

# Rules & regulations for the Candidates Matches of the World Chess Championship 2007

## 1. Organisation

- 1.1** The Candidates Matches for the 2007 World Chess Championship shall be organised in 2006/07 and represent an integral part of the World Chess Championship regulations for the cycle 2005-2007. Sixteen (16) players will participate in the Candidates Matches and four (4) of them will qualify for the final tournament of the World Chess Championship 2007.
- 1.2** Governing Body: the World Chess Federation (FIDE). For the purpose of creating the regulations, communicating with the players and negotiating with the organisers, the FIDE President has nominated a committee, hereby called the World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC).
- 1.3** FIDE retains all commercial and media rights of the Candidates Matches, including internet rights.

## 2. Qualification for the Candidates Matches

- 2.1 World Chess Championship 2004** – One (1) player qualifies as the previous World Champion, that is GM R. Kasimjanov (UZB), winner of the World Chess Championship 2004.
- 2.2 Average FIDE Rating List of July 2004 & January 2005** – Five (5) players qualify by rating. These 5 players do not include World Champion V. Topalov (BUL), GM V. Anand (IND), GM P. Svidler (RUS) and GM A. Morozevich (RUS) who cannot participate in the Candidate Matches since they have already qualified for the final tournament of the World Chess Championship 2007. For the purpose of deciding the 5 rated player qualifiers, as well as any replacements, the average from the following lists will be used: rating of July 2004 plus rating of January 2005 divided by 2. In case of equality two decimals will be taken into consideration. If the numbers are still equal then the number of games from the two periods shall be decisive. That means the player with the greater number of games shall qualify. If the numbers are still equal then the April 2005 list shall be decisive. If the rating in the April 2005 list is still the same, the player with the greater number of games in this list will qualify. Players who appear in the inactive list in both July 2004 and January 2005 will not be able to qualify as a rated player. If the player is inactive in one list but appears in the other, then the single rating that is published shall be taken as the average. According to the above, the five (5) players who have the initial right to qualify for the Candidates Matches by the average rating list 07/2004 - 01/2005 are: GM G. Kasparov (RUS 2811), GM V. Kramnik (RUS 2762), GM P. Leko (HUN 2745), GM M. Adams (ENG 2739), GM J. Polgar (HUN 2728). The reserve players of this list are GM A. Shirov (ESP 2719), GM E. Bacrot (FRA 2713.50), GM V. Ivanchuk (UKR 2713), etc.
- 2.3 World Cup 2005** – Ten (10) players qualify from the World Cup 2005.
- 2.4 Replacements** – Priority of qualification criteria & replacements:
- The qualifiers for the Candidate Matches are determined with the following priority:
1. World Champion 2004.
  2. FIDE Rating (average) of July 2004 & January 2005.
  3. World Cup 2005.
- Any qualified player for the Candidates Matches can be replaced from the players placed 5-8 in the San Luis World Chess Championship 2005. If the replacement is not fulfilled, then: a) the 5 players qualifying by rating (as described in 2.2) are replaced from the average rating list, b) the previous World Champion R. Kasimjanov and the World Cup qualifiers are replaced from the 2005 World Cup.
- If a player has finally the right to qualify from both the rating list and the World Cup, he will be seeded in the Candidates Matches as a qualifier by rating. His qualifying spot from the World Cup will then pass to the next player of the World Cup, but only up to the 16<sup>th</sup> place. After the 16<sup>th</sup> place, the average rating list will be used again (as described in 2.2).
- 2.5** The list of qualified players and the reserves will be published on the FIDE website. All qualified players should sign the “letter of intent”, specifying that they are willing to participate in the Candidates Matches, and send it to the FIDE Secretariat until 31 December 2005. The “letter of intent” will be available to download from the FIDE website and it is the player’s responsibility to get a copy and send it signed to the FIDE Secretariat. Any player who does not submit his signed “letter of

intent" within the deadline will be replaced according to article 2.4.

### 3. Candidates Matches Regulations

#### 3.1 Matches Format & System

##### A First Round of Matches (16 players)

a1 Matches System: The winner of the 2005 World Cup is ranked No.1, the rest are ranked in rating order using the FIDE Rating List of January 2006. The players are paired the following way: 1 vs 16 (match 1), 2 vs 15 (match 2), 3 vs 14 (match 3), etc. Each match will consist of 6 games.

a2 The eight (8) winners will qualify for the second round of the Candidate Matches.

