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## BIDDING PROCEDURE FOR THE CANDIDATES MATCHES 2006

Today FIDE has opened the bidding procedure for the first round of the Candidates Matches 2006 of the World Chess Championship cycle. The deadline for submission of bids is the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006 when the bidding shall close. The Candidates Matches 2006 are an integral part of the 2005-2007 cycle of the World Chess Championship.

### **A potential organizer has to follow this procedure:**

The applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of USD 500 (five hundred) to obtain the obligatory bidding form and the necessary information from the FIDE Secretariat. Each bid shall be delivered in a sealed envelope to the FIDE Secretariat in Athens before the deadline of 24<sup>th</sup> March 2006, 13:00 GMT.

The first round of the Candidates Matches shall be organized between 20 and 31 October 2006.

Each match of the Candidates shall have a minimum prize fund of USD 40,000 (forty thousand), net and not be subject to any further deductions such as tax. FIDE shall also receive a contribution fee of 20% over and above the total prize fund (minimum USD 8,000), net and not subject to any further deductions such as tax.

An organiser can offer to hold more than one match by covering the minimum prize fund requirements for each match, plus the contribution to FIDE of 20% over and above the total prize fund for each match, as described above.

Each match, if organized separately, shall have two (2) arbiters. If four (4) or more matches are organized at the same venue, then a minimum of three (3) arbiters are needed. All arbiters shall receive full compensation for transport, accommodation and board expenses. The chief arbiter shall also receive a minimum stipend of USD 2,500 and the deputy chief arbiter(s) a minimum stipend of USD 1,500 each.

Each bid shall contain the following particulars:

- a) Proposed exact dates of the event between 20 and 31 October 2006.
- b) Proposed tournament venue.
- c) Proposed prize fund.
- d) Commitment to cover all organisation costs, including live transmission of the games via the internet.
- e) Special rates for hotel rooms and meals for the participants, accompanying persons and journalists.
- f) A statement that the applicant accepts the regulations of the Candidates Matches without any reservation.
- g) The applicant's name, signatures and authentication.
- h) Two bank guarantees shall be provided. One for the proposed prize fund comprising 20% of this sum and the other for the sum of USD 15,000 in respect of other obligations.

Each bid shall also be accompanied by an invitation for at least one member of the World Chess Championship Committee to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all expenses paid by the bidder.

## **Evaluation of bids:**

When the deadline has expired, the FIDE President or his representative shall open the envelopes containing the bids in order to assess the bids. The FIDE Presidential Board or the FIDE President shall decide which applicant shall be chosen. The decision reached shall be based on the following criteria, which are to be viewed as a whole:

- a) prize fund
- b) covering of organisation costs
- c) playing conditions
- d) providing visas to all players, trainers and officials.
- e) security assistance for all players and officials.
- f) chess activity both actual and potential in the hosting country.
- g) media possibilities
- h) potential development of chess worldwide.
- i) climatic conditions during the period of the event
- j) taxation conditions in the hosting country in respect of the prize fund.

No bidder can propose a sponsor which shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

FIDE may exercise the right to reject any bid application if the required conditions as stated in the Candidates Regulations are not met or the financial offer is unsatisfactory.

If there are two or more bids of the same quality and the highest offer for the prize fund is not greater than 25% of the next offer, then FIDE reserves the right to proceed in further negotiations with the bidders, by tele-conference if necessary.

After the decision is made, FIDE shall announce the appointed organizer(s) and the selected venue(s) for the event.

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