

Administrative Subjects

01 FIDE Statutes

GENS UNA SUMUS

The moral strength of FIDE is manifested by the discipline of its members.

Statutes of the World Chess Federation - Fédération Internationale des Echecs - FIDE, founded 20 July, 1924, Paris, France.

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Chapter 01 - Status, principles and aims and revenues of FIDE

1.1.	<p>The International World Chess Federation or Fédération Internationale des Echecs, (referred to in the ensuing text as FIDE for short), is a non-governmental organisation founded on July 20, 1924 in Paris, France, recognised by its members and the International Olympic Committee as the international federation in the domain of chess, FIDE is recognised by the International Olympic Committee as the supreme body responsible for the game of chess and its Championships. FIDE has the sole rights to organise the World Chess Championships and the Chess Olympiads. FIDE unites national chess federations throughout the world and oversees all International competitions.</p> <p>The seat of FIDE is in Lausanne, Switzerland. (moved from 12.1) FIDE is an association registered in the Commercial Register in accordance with the Swiss Civil Code.</p>
1.2.	<p>FIDE is concerned exclusively with chess activities. FIDE is democratically established and bases itself on the principles of equal rights of its members. FIDE is a non-profit making organisation. It rejects discriminatory treatment for national, political, racial, social or religious reasons or on account of gender. It observes strict neutrality in the internal affairs of the national chess federations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. FIDE events (competitions, congresses, meetings) may be hosted only by Federations where free access is generally assured to representatives of all Federations.b. The General Assembly may take exceptions for reasons of state of war or severe violence between countries, only on a three quarter majority vote.
1.3.	<p>Chess is one of the most ancient, intellectual and cultural games. It is a combination of sport, of scientific thinking and of elements of art.</p> <p>The purpose and aim of FIDE are the diffusion and development of chess among all nations of the world, as well as the raising of the level of chess culture and knowledge on a sporting, scientific, creative, educational and cultural basis. FIDE supports a close international cooperation of the chess devotees in all fields of chess activity, thereby also aiming to improve friendly harmony among all peoples of the world.</p> <p>For all practical purposes, the The practice of the game of chess in all its ramifications is fully recognised as sport by the International Olympic Committee at the IOC session in Seoul, Korea in June 1999 and therefore any form of practice of the game of chess and any decision thereon by FIDE or any form of activity relating thereto either directly or indirectly falls within the definition of sport. (moved from 14.1) The interpretation of these statutes must be in conformity with the Olympic Charter as envisaged by art 25 of the Olympic Charter.</p>
1.4.	<p>FIDE issues the rules of chess and the provisions pertaining to the organisation of the World Chess Championships and all other FIDE chess competitions. It awards the international chess titles. It decides on the regulations for all FIDE-competitions and determines the conditions for the award of international titles.</p> <p>FIDE competitions are in general open to players of both sexes. A competition described as a women`s event is reserved for women players but women players are entitled to compete in events as described as open events</p>
1.5	<p>The official language of FIDE for business and announcements shall be English and all meetings, FIDE documents, rules and regulations will be in this language. Other official FIDE languages are described in Article A.10. Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish In case of divergence in FIDE documents issued in different languages, in general the English version is the valid one. However, if a document was originally written in one of the other FIDE languages, that version will be considered as the authentic one. but any other language is permitted, however, to facilitate correspondence and discussions. Moved from chapter 12.2 Also see new Administrative Section A.10</p>
1.6	<p>The FIDE Motto is "Gens Una Sumus" (We are one family). The FIDE seal is a white Knight intersected by five white latitudinal lines on a black globe, with the word "FIDE" in black at the base of the Knight, and the FIDE motto in black below the globe. The FIDE flag is the FIDE Seal at the centre of a sky-blue background, on both sides of the flag, measuring 100 x 150 cm. or in proportion thereto. Moved from chapter 12.3</p>
	<p>To facilitate the administrative work in FIDE, zones are created, if possible according to regional points of view. Each member federation is assigned to a zone. The number of zones is not limited, but a zone should be created only if chess or administrative reasons require it. (1980 Congress Resolution: The General Assembly resolved that the following criteria be used in the future when changes in the Zonal division are necessary: a) geographic reasons; b) number of affiliated federations; c) strength of organisation; d) combined number of chess players; e) number of rated players; f) number of titled players; g) encouragement of play among affiliated federations; h) special considerations.)- moved to chapter 11.1</p>
	<p>The financial revenues of FIDE accrue from:</p>

- ~~• membership fees;~~
- ~~• entry fees for participation in FIDE's competitions or tournaments;~~
- ~~• contributions for services rendered or rights granted by FIDE to members or to third parties;~~
- ~~• other contributions.~~

Moved to chapter 10.3

Chapter 02 - Membership

A - FIDE members, their rights and their duties Member Federations

2.1.	<p>Members of FIDE are national chess federations which have principal authority over chess activities in their own countries and which have been admitted to FIDE as member-federations, if they acknowledge the FIDE Statutes and develop activities not contrary to those statutes. Only one federation of each country can be affiliated to FIDE. In addition FIDE can grant the status of provisional member to chess federations, in accord with Art. 2.7. However, applicants granted full or provisional membership must have fulfilled any of the following conditions:</p> <p>For new members, the country of the federation (with the same boundaries) must be a country or territory that is a member of the International Olympic Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The country of the federation (with the same boundaries) must be a country or territory that is a member of the International Olympic Committee b. The country of the federation (with the same boundaries) must be a country or territory with a membership or an observer status in the United Nations <p>This does not apply to those federations that were already members of FIDE on or before the day the General Assembly made this decision. (transferred from Standing orders) The requirements of (a) and (b) above do not apply to those federations that are already members of FIDE.</p>
2.2.	<p>The admission of a national chess federation as a member is effected through an application. This application is to be submitted to the President Secretariat. The provisional admittance is decided upon by the Executive Board/Presidential Board. Final admittance as a member is pronounced by the General Assembly/Executive Board after examination of the preconditions for admittance by the Executive/Presidential Board. The application for admission must include all data, which will make evident that the statutory purpose and the previous activities of the applicant are in conformity with the FIDE Statutes.</p> <p>The application for admission shall be accompanied by the official questionnaire of FIDE approved by the General Assembly, completely filled out, together with a copy of the statutes of the federation, approved or recognised by the authorities of the country, if the country's law so requires.</p> <p>A new member can fully participate in all meetings of FIDE, including the right to vote, from the moment it is accepted for membership by the General Assembly/Executive Board.</p>
2.3.	<p>The members have a seat and vote Each member federation has one vote in the General Assembly; they are entitled to make use of the right to vote; they are authorised to submit proposals to FIDE; they are entitled to participate in all FIDE events, according to the regulations; they are also authorised to scrutinise, through the Verification Commission, the financial management of FIDE.</p>
2.4.	<p>The members must acknowledge and observe the statutes, regulations, resolutions and decisions of FIDE. They are also obliged to pay the membership fees and the other FIDE contributions fixed by the General Assembly at the designated time. Moreover they are obliged to support FIDE actively in its all chess activities. Each member federation is required to send to the Secretariat any changes in its address or officers within three one month of such change. Each member is required to send to the Secretariat at the latest by April 1st of each year a report containing the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the name and address and email address of the Federation; b. the name and email address of the President; c. the name and email address of the General Secretary; d. the name and email address of the officer who is the intermediary between the member and FIDE (the Permanent Delegate); e. the names of the national champions; f. the title and address of the official bulletin, if any; g. the numbers of players belonging directly or indirectly to the federation on January 1st of the year in question, or, if this is not possible, at the end of the previous fiscal year; h. the date and place and other details about international chess events which have been organised in the federation's country since the previous report or which are planned for the future. If in the course of the year changes occur in the data mentioned in sub (a-d) and (f) above, the federation must inform the Secretariat immediately. <p>When a federation does not supply the data mentioned in sub (g), the President Secretariat shall determine the number of members, after consultation with the President of the Zone. The same procedure shall be applied when the data given by the federation contains obvious mistakes.</p>
2.5.	<p>Members not fulfilling the duties mentioned in art. 2.4, may be temporarily or definitely permanently excluded from FIDE by a decision of the General Assembly/Executive Board. A member in arrears in the fulfilment of its financial obligations</p>