##### B Second Round of Matches (8 players)

b1 The Second Round of Matches will start at least 2 days after the end of the First Round. Any qualified player for the second round of the Candidates Matches can only be replaced by the player he defeated in the first round of the Candidate Matches.

b2 Matches System: The players are ranked according to the results of the first round of the Candidate Matches: winner of match 1 is No.1, winner of match 2 is No.2, winner of match 3 is No.3, etc. The players are paired the following way: 1 vs 8, 2 vs 7, 3 vs 6, 4 vs 5. Each match will consist of 6 games.

b3 The four (4) winners will qualify for the World Chess Championship Tournament 2007.

#### 3.2 Schedule of the Candidates Matches

Each match will be played according to the following schedule:

Players meeting / Opening Ceremony	1 day
Round 1:	1 day play
Round 2:	1 day play
Round 3:	1 day play
Free Day	1 day
Round 4:	1 day play
Round 5:	1 day play
Round 6:	1 day play
Tiebreaks	1 day
Closing ceremony	1 day
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>10 days</b>

FIDE reserves the right to hold the Candidates Matches either together or in different dates and separate locations.

#### 3.3 Confirmation of Participation / Conduct of Players

**3.3.1** When FIDE has confirmed the name of organiser, venue and dates, the participants will be able to download the copy of the Player's Undertaking (which contains the player's obligations) from the FIDE website and shall send their signed Undertaking to the FIDE Secretariat within two weeks. This is the player's responsibility. Any participant who fails to return his Player's Undertaking by the official deadline, may be replaced according to articles 2.4 and 3.1 (b1). FIDE may accept late undertakings received after the deadline within the period of 10 days. Players not previously qualified but who have the right to participate as replacements shall be notified through the FIDE website and will have one further week to send their signed undertakings.

**3.3.2** All players mentioned in 3.3.1 shall confirm, by fax and registered mail to the FIDE Secretariat, their participation by returning the signed copy of the Players' Undertaking published on the FIDE website. Players shall be fully responsible for the arrival on time of their signed undertaking at the FIDE Secretariat.

**3.3.3** A player who returns his signed undertaking but withdraws before the start of the match shall be replaced by a player as described in 2.4 and 3.1 (b1).

- 3.3.4** Any player who withdraws after the match has started shall not be replaced and his opponent is declared as winner.
- 3.3.5** Players that fail to provide a satisfactory reason for withdrawal, after they have signed the player's undertaking, may be excluded from the next World Championship cycle.
- 3.3.6** For security and administrative reasons, all participants are expected to stay in the officially designated hotel(s).
- 3.3.7** All players will receive a free double room for their hotel accommodation, including full board, for the whole duration of their matches.
- 3.3.8** No postponement of any game shall be allowed except with permission of the FIDE President.
- 3.3.9** Separate contracts between the organiser(s) and the players shall be also signed.

### **3.4 Drawing of colours**

- 3.4.1** The draw for colours will be conducted during the opening ceremony.
- 3.4.2** For tie-break games, there shall be a separate drawing of lots conducted by the Chief Arbiter of each match.

### **3.5 Time control.**

- 3.5.1** The time control for each game shall be: 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game plus an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move 61.
- 3.5.2** The games shall be played using the electronic clocks and boards approved by FIDE.

### **3.6 Conditions of victory**

- 3.6.1** Each match shall be played over six games and the winner of a match shall be the first player to score 3.5 points or more. A tie shall be broken according to article 3.7 below.

### **3.7 Tie-breaks**

- 3.7.1** If the scores are level after the regular six games, after a new drawing of colours, four (4) tie-break games shall be played. The games shall be played using the electronic clock starting with 25 minutes on the clock for each player with an addition of 10 seconds after each move.
- 3.7.2** If the scores are level after the games in paragraph 3.7.1, then, after a new drawing of colours, two (2) five-minute games shall be played with the addition of 10 seconds after each move.
- 3.7.3** If the score is still level, the players shall play a single decisive sudden death game. The player, who wins the drawing of lots, may choose the colour. White shall receive 6 minutes, Black shall receive 5 minutes, without any addition. The winner qualifies for the next round. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces qualifies to the next stage of the World Chess Championship cycle.
- 3.7.4** Play shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess for Rapid and Blitz Games (Appendices B and C of the Laws of Chess), except where they are overridden by the specific provisions of these regulations:

- a. Players need not record their moves. An Arbiter will record the moves (Article B3).
- b. Once a player has completed ten (10) moves, no claim can be made regarding incorrect piece placement, orientation of chessboard or clock setting. In case of reverse King and Queen placement, castling with the King is not allowed (Article B4).
- c. The player whose turn it is to move, may consult the Arbiter's score sheet, and, if his next move will produce a threefold repetition of position (according to Article 9.2a of the Laws of Chess), or the 50 moves rule (according to Article 9.3a of the Laws of Chess), he himself must write the intended move on the score sheet and claim the draw, if he wants. If the claim is found to be correct, the game is immediately ended as a draw. If the claim is found to be incorrect, the Arbiter shall add three (3) minutes to the opponent's remaining time and additionally shall deduct half of the claimant's remaining time up to a maximum of three (3) minutes.
- d. The Arbiter shall call the flag fall (Article B6).

