

REGULATIONS FOR ORGANIZING INTERNET BASED FIDE ARBITERS' SEMINARS

The purpose of Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminars is cost effective training opportunities for all FIDE member nations.

1. General.

1.1. These regulations comprise all the aspects concerning the training of the Arbiters through Internet and the Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminars that are organized all over the world.

1.2. Seminars that are not organized according to these Regulations will not be recognized by FIDE and will not be in a position to provide norms for the FIDE Arbiters' titles.

2. Organization.

2.1. Internet based Seminars for the Arbiters shall be organized by a respective Chess Federation or a Chess Academy or any other chess organization which belongs to a respective National Federation, following the permission and approval by FIDE. There should be an Organizing Committee of the Seminar, consisting of 3 members as follows:

- a) A member appointed by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission.
- b) A member appointed by the host Federation, or Academy or chess organization.
- c) A member appointed by the host Federation's Arbiters' Commission.

2.2. The lectures of an Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar and the evaluation test shall be in one of the official FIDE languages.

2.3. In order to organize an Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar, the host Federation (or Chess Academy or another chess organization belonging to this Federation or to FIDE), shall send an application to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission, at least 3 months before the proposed start of the Seminar. The application shall include:

- a) The organizer, the dates and the schedule.
- b) The participants (a number of the people, their Federations etc).
- c) The topics that will be discussed during the course.
- d) The proposed members for the Seminar's Organizing Committee.
- e) The proposed lecturer of the Seminar (who should be approved by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission) and his Assistant, who shall come from the host Federation or the chess organization.
- f) The proposed Technical Organizer (who should be approved by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission).

g) Other matters in respect of the Seminar, such as the language of the lectures, any fees for the participants, any technical details (web conferencing platform, etc.) etc.

2.4. Within one week after the end of the Seminar, the Organizing Committee or the Lecturer of the Seminar shall provide the results of the examination and submit a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission.

2.5. On receipt of this report, the FIDE Arbiters' Commission shall check the report, announce the results and forward within a period of one month the report to FIDE for the final approval.

3. Lecturers.

3.1. In every seminar, the course will be given by one lecturer, who shall have the title of the IA and shall be included in the official List of Lecturers for FIDE Arbiters' Seminars, and one assistant, also a IA title holder.

The lecturer will be proposed by the host Federation and shall be approved by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission. The Assistant will be appointed by the host Federation or chess organization.

4. Topics of the Seminars.

4.1. The following list of the topics is recommended to the courses for the Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminars:

- a) Laws of Chess (including Rapid, Blitz, etc)
- b) Tournament Rules
- c) System of Games, tie breaks.
- d) Swiss system. Pairing rules.
- e) Regulations for the rating and the over-the-board titles.
- f) Regulations for the titles of the Arbiters.

4.2. The proposed minimum for the duration of the Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminar is 18 hours, with each session consisting of maximum 6 hours.

4.3. The proposed maximum for the number of participants is twenty (20).

4.4. All participants shall have experience as Arbiters in their home federations.

4.5. All participants shall have access to broadband Internet (DSL, Cable or Satellite).

4.6. All participants shall be able to call into a conference call telephone number, to participate in the audio portion of the Seminar. It is recommended to utilize a low cost Voice of Internet service that allows the participant to perform a telephone call (no Skype to Skype calling, or direct computer to computer calling).

4.7. All the participants of the Seminar will be provided with the materials for the course (ppt or pdf files), including all the topics to be discussed.

5. Technical Organizer

5.1. The Technical Organizer shall be a person with the following responsibilities:

- (a) Sending invitations from the Internet conferencing system.
- (b) Verifying attendance of Seminar participants.
- (c) Addressing all Internet conferencing system issues.

Reports attendance, technical issues and non-technical issues to the Arbiters' Commission.

5.2. The Technical Organizer is responsible for the management and costs of an Internet conferencing system (audio and screen sharing video)

5.3. Acceptable Internet conferencing services include: WedEx, Go To Meeting, DimDim, etc.

6. Evaluation test.

6.1. After the end of the each course, the participants of the Seminar can take part in the written examination.

6.2. The examination test shall be sent by the Lecturer (or the Organizing Committee) to the participants by email and shall be returned to the Lecturer (or to the Organizing Committee) by email too, within a specific time period (i.e. within 3 hours etc.). Tests that will not be returned in the specific time period, shall not be graded.

6.3. The participants who will achieve 80% and above of the total number of points, will be considered as achieved one norm for the title of FIDE Arbiter. Only one such norm shall be used for the awarding of the title of FIDE Arbiter.

6.4. The Lecturer, in cooperation with the Organizing Committee of the Seminar, will prepare the examination test, assess the written documents and send a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission after the end of the seminar.

7. Fees.

7.1 Examination fees will be 20 euro per person.

The organizing Federation or chess organisation shall be invoiced on the basis of the number of participants.

7.2. The Seminar Organizer may charge any fee to Seminar participants.