	<p>towards FIDE may be temporarily excluded by the President General Assembly. This temporary exclusion shall be annulled if the temporarily excluded member has fulfilled its financial obligations 90 60 days before the General Assembly following the temporary exclusion. No participation in any FIDE event or meeting will be permitted during the exclusion period. Payments made after the 90 60 days but before the General Assembly will not allow participation without a majority approval of the General Assembly. The Treasurer shall include information in his report on those federations that should be temporary or permanently excluded.</p> <p>The matter A temporary exclusion shall be submitted to the next General Assembly/Executive Board, which will decide on the definite permanent exclusion of the negligent federation. If this is not the case, the matter shall be submitted to the next General Assembly, which will decide on the definite exclusion of the negligent federation.</p> <p>In other matters a definite permanent exclusion can be ruled by the General Assembly only in case if the member becomes is guilty of a severe offence against the statutes, regulations, resolutions or decisions, or acts against the principles of FIDE, taking into account the opinion of the Ethics Commission. In the case mentioned in the 4th paragraph the Presidential Board can set up a committee of three persons to investigate and examine an offence (or an act against the principles of FIDE); the committee shall report to the General Assembly or the Executive Board in non-Olympiad years.</p>
2.6.	<p>The members have the right to withdraw from FIDE. The President Secretariat must be informed in writing of the withdrawal at the latest three months in advance. Payment of membership fees and all other contributions remains obligatory until the date of withdrawal becomes effective. Membership fees or other contributions will not be refunded if a member withdraws or is excluded. In connection with the exclusion or withdrawal of a member, neither membership fees nor other contributions will be refunded.</p>
2.7.	<p>In connection with the exclusion or withdrawal of a member, neither membership fees nor other contributions will be refunded. Moved to 2.6</p>
2.7	<p>A provisional member has all the rights and obligations of a full member except that a provisional member does not have the right to vote in the General Assembly nor are its representatives eligible to stand for FIDE offices. The rules for withdrawal or exclusion are the same as for full members. If a provisional member has not achieved full membership status within five years, then the provisional membership may be reconfirmed for five year periods by the General Assembly, failing which the provisional membership would automatically cease.</p>

B- Non-Voting Organisations and Individuals with a right to attend the Annual Congress

2.8	<p>Affiliated international chess organisations: are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. organisations which represent the interests of regions b. organizations which represent the interests of regions, e.g. continents, or other groupings consisting of FIDE affiliated chess federations. b. Other chess related organisations <p>The affiliation Affiliations of international chess organizations under (b) is are to be confirmed by the General Assembly. They have a right to attend the Annual Congress as observers but with no voting rights.</p>
2.9.	<p>Individual members are membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Honorary members and Honorary Presidents of FIDE are persons who are nominated as such because of their special merits for contribution to world-wide chess. b. Life members and Friends of FIDE are persons who have made a financial contribution to FIDE, as then fixed decided by the General Assembly. <p>Special merits can be acquired by the repeated organization of important international chess events, by the organizational work in the service of FIDE of many year's years duration or by other extraordinary successful activities for the international chess movement.</p> <p>Only former Presidents of FIDE can be nominated as Honorary Presidents. Only one Honorary President may serve on the Presidential Board at any time. When a new Honorary President is named by the General Assembly, the previous holder will retain the title, but no longer serve on the Presidential Board provided that the current holder of the title of Honorary President is excluded from the application of this rule as he shall continue to serve as Honorary President and retain his right to vote and reimbursement of expenses relating to his function as a member of the Presidential Board.</p> <p>They have a right to attend the Annual Congress as observers but with no voting rights.</p>

Chapter 03 - FIDE officials and organisations-organs

The FIDE officials and organs are:

Officials:	
a	the President
b	the Honorary President
c	the Deputy President
d	the General Secretary

e	the Treasurer
f	the Vice Presidents
g	the Honorary Vice Presidents
h	the Continental Presidents
i	the Zonal Presidents
j	the Executive Director
k	the Auditor
l	the Marketing and PR Director
m	CEO Development
n	Commercial Director
Organs:	
o	the General Assembly
p	the Executive Board
q	the Presidential Board
r	the Secretariat
s	the elected and appointed Commissions

The (r) delegates and (s) Continental representatives have been deleted

The President and all other FIDE officials and organisations are elected or nominated and confirmed, as the case may be, for a period of four years. ~~The Executive Director shall remain in office until he resigns or his appointment terminated by the President on confirmation by the General Assembly.~~ Where an interim election is necessitated by resignation or death, the person elected shall serve for the remainder of the normal election period. ~~Where the statutes are not clear, then the process of election or appointment shall be described in the regulations.~~

~~The Secretariat is in Athens, Greece. A decision to change the Secretariat or any branch offices, or to create any branch office, may be taken by the Presidential Board.~~ The Presidential Board shall determine the location of the Secretariat and of any branch offices. (Moved from chapter 12.1 and reworded). The Secretariat is the main branch office of FIDE and deals with the administration of the organisation and receives all bids for events and notifications from members.

The Annual Congress includes the meetings of the Commissions, Executive Board and when applicable the General Assembly and Presidential Board. It may also host meetings of affiliated organisations such as the Continents.

Whenever any FIDE official has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before any FIDE body on which he has a deliberative voice or vote, the affected person shall (i) fully disclose the nature of the interest to the relevant body and (ii) withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter. Any transaction or vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when the necessary majority of disinterested FIDE officials needed to approve the matter in question determine that it is in the best interest of FIDE to do so. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record all disclosures, abstentions, rationales for approval, and votes.

Chapter 04 - The General Assembly

4.1.	<p>The General Assembly, being the highest authority of FIDE, exercises the legislative and - unless otherwise defined below - also the executive power. It supervises the activities of the Executive Board, the Presidential Board, the FIDE President and also the other FIDE officials and organisations organs. It approves the FIDE budget, elects the Presidential Board, Ethics Commission, Verification Commission and Constitutional Commission and determines the schedule of FIDE activities.</p> <p>When the General Assembly is not in session its powers are transferred to the Executive Board. However, the Executive Board cannot take decisions on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • election of officials • changes in Statutes, • matters changes to regulations of Rules Committee and Tournaments Commission • matters changes to regulations of Qualification Commission, <p>All decisions taken by the Executive Board shall may be reviewed by the following General Assembly. The World Champion and the Women's World Champion shall be invited to attend the General Assembly with consultative voice, but no vote. -Moved to 4.2 below</p>
4.2.	<p>The General Assembly is composed of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the representatives of the member-federations and their counsellors, b. the members of the Executive Board, c. the representative of the affiliated international chess organizations,