e. Article C3 does not apply.

f. In the case of an illegal move the Arbiter shall interfere with the game only after a claim by the opponent and shall reinstate the position immediately before the irregularity. For the first illegal move made by a player the arbiter shall give two (2) extra minutes to the opponent. For the second illegal move by the same player the arbiter shall declare the game lost by this player.

**3.7.5** Between the tie-break games as well as before the start of the sudden death game there shall be a pause of at least 10 minutes, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

### **3.8 Prizes for the Candidates Matches**

**3.8.1** The exact prize fund for each match will be determined after respective organizers are appointed for the Candidates Matches.

**3.8.2** An extra payment, equal to 20% of the prize fund, shall be made by the organizers to FIDE.

**3.8.3** If a player withdraws after the start of a match without having a satisfactory reason for doing so, he shall receive no prize money.

### **3.9 Playing Conditions.**

**3.9.1** Only the players, principals and steward (-es)s shall be allowed in the actual playing area except with the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

**3.9.2** During the playing session the following additional regulations shall be in force:

a) The players are not permitted to bring into the playing area technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent.

b) A player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.

c) During the playing session, players are not allowed to leave the playing area without the permission of the Chief Arbiter.

### **3.10 Score sheets.**

**3.10.1** The Organisers shall provide score sheets according to the specifications provided by FIDE.

a) At the end of each game the players' original score sheets shall be given to the Arbiter, who shall hand them to FIDE .

b) Refusal of either player to sign the score sheets shall be penalised according to Article 13.4 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the score sheets, the Arbiter shall countersign to confirm the results.

c) In tie-break games, the players and the Arbiter shall sign a result sheet.

### **3.11 Players' Meeting.**

**3.11.1** Players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and the Organisers. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.

**3.11.2** If a player fails to appear at the Players' Meeting, the Opening or Closing Ceremony or any approved function of the Championship such as official receptions and press conferences, or conducts himself in a manner contrary to the spirit of sportsmanship or the FIDE Code of Ethics, then he shall suffer the following penalty: 5% of his prize money shall be forfeited to the Organisers and a further 5% to FIDE for each breach. In cases of serious misconduct the player may be disqualified from the match and the World Chess Championship cycle.

### **3.12 Interviews, functions and mode of dressing.**

**3.12.1** The players are expected to co-operate reasonably with the media. General interviews with them can be arranged through the Press Officer.

**3.12.2** The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews, of not more than 10 minutes duration, immediately after the game. In general, the winner, or in the event of a draw both players, shall be available for the daily press conference.

**3.12.3** Players are required to be present at all official functions approved by the FIDE President or his Deputy during a match including official receptions, the opening ceremony and the closing ceremony.

**3.12.4** Players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the matches.

### **3.13 Payment of Prize Money**

**3.13.1** The prize fund shall be paid by bank cheque or direct banker's order drawn in United States Dollars on UBS, Lausanne or any other official FIDE bank.

**3.13.2** Upon completion of a match, FIDE shall pay these sums collectible in the player's home country where requested by him within 10 days.

### **3.14 Local Tax**

**3.14.1** Although FIDE will endeavour to sign an agreement with the organiser stating that the prize funds are net and free of all tax, FIDE will not be responsible for any national or local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE will give all necessary assistance to the players if the organiser acts to the contrary.

### **3.15 Principals**

**3.15.1** The Principals are:

- a) President and Deputy President, one of them being the Chairman of the Appeals Committee;
- b) Treasurer, Elected Vice President, General Secretary
- c) Members of the Appeals Committee;
- d) Arbiters;
- e) Press Officer;
- f) Chairman of FIDE Medical Commission;
- g) WCCC members;

### **3.16 Arbiters**

**3.16.1** The arbiters of the Candidates Matches will be nominated by FIDE after consultation with the players. In each match, no arbiter may belong to the same federation as either of the players. Exception: if both players are members of the same federation, an arbiter may also belong to this federation.

**3.16.2** During play either the Chief Arbiter or his Deputy must be present in the playing area.

**3.16.3** Immediately after the end of a match, the Chief Arbiter shall write a report and send it without delay to the FIDE Secretariat.

