to the 2020 CARIFTA Championships. These coaches will be allocated to the players qualifying for selection as winners of their respective categories (Under-20, Under-16, Under-12) in the National Junior, Youth & Cadet Championships, players with personal rights, players qualifying for selection on 2019 CARIFTA performances and players qualifying through Target Rating.

The BCF's Vice-President of Junior Chess, the Head of Delegation and Head Coach will allocate players to coaches based on factors including existing coaching relationships, alignment of coaching specialties with the player's established opening repertoire and playing style and balance across the team. Once the team is allocated, there will also be a handover session between the personal and assigned coaches of each CARIFTA selectee.

Subject to securing funding, the BCF will appoint two coaches to work with Additional Players during the Championships. This coaching will be facilitated from Barbados using the best online platforms available. If a player qualifying for selection as an Additional Player wishes to travel with his/her personal coach, the player is free to exercise the option. All expenses related to the coach accompanying the player will be responsibility of the player's parents.

Parental Supervision

Support at these events normally requires a parent or guardian to accompany the player and to be responsible for the player's safety, nutrition, sleep, promptness, focus and general care. Coaches shall not normally accept *in loco parentis* responsibilities outside Barbados. Under-18 players who have reached the age of majority (18 years) are treated as adults and do not require an accompanying person.

At the discretion of the BCF's Vice-President of Junior Chess and the Head of Delegation, exceptions may be considered to enable an alternative adult to act as a guardian to other juniors. The BCF's Child Travel Consent form must be completed and signed by all adult parties for unaccompanied players aged under 18 years old.

Funding

Subject to securing funding, the BCF is committed to covering the costs (airfare – return ticket from Barbados to Guyana, accommodation and meals, uniforms, registration) of the following members of the team:

- Players with personal rights
- Barbados Under-20 Junior Champions, Open and Girls from the 2020 Barbados Under-20 Junior Chess Championships
- Barbados Under-16 Champions, Open and Girls from the 2020 Barbados Youth Chess Championships
- Barbados Under-12 Champions, Open and Girls from the 2020 Barbados Cadet Chess Championships

The champions (Open and Girls) in the Under-20, Under-16 and Under-12 categories will be identified as Official Players and will benefit from any financial assistance provided by organisers to same.

If any of the Champions mentioned above does not meet the activity requirements, the player/s will not be identified as an Official Player and will not receive financial benefits. In such cases, the financial benefits will go to the next highest placed player in the respective category subject to the player meeting the activity requirements.

If a player with personal rights is also one of the Champions mentioned above, given that organisers will cover a portion of the player's accommodation and meals, the next highest placed player in the respective category will be identified as the Official Player and will benefit from financial assistance to cover airfare, accommodation and meals, uniforms, registration.

Parents are required to send confirmation to the BCF of the acceptance of the invitation to join the Barbados CARIFTA team. On receipt of this confirmation, the player/parent will be sent an electronic invoice with payment instructions from the BCF. Payment of the deposit should be completed by the date given on the letter of invitation to the event.

The BCF aims to ensure top players have access to international youth championships but is unable to take financial responsibility for players outside those identified above. The BCF will assist parents with pursuing donations, grants and individual sponsorship.

In the event that the BCF is able to secure funding in excess of the expenses to cover the players mentioned above and the two BCF-sponsored coaches, the surplus will be shared equally among players qualifying for the team through 2019 CARIFTA performance and players qualifying for the team through Target Rating.

In the event a player withdraws for any reason, the deposit and other funds received will not normally be returned since these monies are required to pay the airlines and CARIFTA organisers for accommodation and registration. These funds will remain in

the pool to cover the costs of the entire team, unless the sponsor requests the return of funds due to the absence of the team member from the final squad.

Travel and Accommodation

The BCF is responsible for co-ordinating group travel arrangements for CARIFTA. Players and accompanying persons are required to use official hotels booked by the BCF through the tournament organisers.

If not possible for the entire team to travel together, the BCF will split the coaches across the contingents and arrive before the start of the tournament and technical meetings.

Responsibility for the BCF's portion of logistical support rests with the BCF's General Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President of Junior Chess and Head of Delegation.

BOA Insurance

The BCF, through the Barbados Olympic Association (BOA), maintains a personal injury insurance policy that covers injury during competition and training for competition. All players representing Barbados are required to be enrolled in the BOA's Personal Injury Policy, unless proof is provided of existing medical and travel insurance for the period of travel. Accompanying persons are advised to purchase travel insurance.

Letters

Events that occur during school terms or university semesters will require permission of school and university authorities. The BCF's General Secretary will provide a letter to each team member and coach confirming their selection to the team and required absence from school/college/university or workplace for this event.

This may not be used for siblings who are not playing for the Official Barbados Team as the BCF does not support their absence from school or university during term or semester time. Siblings who are registered as "accompanying persons" on an official international trip with the BCF may not later request their status be changed to "player", as this creates potential disharmony in the team and organizational difficulties for the Head of Delegation.

Barbados Chess Federation

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