	<p>d. the Honorary Members, Honorary Presidents, Life Members and Friends of FIDE,</p> <p>e. the chairmen of the permanent commissions and committees, and delegates (Chapter 8),</p> <p>f. the current World Champion and the current Women`s World Champion</p>
4.3.	<p>Every member-federation is represented by its Permanent Delegate who must belong to the member-federation that they represent. and be elected or appointed by the appropriate body of that federation The federation can give a proxy either to another person from the same federation or to the delegate of another federation. or by another person (Proxy), accredited by letter for such representation by the duly elected or appointed officials as defined in the electoral regulations, and who either belongs to the federation concerned or is the representative (Permanent Delegate or Proxy) of another federation. The proxy document should state if it can be re-assigned.</p> <p>Every representative is permitted to represent, besides his own, only one additional federation.</p> <p>A representative may be aided by one or two counselor or the President of the federation. The name of the counsellor must be advised to the FIDE Secretariat by 1700 on the day before the opening session of the General Assembly by a duly authorised official of the federation.</p> <p>A proxy can be assigned to a member federation only by written authorisation. The letter of assignment must have a signature of the Permanent Delegate or of an official authorized by the federation, as last registered with FIDE. In emergency the General Assembly can approve a Proxy on notification by other means. This paragraph has been moved to 4.16</p> <p>Only delegates, Presidents of federations or members of the Presidential Board may speak in the General Assembly.</p>
4.4.	<p>Each member-federation represented in the General Assembly has one vote. The other participants in the General Assembly have a consultative voice only.</p> <p>The discussions may be carried through on the basis of a speaker`s list to be kept by the General Secretary. the chairman can take the floor as often as required also outside the order of the speaker`s list. Motions of order (closing of the speaker`s list, closing of the discussion, adjournment of the agenda point, removing the point from the agenda) may be made at any time on a point under discussion. These motions should be considered and decided upon at once in so far as they do not entail an interruption of the session.</p> <p>The same goes for applies to objections because of violation of the statutes. Proposals regarding amendments or supplementary proposals will be treated only if they are seconded by another voting member.</p>
4.5.	<p>In meetings of the General Assembly or Extraordinary General Assembly, the quorum shall be 50% of the voting members. This shall be established by a roll call at the beginning of the meeting and no further roll calls are needed to establish a quorum unless requested.</p> <p>If the quorum is not fulfilled at the beginning of the General Assembly, the Executive Board will decide which items of the agenda can be submitted for decision by the truncated General Assembly. The items put on the agenda shall not include changes of statutes, financial regulations or election of officials of FIDE.</p>
4.6.	<p>The sessions of the General Assembly are public, unless it is decided otherwise by simple majority vote.</p>
4.7.	<p>A proposal or a decision which raises no objection is accepted unanimously as a decision of the General Assembly. General applause is also regarded as acceptance of a decision. If there is an objection, duly seconded, then a decision is made by a show of hands. If the result is not clear then a vote by roll call is held. Votes are made orally by a show of hands. Votes on elections are to be made by secret ballot, unless otherwise decided by a two-thirds majority and except in case there is no more candidates than the number of officers to appoint. The vote for the Presidential ticket must always be by secret ballot.</p> <p>Each recommendation by the Executive Board is voted upon first, after discussion, in the General Assembly. In other cases amendments are voted upon first. Supplementary proposals are voted upon only after a decision on the main proposal; they will be discussed and voted upon in the reverse order in which they were made.</p>
4.8.	<p>Decisions shall be made with the majority of the votes delivered, without taking into account abstentions. For the exceptions hereto see Art. 4.16 and 16.1.</p> <p>For elections, special election regulations are operative. See Article A.04</p>
4.9.	<p>In the event of a tie in voting, the FIDE President decides (with the exception of elections).</p>
4.10.	<p>Prior to voting all relevant communications from absent members shall be brought to the attention of those present.</p>
4.11.	<p>Proposals of members or FIDE officials or organisations, or affiliated international organisations admitted under Art. 2.8 sub (b), which are to be included in the agenda for the General Assembly, should reach the Secretariat not later than three two three months before the beginning of the General Assembly, together with the reasons for the proposals. Proposals submitted within this time limit must be included in the agenda for the General Assembly. Commission`s draft reports to be discussed by the General Assembly shall also reach the FIDE Secretariat at least two three months before the meeting is due. They will be considered as final when examined following examination at the Commission`s meeting during the session of the General Assembly Annual Congress and submitted to the General Assembly/Executive Board for approval. Proposals tabled at the Annual Congress without due notice shall be subject to appraisal at the first Presidential Board meeting following the Congress. The Presidential Board shall not have the power to rescind the decision, only to delay implementation until the proposal is further studied at the next Congress.</p>
4.12.	<p>The regular General Assembly is held every Olympiad year. or every other year beginning in 1998. It is convened by the President.</p> <p>The invitations shall be sent out at the latest four months prior to the opening date of the General Assembly. Invitations can be sent by email.</p> <p>The President Secretariat shall send the participants the complete agenda and the relevant documents at the latest six weeks prior to the opening of the General Assembly (or be published on the official website of FIDE).</p> <p>No other item may be discussed except in an emergency situation where evidence must be established and with the approval by a two thirds majority vote of those present, including proxies. All decisions by the General Assembly shall be given an alpha-numeric designation.</p> <p>The final minutes shall be published no later than three months after the meeting is closed.</p>
4.13.	<p>Place and date of the General Assembly are determined:</p>

	<p>a. by the preceding General Assembly, or</p> <p>b. in the absence of such a decision, by the FIDE President.</p>
4.14.	Decisions made by the General Assembly concerning a certain cycle for the World Championship, cannot be discussed and changed again during that cycle, unless agreed to by a two-thirds` majority.
4.14	An Extraordinary General Assembly shall be convened by the FIDE President upon request of one-third of the member-federations within two months of such a request. In urgent cases the President, with the consent of the Executive Board or Presidential Board, also has the right to convene an Extraordinary General Assembly. The agenda for the Extraordinary General Assembly shall be sent to participants at least one month before the meeting is held.
4.15	The present Statutes can be changed only by the General Assembly and only upon proposal by the FIDE President, the Executive Board, Presidential Board or any member-federation. Two thirds of the votes delivered without taking into account abstentions are required to effect such changes. Moved from 12.4
4.16	Decisions made by the General Assembly concerning the statutes, the standing orders or the electoral regulations will come into effect on the last day of the General Assembly, after the General Assembly is closed. except amendments to Financial Regulations which come into operation on the first day of the next fiscal year. Moved from 16.3 The financial clause has been moved to Financial Regulations A.04.
4.17	For those matters not previously mentioned, the electoral procedures are defined in the Electoral Regulations in Article A.04. The Electoral regulations are approved by the General Assembly by simple majority. The Electoral Committee is regulated in the Statutes in Chapter 8.
	Proxies moved to Electoral Regulations
	<p>A proxy can be assigned to a member-federation only by written authorisation. The letter of assignment must have a signature of the Permanent Delegate or of an official authorised by the federation, as last registered with FIDE. In emergency the General Assembly can approve a Proxy on notification by other means. Moved from 4.3</p> <p>All proxies must be registered at the FIDE Secretariat at the Congress by 1700 on the day before the opening session of the General Assembly. After this deadline, in election years, further proxies will not be accepted until the register is reopened after elections have been concluded.</p> <p>At the Executive Board of the Congress, the Continental Presidents shall each nominate one person for the Committee to establish the legality of the votes. Three persons shall be selected by lot to form the Committee.</p> <p>This Committee meets before the General Assembly to establish the legality of the proxies. It will examine the proxies presented for verification. The register will then close.</p> <p>At the opening of the General Assembly, this Committee reports on the proxies. A roll call to confirm there is a quorum, will then take place. to establish the quorum.</p> <p>For a proxy to be valid, it must be signed by any of the following accredited officials of the federation: President, Permanent Delegate or General Secretary of the federation. This will be based on the latest official notification from the federation as shown on the FIDE web site. The proxy can either be an original or a copy of a letter. Where two or more proxies are received and there is a conflict, the order of precedence shall be as follows:</p> <p>1.—Proxies received from the President</p> <p>2.—Proxies received from the Permanent Delegate</p> <p>3.—Proxies received from the General Secretary</p> <p>Where the order of precedence is established and there is still a conflict, the latest most recent fax, or letter or scanned document shall be deemed to be valid.</p>
Chapter 05 - The Executive Board	
5.1.	The Executive Board concerns itself with matters that are usually dealt with by the General Assembly between its sessions ; it deals and in particular with the annual reports of the President and the Treasurer as well as all further subjects listed on the agenda for the General Assembly and recommends actions. During Olympiad years the Executive Board will only hold an abbreviated meeting which will discuss only those issues which are paramount on the agenda and have broad interest or those that may generate controversy at the General Assembly.
5.2.	The Executive Board consists of: the FIDE President, the Honorary President, the Deputy President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice Presidents, the Honorary Vice-Presidents, the four Continental Presidents, the four Continental Deputy Presidents , the Zonal Presidents, four elected representatives from each of the Continents, the Auditor, and the current Men`s World Champion and the current Women`s World Champion. With the exception of the Zonal Presidents the members of the Executive Board officiate in person. No replacement is possible. FIDE shall be informed of the name of the any substitute of the a Zonal President in writing. This substitute must be a member of the same zone. The Chairman of the Chairmen of Commissions or his their representative shall be entitled to attend the Executive Board and to speak upon matters affecting his their Commission but shall not be entitled to vote unless he is they are also a member of the Executive Board. The representative of the ICCF shall be invited to attend the meetings of the Executive Board and have an observer voice, but no vote. All countries member federations are welcome to attend the meetings of the Executive Board and express their opinions on any item of pending legislation.
5.3.	The Executive Board meets at least once a year, as a rule immediately before the General Assembly and once per non Olympiad year. The Executive Board can be convened by the FIDE President at any time. Procedures are subject to the same articles as set out for the General Assembly. In meetings of the Executive Board, the quorum shall be 50% of the voting members.
5.4.	Recommendations by the Executive Board are subject to the regulations as applicable for the General Assembly, with the