**3.16.4** The report shall be written in one of the official FIDE languages.

**3.16.5** The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final result of each match. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the course of the event. If there were any difficulties, conflicts or incidents, they shall be described together with the measures taken to deal with them.

**3.16.6** The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of the bulletins and the score sheets of the games.

**3.16.7** The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the WCCC, and with the approval of the FIDE President, issue additional written regulations to inform the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.

### **3.17 Appeals Committee.**

**3.17.1** The President or his Deputy shall be Chairman of the Appeals Committee. There shall be three other members all from different Federations. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgement in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two (2) hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a) an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b) a protest against a player's behaviour,
- c) a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d) a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e) a protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f) all other matters which the Committee considers important.

If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two (2) hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus. Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 500 (five hundred US Dollars) or the equivalent in local currency. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

**3.17.2** If the Candidates Matches are organized in different places or in different periods, then the Appeals Committee could hold its meetings through tele-conference with the FIDE Secretariat.

### **3.18 Other arrangements**

**3.18.1** The WCCC shall ensure the playing hall and its environs meet at least the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Organisation of Top Level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

**3.18.2** The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, IOC flag, the flags of the host nation and the participating countries.

**3.18.3** After the World Chess Championship Committee agrees with the Organisers on the arrangements in respect of the tournament hall, facilities, accommodation and meals, transportation, telecommunication, ceremonies, etc., no objections from the participants shall be acceptable.

**3.18.4** Organisers shall provide, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players and principals. It is advisable that the same offer shall apply for press members.

### **3.19 Photography and Television**

**3.19.1** Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorised by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue.

- a) Flash may be used only during the first five (5) minutes.
- b) In tie-break games, flash may only be used in the first three (3) minutes. In case of 5 minutes + sudden death games, flash is not permitted, the use of cameras without flash may be permitted if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.
- c) Television cameras must be unobtrusive and may only be used if the Arbiter in charge deems their use to be unobtrusive.
- d) An official photographer, designated by the Organisers with the approval of the Chief Arbiter shall be allowed to take photos at any time during the round without flash.

### **3.20 Ceremonies.**

**3.20.1** The Opening Ceremony shall take place the day prior to the first round and all participants are required to take part. Exception can be made by a written permission of the FIDE President.

**3.20.2** The program of the Opening Ceremony shall be supervised by FIDE. Cultural program and speeches totalling up to 60 minutes are usually welcome. FIDE Anthem and the Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

**3.20.3** The Closing Ceremony shall take place not later than one day after the end of the event. The Organisers shall provide a trophy for the winner and a medal for the loser of each match. FIDE Anthem and Anthem of the hosting country shall be played.

### **3.21 FIDE Rights and Obligations of the Organisers**

#### **3.21.1 Finance**

**3.21.1.1** Before the end of the matches, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred in the organization of the

Candidates Matches. This shall be a fixed sum agreed between the Organiser(s) and the World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC) before the start of each match. This sum shall include stipends, pre-expenses (inspections) and tournament expenses (travelling and boarding) for the principals. The WCCC shall advise and help the Organiser(s) on protocol, budget, infrastructure, media, commentary, bulletin and other technical problems.

**3. 21. 1. 2** FIDE has the exclusive commercial rights of the Candidates Matches and is free to exploit them commercially, including entering into advertisement agreements either with the Organiser(s) or Sponsors of the event requiring players to wear clothes with the branding of sponsors.

**3. 21. 1. 3** The income provided by the Candidates Matches through admission charges, concessions and photography shall go to the Organiser(s). The radio and television rights, including video and film rights, shall belong to FIDE. The right as described here and in the previous paragraph can be granted by FIDE to the organizer(s).

**3. 21. 1. 4** FIDE shall have the exclusive rights for live games transmission on Internet and shall provide the necessary equipment such as electronic boards and clocks to cover the event. FIDE shall provide to the Organiser(s) the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as agreed between the parties. These rights as described here can be granted by FIDE to the organizer(s).

**3. 21. 1. 5** The Organiser(s) shall draw up a budget as detailed as possible, including provision for contingencies. This shall be subject to the approval of WCCC and the FIDE President.

### **3. 21. 2 Stipends**

**3. 21. 2. 1** The stipends to be paid to the Principals of the Candidates Matches will be determined after the bidding procedure for hosting the Candidates Matches finishes and respective organizers are appointed.

### **3. 21. 3 Travelling and Accommodation**

**3. 21. 3. 1 Travel.** The FIDE President has the right to first class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organisers` expense. The FIDE Deputy President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organisers expense. All other Principals shall be provided with transport by air, sea or rail or, if they prefer, any other mode of transport that is not more costly to the Organisers than air travel. Any Principal making his own travel arrangements without the agreement of the Organisers does so entirely at his own risk.