	exception of Art. 4.3:
5.4.	The Agenda of the meetings of the Executive Board and the minutes are subject to the same procedures as the General Assembly.

Chapter 06 - Continental Associations - Rights and Obligations

6.1	<p>The General Purpose</p> <p>The Continental Associations (hereinafter referred to as CA) are established under FIDE for chess development in each Continent. Africa, America, Asia, and Europe and Africa will have each established an operating organisation to strengthen ties between countries and establish mutual goals and representation. The CA will be responsible for the organisation of Continental championships under the auspices of FIDE. The organisation of these Associations, elections of their representatives and the regulations of continental events shall be consistent with FIDE rules and regulations. A copy of the CA statutes should be lodged with FIDE.</p>
6.2	<p>Members</p> <p>Any National Federation on the respective Continent as defined in FIDE Statutes Art 2.1 is considered a member of the CA. Any International association can be accepted as an associate CA member with observer status.</p>
6.3	<p>Officials</p> <p>Each Continental Association will be responsible for choosing electing a President and Deputy President (then confirmed by the General Assembly) and 4 Representatives to the FIDE Executive Board, other officers may be chosen elected by the CA may include, but are not limited to, a Secretary and Treasurer Treasurer and Secretary. The CA shall notify the Secretariat of the results of the elections and the General Assembly shall take note. The Each Continental President is a member of the FIDE Presidential Board and amongst his duties he shall report on Continental activities to the Presidential Board.</p>
6.4	<p>When electing a Continental President the General Assembly—apart from exceptional cases—shall agree in principle with the opinion expressed in by the majority of representatives of the members belonging to the Continent.</p> <p>The An appeal against a decision of a Continental President must be made in writing to the FIDE President with a copy to the Continental President. The Continental President must immediately send his comments to the FIDE President. When an appeal is made by a member federation it has to be signed by the federation's President and Permanent FIDE Delegate. Otherwise it will not be considered. Moved from 9.7</p>
6.5	<p>The Continental Presidents will be specifically charged with the activities of their respective continents.</p> <p>In matters concerning only the interests of the members of their continents and their Zonal Presidents, but not concerning the rights and duties of a member towards FIDE, the Continental Presidents have equal rights and duties towards the members of the continent or Zonal Presidents as the FIDE President has towards all members of FIDE. Moved from 9.6</p>
6.6	<p>Continental Assembly meeting</p> <p>At least annually at the FIDE Congress a The Continental Assembly Meeting will be held on an annual basis. This meeting will be the official annual meeting at which time business of the Continent may be be is conducted. (Each Continent will be responsible for drafting statutes provisions that match cultural and economic diversity of the Continent. These Statutes are subject to approval by the FIDE General Assembly and will be published as an Annex of the FIDE Statutes. Financial Regulations should be drafted by the Continents to address revenues, accounting and expenses. These too will be published in the Annex. The FIDE Statutes and associated regulations can serve as model for this drafting process.) (Note—until such time that each CA has drafted these documents—these statutes will serve as the interim model)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the CA meeting is the highest authority of the CA 2. the CA meeting is composed of all member federations 3. associated members do not have the right to vote 4. every member federation is represented by a permanent delegate or another person (proxy) 5. a representative may have a proxy from only one additional federation beside their own 6. each member federation has one vote 7. the officers and Executive Committee delegates must represent the cultural and economic diversity of the entire Continent. 8. the CA meeting is permitted to pass resolutions if it has been convened according to the statutes. A quorum of 50% of the affiliated federations (including proxies) is required for votes on elections and changes of the statutes. If the quorum is not fulfilled no actions can be taken. 9. Votes are made orally unless a secret ballot is agreed to by the majority 10. votes on elections are cast by secret ballot 11. the annual meeting is convened by the President with 4 months notice 12. the agenda must be sent to member federations by email, fax or regular mail 6 weeks prior to the meeting 13. an additional fee may be charged to member federations not to exceed 10% of the FIDE fee. This will be established to help the Board communicate to member federations. Entry fees for Continental events should be deposited in the CA accounts and managed by the treasurer 14. the annual CA meeting has the following duties that cannot be delegated to another body: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Election of the board and the auditor(s) 2. Election of the Executive Committee representatives 3. Annual budget 4. Vote on financial regulations 5. Change of the statutes 6. Change of the tournament regulations 7. Vote on the new associate members 8. Exclusion of members acting against CA interests 9. Other duties defined as non-transferable by the CA or the statutes

6.5	<p>Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the affairs of the CA are managed by the Board in the period between the CA's. 2. the Board consists of the President, the treasurer and at least four other members. The President and the treasurer are elected in function. The Board will appoint one of its members as Deputy President 3. the Board members are chosen for a period of four years. 4. the Board can elect from its midst a Steering Committee. The Board will establish regulations concerning the powers of the Steering Committee. The Board can nominate special Committees and officials. The Board defines the duties of and supervises these special Committees and officials. 5. the members of the Board should belong to different federations. 6. the Board meets whenever the President deems necessary or when three Board members ask for a meeting. 7. the Board can make decisions by letter, fax or email if no Board member demands a meeting. Minutes of the decision have to be made in all cases.
6.6	<p>Finances</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the financial year shall coincide with the calendar year. 2. the CA budget and accounting will be based on the US dollar. 3. all CA bank accounts shall be in the name of the CA. The Board decides on signature rights. 4. each year at the annual CA meeting the treasurer shall present the final balanced account for approval by the CA. 5. the CA's revenues are generated through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. membership fees 2. Entry fees for tournaments organised by FIDE 3. Fees for services provided by the CA 4. Other revenues 6. the amount of membership and entry fees shall be fixed by special regulations that are approved by the CA. 7. members, who have not paid their current fees, lose their vote at the CA. The Board can exclude them from CA events.
6.7	<p>Miscellaneous Regulations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. the CA decides on the location of a permanent office at the motion of the Board. 2. the official language of the CA is English. In documents containing versions in more than one language, the English version is the official one. 3. Communication within the CA shall be by letter, fax or email.

Chapter 07 - The Presidential Board

7.1.	<p>The Presidential Board is the managing organisation of FIDE and is in charge with the day-to-day management of FIDE. It resolves on all matters not otherwise and explicitly reserved to another body by those these Statutes. The Presidential Board exercises the rights of the General Assembly and the Executive Board between meetings of the General Assembly and the Executive Board respectively. Such powers include taking decisions which require a 3/4 three quarter majority vote pursuant to such as Standing Order to Article 1.2. Any rights so exercised have no continuing effect beyond the following General Assembly unless so authorized by the requisite majority vote. However, the Presidential Board cannot take decisions on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • election of officials, • changes in Statutes, • changes to regulations of the Rules & Tournament Commission matters, • changes to regulations of the Qualification Commission matters, • changes to Electoral Regulations • Budget reviews.
7.2.	<p>(GA `96) The Presidential Board consists of the FIDE President, the Honorary President, the Deputy President, the General Secretary, the Treasurer, the Vice Presidents, the four Continental Presidents, World Champion, Women`s World Champion and the Honorary Vice-Presidents. Honorary Vice Presidents are ex officio members of the Presidential Board without vote. The Auditor shall be invited to all the Presidential Board meetings. The Auditor should not be a member of the Presidential Board when he is elected by the General Assembly.</p> <p>In the event of any vacancy occurring on the Presidential Board, it shall be filled from within the Board by the Board, except in the case of a Continental Presidency vacancy which shall be referred for election by the particular continent or an elected Vice-President which must be filled by an election at the next General Assembly if it is not an election year. provided that the membership of the Presidential Board does not drop below the statutory requirements.</p> <p>A Steering Committee consisting of the FIDE President, Deputy President, First Vice President, General Secretary, and Treasurer and the two Vice Presidents elected on the Presidential ticket, can convene as necessary to discuss urgent and developing issues. All actions taken by the Steering Committee must be ratified by the Presidential Board.—Moved to 7.3</p>
7.3.	<p>A Steering Committee consisting of the FIDE President, Deputy President, First Vice President, General Secretary, and</p>

	Treasurer and the two Vice Presidents elected on the Presidential ticket, can convene as necessary to discuss urgent and developing issues. All actions taken by the Steering Committee must be ratified by the Presidential Board. Moved from 7.2.
7.4.	The Presidential Board assembles at should meet at least once every three months. In addition the FIDE President may at any time convene the Presidential Board for consultation in person, by telefax or teleconference. In meetings of the Presidential Board, the quorum shall be 50% of the voting members.
7.5.	The Agenda of the meetings of the Presidential Board, as well as the relevant documents, shall reach members at least one week before the meeting. (or be published on the official website of FIDE). Any other item will be banned may be excluded from discussion. except in an emergency situation, where evidence must be clearly established and is approved by a vote of two thirds of those members present. Commissions' reports shall must be received one month two weeks before the Presidential Board. All decisions shall be given an alpha-numeric designation. The final minutes shall be distributed to members of the Board no later than one month after a meeting is closed.

Chapter 08 - The Commissions and Committees, or the delegates, of FIDE

Commissions

In order to facilitate the work of FIDE, Commissions shall be formed. In the case of those Commissions that are not elected by the General Assembly, the regulations are in Administration Subjects A.02.

~~A- Commissions~~ **(move to Administration Section A02)**

~~1.0 Membership and proceedings~~

~~The following membership conditions and proceedings shall apply to all Commissions with the exception of the elected Commissions and the Commission for World Championships and Olympiads.~~

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~~1.1 Membership~~

~~1.1.1 Each Commission shall consist of:~~

~~A Chairman appointed by FIDE President.~~

~~A Council consisting of a Secretary and up to 3 members appointed by the Chairman of the Commission or Committee.~~

~~8 members with consultative status: 4 to be appointed by the Chairman of the Commission and 1 each nominated by the Continental Presidents.~~

~~1.1.2 Members of the Council should be appointed on the basis of experience and expertise in the area of competence of the respective Commissions and Committees.~~

~~1.1.3 Where possible, all Continents should be represented in Commissions.~~

~~1.1.4 If a member of the Council retires, or is inactive, he may be replaced for the remaining time of his assignment.~~

~~1.1.5 The period of appointments shall be 4 years commencing right after the session of the General Assembly (GA) devoted to the election of FIDE Officials.~~

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~~1.2 Proceedings~~

~~1.2.1 Agenda of meetings shall be prepared by the Chairman and shall be sent, together with working documents, to all Members at least 1 month before a meeting is to take place.~~

~~1.2.2 Minutes of meetings are the responsibility of the Secretary of the Commission.~~

~~1.2.3 Commissions shall report and make recommendations once a year to the GA or to the Executive Board (EB) in odd years.~~

~~1.2.4 Chairmen of Commissions shall report on their activities to the Presidential Board (PB) whenever a need arises.~~

~~1.2.5 Chairmen of Commissions shall prepare their budget for approval by the GA PB. The budget proposals shall be sent to the Treasurer at least one month before the GA or the EB meetings.~~

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~~2- Aims of the Commissions~~ **(This section to be moved out of statutes and into Administration Section B, replacing Standing Orders which are all included in the Statutes)**

~~2.1 Technical Commission (TEC)~~

~~2.1.1 The TEC shall be responsible for the Laws of Chess, the regulations and rules of Tournaments, the Swiss Pairing rules, as well as any specific Regulation for each FIDE Competition, except when otherwise stated.~~

~~2.1.2 The TEC shall nominate the experts for the Rules & Tournament Regulations Committee (RTR).~~

~~2.1.3 The TEC shall nominate the experts for the Technical Administrative Panel (TAP) regarding the technical aspects of the Chess Olympiads.~~

~~2.1.4 The TEC shall nominate the experts for the Panel of Testers to test Chess Clocks (TCC) and Swiss Pairing Programs (SPP).~~

~~2.1.5 The TEC shall propose amendments to rules and regulations as necessary.~~

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~~2.2– Arbiters Commission (ARB)–~~

- ~~2.2.1 The ARB shall be responsible for regulating the titles for Arbiters in over the board competitions.~~
- ~~2.2.2 The ARB shall vet arbiter title applications and examination results and recommend such awards to the GA, EB and/or the PB.~~
- ~~2.2.3 The ARB shall be responsible for the curriculum for Seminars and Examinations.~~
- ~~2.2.4 The ARB shall nominate experts to the Panel of Arbiters to conduct Seminars and Examinations (ASEP).~~
- ~~2.2.5 The ARB shall make recommendations and propose amendments, as it sees fit, regarding its field of competence.~~

~~2.3– Qualification Commission (QC)–~~

- ~~2.3.1 The QC shall be responsible for regulating the FIDE Rating System and the FIDE titles for over the board competitions.~~
- ~~2.3.2 The QC shall recommend title applications and registration and recommend such awards to the GA, EB and/or PB.~~
- ~~2.3.3 The QC shall make recommendations and propose amendments, as it sees fit, regarding its field of competence.~~

~~2.4– Chess in Schools Commission (SCH CIS)–~~

- ~~2.4.1 The SCH shall assist National Federations to introduce Chess in schools.~~
- ~~2.4.2 The SCH shall prepare curricula and courseware for chess education in schools.~~
- ~~2.4.3 The SCH shall prepare training programs for schools.~~
- ~~2.4.4 The SCH shall make recommendations and propose amendments, as it sees fit, in its field of competence.~~