**3. 21. 3. 2 Board and Lodging.** For the FIDE President a suite in a first class hotel should be provided and for the Deputy President one junior suite in the same first class hotel. For each Principal or WCCC member - a double room in the same first class hotel. Extra expenses will be covered by the Organisers only for the FIDE President.

**3. 21. 3. 3 Food and drinks.** Provision for food and drinks shall be provided for all the Principals. This shall be provided by a specified allowance in local currency per day or by the provision of all meals in the restaurant of the hotel. The nature and amount shall be agreed between the Organisers and WCCC.

**3. 21. 3. 4 Local transportation.** Transfer from and to the airport will be provided by the organisers, if necessary. For FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car. For the other Principals, a number of cars shall be made available; their use will depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media centre, and on the leisure activities of the Principals. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount to be agreed between the Organisers and WCCC. Local transport shall also be provided for players to official functions if necessary.

**3. 21. 3. 5 Personnel** – The Organisers should provide sufficient personnel to assist in the playing hall, press room, VIP room, and at ceremonies according to the agreement made with the WCCC.

### **3. 22 Selection of the Organisers.**

**3. 22. 1** Any federation that is a member of FIDE or any sponsor may bid for the right to organize the Candidate Matches. Bids can be made for holding all the Candidates Matches or only a part of them. FIDE shall consult the federation where the sponsor proposes to hold the event. In case the federation refuses or is unable to co-operate, FIDE may still accept a proposal from a potential sponsor.

No proposed sponsor for the Candidates Matches shall be in conflict with the regulations of the International Olympic Committee.

**3. 22. 2** FIDE shall open a bidding procedure for the Candidates Matches before 28 February 2006.

**3. 22. 3** Each applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of 500 USD to obtain the obligatory bidding form and the necessary information from the FIDE Secretariat.

At any time, where the bidding procedure fails, the Presidential Board shall decide, where, when and how the Candidates Matches will be organised.

**3. 22. 4** In the event that FIDE receives a satisfactory open offer that covers all the necessary financial requirements, then FIDE may immediately terminate the bidding procedure.

**3. 22. 5** Each proposal shall contain the following particulars:

- a) the proposed dates of the event
- b) the proposed tournament venue;
- c) the proposed prize fund in U.S. Dollars.
- d) A statement that all organisational costs will be covered;
- e) Special rates for hotel rooms and meals for the accompanying persons and journalists.
- f) A statement that the applicant accepts all the demands made in these regulations;
- 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 15,000 USD in respect of other obligations.

**3. 22. 6** FIDE may exercise the right to reject any bid application if the conditions as stated in 3.22.8 below are not met or the financial offer is unsatisfactory.

**3. 22. 7** Each proposal shall be accompanied by an invitation to at least one member of the WCCC to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all expenses paid by the bidder.

**3. 22. 8** The FIDE Presidential Board 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 organisational 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 country hosting the event.
- g) media possibilities
- h) potential development of chess worldwide.
- i) climatic conditions during the period of the tournament
- j) taxation conditions in the hosting country in respect of the prize fund.

If a Presidential Board meeting cannot be held, the FIDE President takes the decision in consultations with the WCCC.

**3. 22. 9** After the Presidential Board (or the FIDE President) has decided who shall be selected to organize the event, the Organizers shall deposit, not later than one month before the start of the event, in escrow, net and free of all taxes, with the FIDE bankers the full sums of money covering the prize fund and all costs related to FIDE as stipends, travel, full board and lodge and other administrative costs for communications etc in accordance with a budget agreed between FIDE and the Organizers.

**3. 22. 10** In case of a failure to deposit the sums of money under 3. 22. 9, the guarantees specified in 3. 22. 5 (h) are forfeited in favour of FIDE.

**3. 22. 11.** At any time, after the sums specified under 3. 22. 9, have been deposited in escrow, if the Organizer fails to organize the event or is in breach of the contract with FIDE, then FIDE may withdraw the right to organize the event and at the same time the Organizers shall forfeit 50% of the sums of money under 3. 22. 9. If the organizer/sponsor cannot hold the event at all, 50% of the money given as guarantee to FIDE for the prize fund, per article 3.22.5 (h), shall go to players to compensate them for lost opportunities.

**3. 22. 12.** The Organizers shall invite a member of the WCCC to inspect and give consultation on the preparations. The WCCC shall decide on the need for further inspections. Travelling (business class if transcontinental) and accommodation costs are to be borne by the Organizers.

### **3. 23. Other**

**3. 23. 1.** At any time in the course of the application of these regulations, any grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the Presidential Board or the President of FIDE, for final decision.