~~2.5– Event’s Commission (EVE)–~~

- ~~2.5.1 The EVE shall be responsible for regulating the FIDE Calendar and the Bidding Process for all FIDE events, except the World Championship and the Women’s World Championship.~~
- ~~2.5.2 The EVE shall regulate and recommend applications for be responsible for regulating the titles of International for Organisers. and recommend such awards to the GA, the EB and/or the PB.~~
- ~~2.5.3 The EVE shall be responsible for the curriculum for Seminars and Examinations for Organisers.~~
- ~~2.5.4 The EVE shall nominate experts to the Panel of Organisers to conduct seminars and examinations.~~
- ~~2.5.5 The EVE shall examine organizer title applications and examination results and recommend awards to the GA, EB and/or PB.~~
- ~~2.5.6 The EVE shall recommend nominations for the annual President’s Award for chess events (non FIDE/Continental) and organise the Award ceremony for all FIDE Awards during the Olympiads in even numbered years.~~
- ~~2.5.7 The EVE shall make recommendations and propose amendments, as it sees fit, in its field of competence.~~

~~2.6– Trainer’s Commission (TRG)–~~

- ~~2.6.1 The TRG shall be responsible for regulating titles for trainers.~~
- ~~2.6.2 The TRG shall recommend title applications and examination results and propose such awards to the GA, the EB and/or the PB.~~
- ~~2.6.3 The TRG shall prepare curricula and courseware for Seminars and Examinations.~~
- ~~2.6.4 The TRG shall nominate experts for the Panel of Trainers to conduct Seminars and Examinations (PTSE).~~
- ~~2.6.5 The TRG shall work in cooperation with FIDE endorsed Academies.~~
- ~~2.6.6 The TRG shall also work in cooperation with the Development Commission and the Schools Commission in aspects related to training at all levels.~~
- ~~2.6.7 The TRG shall make recommendations and propose amendments, as it sees it fit, in its field of competence.~~

~~2.7– Development CACDEC Commission (DEV)–~~

- ~~2.7.1 The DEV shall develop and promote Chess activities in Federations that are in need of technical, financial and chess skills assistance.~~
- ~~2.7.2 The DEV shall propose, draw up and maintain a list of Federations requiring technical, financial and chess skills assistance.~~
- ~~2.7.3 The DEV shall assist by providing Chess material and training.~~
- ~~2.7.4 The DEV shall prepare a long term program for the benefit of such Federations, aimed at creating and developing Chess activities.~~
- ~~2.7.5 The DEV shall aim at achieving the following objectives for developing Federations:~~

- ~~• organisation of National Youth and Junior Championships every year~~
- ~~• organisation of a FIDE rated National Championship every year~~
- ~~• participation in Chess Olympiads~~
- ~~• each such Federation to have at least five active rated players, five certified and active trainers and five certified and active arbiters~~

- ~~2.7.6 The DEV shall ensure that such a program results in Federations graduating, step by step, out of the list of Federations in need. This graduation shall take place within a reasonable time to be decided by the GA. A graduated Federation should no more appeal for such assistance from FIDE.~~

~~2.8– Medical Commission (MED)–~~

- ~~2.8.1 The MED shall organize anti doping control in the major FIDE Events, at the request of the Events Commission, the Commission for World Championships & Olympiads and after consultation with the PB.~~
- ~~2.8.2 The MED shall prepare anti doping regulations for the approval by the GA and shall enforce them when duly approved.~~
- ~~2.8.3 The MED shall advise and inform the PB on anti doping matters.~~
- ~~2.8.4 The MED shall appoint a representative to be present at all events where anti doping control is carried out.~~
- ~~2.8.5 The MED shall make recommendations and propose amendments, as it sees fit, in its field of competence.~~

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~~2.9 Commission for Women's Chess (WOM)~~

~~2.9.1 The WOM shall promote and develop chess activities for women.~~

~~2.9.2 The WOM shall prepare a program aiming, progressively, at a better representation of Women in all aspects of Chess activities.~~

~~2.9.3 The WOM shall assist and cooperate with all Commissions with regards to Women's Chess.~~

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~~3.0 Commission for World Championships and Olympiad (WCO) (This section to be moved out of statutes and into Administration Section B, replacing Standing Orders which are all included in the Statutes)~~

~~Aims~~

~~3.1 The WCO shall prepare and update regulations for the Olympiads and the World Championships, including their cycles~~

~~3.2 The WCO shall prepare the bidding procedures and negotiate bids for the above Events.~~

~~3.3 The WCO shall inspect venues regarding these events.~~

~~3.4 The WCO shall report on the bids and make recommendations to the relevant FIDE bodies (GA, Executive Board or/ and PB).~~

~~3.5 The WCO shall follow up and supervise the preparations of such events.~~

~~3.6 The WCO shall recommend to the President the appointment of the principals for World Championships and the Olympiads.~~

~~3.7 The WCO shall liaise with the Continental Presidents regarding the appointment by the President of the foreign Arbiters who officiate at the Olympiad.~~

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~~Membership~~

~~3.8 The Chairman of the Commission is appointed by FIDE President~~

~~3.9 The Commission consists of up to 3 members appointed by the Chairman~~

~~3.10 The period of appointment shall be 4 years commencing right after the session of the GA devoted also to the elections of FIDE Officials.~~

~~3.11 If a member of the Commission retires or is inactive, he may be replaced for the remaining period of his assignment.~~

~~3.12 The Chairman of the Commission may appoint one of the members as Secretary.~~

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~~Proceedings~~

~~3.13 The Chairman of the Commission shall report to the GA, the EB and to the PB.~~

~~3.14 A budget of the Commission shall be prepared for submission to the Treasurer.~~

~~B- Special Projects: (This section to be moved out of statutes and into Administration Section B, replacing Standing Orders which are all included in the Statutes)~~

- ~~● Chess Art and Exhibition~~
- ~~● Chess for the Disabled~~
- ~~● Computer and Internet Chess~~
- ~~● Chess Composition~~
- ~~● International Organisations~~
- ~~● Chess Media~~
- ~~● Social Projects~~

~~1 Appointment~~

~~1.1 The FIDE President shall appoint an Adviser for a 4 year period starting from the election of the President.~~

~~1.2 If an Adviser can no longer act because of resignation or otherwise, or does not carry out his duties, he shall be replaced by the PB for the remaining period of his mandate.~~

~~1.3 The FIDE President may appoint a PB Member to coordinate work with one, or more Advisors.~~

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~~2 Proceedings~~

~~2.1 The Adviser shall report yearly, after consultation with the relevant PB Member, to the GA, EB and/or to PB.~~

~~2.2 The Adviser shall prepare a budget for the approval by the PB. After consultation with the relevant PB Member, the budget proposals shall be sent to the FIDE Treasurer at least one month before a GA or an EB meeting.~~

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~~3 Objectives~~

~~3.1 Chess Art and exhibition~~

~~3.1.1 The Adviser shall be responsible for all matters related to Chess Art and Exhibition.~~

~~3.1.2 The Adviser shall prepare documents and material needed in his field of competence and make recommendations to the GA, the EB or the PB, after consultation with the PB Member concerned.~~

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~~3.2 Chess for the Disabled~~

~~3.2.1 The Adviser shall be responsible for all matters related to Chess for the Disabled.~~

~~3.2.2 The Adviser shall prepare documents and material needed in his field of competence and make recommendations to the GA, the EB or the PB, after consultation with the PB Member concerned.~~

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~~3.3 Computer and Internet Chess~~

~~3.3.1 The Adviser shall be responsible for all matters related to this field of competence.
3.3.1 The Adviser shall prepare documents and material needed in his field of competence and make recommendations to the GA, the EB or the PB, after consultation with the PB Member concerned.~~

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~~3.4 International Organisations~~

~~3.4.1 The Adviser shall advise the PB on policies and relationship matters regarding various International Organisations.~~

~~3.4.2 The Adviser shall submit regular Activities Report to the FIDE General Secretary and/or FIDE Executive Director.~~

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~~3.5 Chess Composition~~

~~3.5.1 The Adviser shall coordinate with the "Permanent Commission for Chess Composition" and advise the PB on policies and relationship matters regarding Composition Chess.~~

~~3.5.2 The Adviser shall prepare documents and material needed in his field of competence and make recommendations to the GA, the EB or the PB, after consultation with the PB Member concerned.~~

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~~3.6 Chess Media~~

~~3.6.1 The Adviser shall advise the PB on policies and relationship matters regarding the co-operation among media and event organisers.~~

~~3.6.2 The Adviser shall coordinate with Federations' officers on information and media.~~

~~3.6.3 The Adviser shall cooperate with the media to attain a higher level of public image for FIDE.~~

~~3.7 Social Chess Committee~~

~~3.7.1 The Adviser shall advise the PB on projects to promote chess as a deterrent to drug abuse and crime.~~

~~3.7.2 The Adviser shall advise the PB on measures to use chess to help persons in prison and for children at risk.~~

~~3.7.3 The Adviser shall advise the PB on the use of chess as an aid for persons at risk from dementia, Alzheimer's disease and other mental illnesses particularly among seniors.~~

~~3.7.4 The Adviser shall advise the PB on ways to liaise with other organisations with similar objectives.~~

C Elected Commissions and Committees

Ethics Commission (ETH)

1-Objectives and Competencies

The Ethics Commission shall consider any alleged breaches of Fide code of ethics as specified in the ~~Statutes~~ FIDE Code of Ethics and in accordance with the Ethics Commission Procedural Rules.

The Ethics Commission shall have competence over cases that come under the jurisdiction of FIDE and over the conduct of FIDE officials.

The Ethics Commission shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of officials of member federations, associations, leagues and clubs as well as players, players' agents and match agents if the case on which the alleged violation is based has international implications or affects various national federations or FIDE and is not judged at national level.

The Ethics Commission shall also have jurisdiction over national cases if the competent organs of the national chess federations fail to prosecute such infringements or fail to prosecute them in compliance with the fundamental principles of law. National chess federations may attribute to the Ethics commission an appeal competence over decisions of correspondent national organs when cases have international implications.

The Ethics Commission may give an advisory opinion on the interpretation of the FIDE Statutes or on any linked legal question on any ethical matter at the request of any FIDE organ authorized by or in accordance with the FIDE Statutes.

2- Membership

2.1 The ETH shall consist of five members.

2.2 The FIDE President, a Continental President or a Federation may nominate the members.

2.3 The ~~Chairman and the other~~ members of the Commission shall be elected by the GA for four years, shall not belong to the same Federation and shall not be reelected for more than two consecutive mandates.

2.4 If a member can no longer act through resignation or otherwise, ~~or is absent for two successive meetings~~, he shall be replaced by the GA, or the EB if the GA is not in session, for the remaining time of his mandate.

2.5 An independent Investigatory Chamber of the Ethics Commission, composed by three members who shall not belong to the same Federation of the Ethics Commission members, may be nominated by the Presidential Board and charged to address motivated reports to the Ethics Commission on specific cases or typologies of cases.

~~3- Proceedings~~

~~3.1 The members of the ETH shall elect Chairman and a Secretary from within themselves upon their election by the GA.~~

~~3.2 The ETH shall meet once a year during the GA or the EB meetings.~~

~~3.3 In urgent situations the ETH may meet also when summoned by FIDE President or by its Chairman.~~

~~3.4 The ETH shall report yearly to the GA, the EB or to the PB whenever an urgent situation arises.~~

Constitutional Commission Committee (CON)

1- Objectives

- 1.1- To review any statutes changes
- 1.2- To ensure that statutes changes occur in conformity with the procedural rules mentioned in the statutes, ~~A01, par. 15.4~~
- 1.3- To ensure that the legality of FIDE statutes is fully respected

2- Membership

2.1 -The Constitutional ~~Committee~~ Commission shall consist of 5 members with, if possible, experience in the field of constitutional law. They shall be nominated by FIDE President, a Continental President, or by a Federation. They shall be elected by the GA for four years and shall not belong to the same Federation.

3- Proceedings

- 3.1- Upon their election by the GA, the Constitutional ~~Committee~~ Commission members shall elect the Chairman and a Secretary from within themselves.
- 3.2- The Constitutional ~~Committee~~ Commission shall meet at least once a year ~~during the Congress~~. If there is a need, for urgent reasons, an extraordinary meeting may be called by FIDE President or by the Chairman of the ~~Commission~~ ~~Committee~~.
- 3.3- The Constitutional ~~Committee~~ Commission shall report once a year to the GA, the EB or to the PB whenever an urgent situation arises.
- 3.4- If a member of the ~~Committee~~ Commission is unable to act through resignation or otherwise, or is absent from two successive meetings, he shall be replaced by the GA or the EB for the remaining period of the mandate. ~~If the Chairman or Secretary is unable to act then the remaining members must immediately elect a replacement.~~

Verification Commission (VER)

1-Objectives

- 1.1-To verify the annual accounts and the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer, review the external audit report and make recommendations to the GA or to the EB when the GA is not in session.
- 1.2- To achieve their duties, the VER members have access to all documents related to expenses, income and statements of the Treasurer

2-Membership

2.1- The VER shall consist of three members, with financial experience and expertise if possible. They shall be nominated by a Federation, a Continental President or by FIDE President. They shall be elected by the GA for four years and may not belong to the same Federation.

3-Proceedings

- 3.1- The members of the VER shall elect the Chairman within themselves upon their election by the GA.
- 3.2- The Chairman of the VER shall act as FIDE internal Auditor
- 3.3- The Chairman shall appoint one of the members as a Secretary
- 3.4- The VER shall meet every year by ~~June 30th~~ July 31st, after the annual financial statements prepared by the Treasurer and the External Auditor report is made available. It shall meet also during the GA or the EB meetings.
- 3.5- In urgent situations the VER can be summoned to an extraordinary meeting by FIDE President, the Treasurer or its Chairman.
- 3.6- If a member of the Commission can no more act through resignation or otherwise, or is absent for two successive meetings, he shall be replaced by the GA or the EB for the remaining period of the mandate.

Other Committees

Electoral Commission ~~Committee~~ (ELE)

1-Objectives

- 1.1-This ~~Committee~~ Commission has the competence assigned by the Statutes and Electoral Regulations.

2-Membership

- 2.1- The ELE shall consist of The Chairman of the Constitutional ~~Committee~~ Commission and one representative from each Continent. Each Continental Association shall elect its ~~The President of each Continent shall nominate his~~ representative in accordance with its internal rules and shall inform the Secretariat of the person so elected ~~at least four months prior to the opening of the General Assembly. at which elections shall take place.~~
- 2.2- The members of the ELE constituted for an election cannot be elected or nominated to any Presidential Board position in that election.
- 2.3- The ELE shall automatically dissolve within one month of the close of the General Assembly meeting at which the elections took place or, if later, within one month after it has reached a decision on all complaints that have been brought before it.
- 2.4- In an extra-ordinary situation, the Continental President can nominate the representative.

3-Proceedings

- 3.1- The Chairman of the ELE shall be the Chairman of the Constitutional ~~Committee~~ Commission.
- 3.2- All complaints arising from FIDE's quadrennial elections, including but not limited to the eligibility of candidates, and the conduct of the elections and appointments, must be brought before the ELE. ~~The ELE has competence to deal with complaints~~

~~arising from all elections~~

- 3.2.1- Any such complaint must be addressed to the ELE in writing within two weeks following the event which gives rise to the complaint and copied to the Secretariat.
- 3.2.2- Any complaint regarding eligibility of Presidential tickets or members of the tickets must be addressed to the ELE in writing and copied to the Secretariat within two weeks following the official announcement of the Presidential tickets by the Secretariat on the FIDE website.
- 3.2.3- The ELE must investigate all complaints brought to it.
- 3.2.4- The ELE decides by majority vote. In the event of a tie, the vote of the Chairman of the ELE shall be decisive.
- 3.2.5- The ELE must issue a reasoned decision in English in writing to the complainant within 10 days of its receipt of the complaint.
- 3.3- ~~The decision of the ELE is final.~~ All decisions of the ELE are final.
- 3.4- ~~Any dispute against the decision of the ELE must be referred to the competent ordinary courts in Lausanne, Switzerland. to the competent Swiss Judicial organ in conformity with Swiss legal procedure.~~
- 3.5- ~~The Committee~~ Commission will meet 10 days before the General Assembly. It will circulate to all members a list of proxies received, confirming or denying their validity.

Chapter 09 - The President and Deputy President, Vice Presidents and Continental Presidents (GA '95)

9.1.	The President represents FIDE officially and can solely sign for FIDE. All contracts signed by the President shall be approved by the Presidential Board.
9.2.	The President presides over the meetings of the General Assembly, the Executive Board and the Presidential Board. He executes the decisions of these bodies. He offers himself as intermediary to the members in the interest of the expansion of chess.
9.3.	The President supplies the General Assembly with the annual report. presents an annual report to the General Assembly.
9.4.	Every party concerned may appeal against the decisions of the President The President's decisions may be appealed to the General Assembly, Executive Board or Presidential Board.
9.5.	If the President is unable to act or if he duly authorises, then he is can be represented by the Deputy President who shall exercise the powers of the President (GA '95) . The Deputy President can thus represent FIDE officially and can solely sign for FIDE.
9.6.	At the conclusion of elections for the Presidential ticket, the President shall be entitled to nominate 2 additional Vice-Presidents and no more, as the 2nd and 3rd Vice-Presidents with voting rights on the Presidential Board to be covered under the financial regulations for an initial term of four years. Move to electoral regulations
9.7.	At the close of elections to the Presidential Board, the President may nominate no more than 4 Honorary Vice-Presidents to serve on the Presidential Board for a 4 year term. 1. the persons so nominated by the President as Honorary Vice-Presidents shall be chosen based on their personal merits and service to FIDE and shall be confirmed by the General Assembly. 2. The Honorary Vice-Presidents shall have non-voting positions on the Presidential Board. 3. They shall be responsible for payment of their expenses to meetings of the Presidential Board. 4. They shall hold themselves out to represent FIDE in special events and act as intermediaries on FIDE's behalf in their approaches to sponsors. Move to electoral regulations
9.8	The Continental Presidents will be specifically charged with the activities of their respective continents. In matters concerning only the interests of the members of their continents and their Zonal Presidents, but not concerning the rights and duties of a member towards FIDE, the Continental Presidents have equal rights and duties towards the members of the continent or Zonal Presidents as the FIDE President has towards all members of FIDE. Moved to 6.4
9.9	When electing a Continental President the General Assembly — apart from exceptional cases — shall agree in principle with the opinion expressed in by the majority of representatives of the members belonging to the Continent. The An appeal against a decision of a Continental President must be made in writing to the FIDE President with a copy to the Continental President. The Continental President must immediately send his comments to the FIDE President. When an appeal is made by a member federation it has to be signed by the federation's President and Permanent FIDE Delegate. Otherwise it will not be considered. Moved to 6.5
9.6.	In certain cases the FIDE President can also delegate specific tasks to other persons; this includes authorizing in writing other FIDE officials to sign contracts on his behalf.

Chapter 10 - Other officials and organizations The General Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director, Vice Presidents, Honorary Vice Presidents and Auditor of FIDE

10.1	The General Secretary aids the FIDE President in the accomplishment of his obligations. He is especially charged with executive FIDE matters. In addition he performs all FIDE tasks assigned to him according to the statutes or by the Presidential Board, Executive Board, the General Assembly or the President. Specifically he shall be responsible for the supervision of the activities of the Commissions and the FIDE Calendar.
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10.2	<p>The Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of FIDE. He executes all decisions of FIDE concerning the financial management and reports on the status of FIDE's finances every quarter to the Presidential Board.</p> <p>The financial revenues of FIDE accrue from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • membership fees; • entry fees for participation in FIDE's competitions or tournaments; • contributions for services rendered or rights granted by FIDE to members or to third parties; • other contributions <p>(Moved from chapter 1.6)</p>
10.3	<p>If the General Secretary or the Treasurer is unable to act, his obligations are taken over by the President up to the next General Assembly. The Vice Presidents and Honorary Vice Presidents shall assist FIDE in whatever tasks are assigned to them</p>
10.4	<p>The Executive Director shall be nominated by the FIDE President and confirmed by the Presidential Board, Executive Board or General Assembly.</p>
10.5	<p>The Auditor heads the Verification Commission appointed which is elected by the preceding General Assembly. He is authorized to examine the FIDE ledgers and to demand information pertaining to the financial management. He may be assigned additional financial control by the General Assembly or the FIDE President.</p>

Chapter 11 - The Zonal Presidents

11.1	<p>To facilitate the administrative work in FIDE, zones are created, if possible according to regional points of view. Each member-federation is assigned to a zone. The number of zones is not limited, but a zone should be created only if chess or administrative reasons require it. (1980 Congress Resolution: The General Assembly resolved that the following criteria be used in the future when changes in the Zonal division are necessary: a) geographic reasons; b) number of affiliated federations; c) strength of organisation; d) combined number of chess players; e) number of rated players; f) number of titled players; g) encouragement of play among affiliated federations; h) special considerations.) moved from chapter 1.5</p>
11.2	<p>The management of each zone is assigned to a Zonal President. It is his responsibility to co-ordinate the activities of the affiliated federations in his zone.</p>
11.3	<p>The Zonal President represents, to the best of his ability, the interests of FIDE within his zone and those of the zone within FIDE. In matters concerning only the interests of the members within a zone but not concerning the rights and duties of a member towards FIDE, the Zonal President has equal rights and duties towards members of the zone as the FIDE President and the Continental Presidents towards all members of FIDE.</p>
11.4	<p>Appeals against a decision of a Zonal President shall be made to the relevant Continental President. The appeal against the decision of a Zonal President must be made in writing. It must be sent to the Continental President for his Continent with a copy to the Zonal President, who must immediately forward to the Continental President his point of view. When the appeal is made by the national federation, it has to be written personally signed by the President and Permanent Delegate of the federation, otherwise it will not be considered.</p>
11.5	<p>Zonal Presidents are elected by members of their Zone for a period of four years (confirmed by the General Assembly). When electing a Zonal President, the The General Assembly - apart from exceptional cases - shall agree in principle with the opinion expressed in the General Assembly by the majority of the representatives of the members belonging to the zone, or, if the zone consists of one member only, take into consideration the opinion expressed by the representative of this member.</p>
11.6	<p>If unable to act, the Zonal President is entitled to delegate his duties to a representative of the members of the zone.</p>

Chapter 12 - Miscellaneous regulations (this chapter will be removed as all articles will be moved to other sections of the Handbook)

12.1.	<p>The seat of FIDE shall be in Lausanne, Switzerland. Moved to chapter 1.1</p> <p>The Secretariat is in Athens, Greece. A decision to change the Secretariat or any branch offices, or to create any branch office, may be taken by the Presidential Board. Move to chapter 3</p>
12.2.	<p>The official language of FIDE for business shall be English and all meetings, FIDE documents, rules and regulations will be in this language. Official FIDE languages are Arabic, English, French, German, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. In case of divergence in FIDE documents issued in different languages, in general the English version is the valid one. However, if a document was originally written in one of the other FIDE languages, that version will be considered as the</p>

	authentic one, but any other language is permitted, however, to facilitate correspondence and discussions. Move to chapter 1.5
12.3.	The FIDE Motto is "Gens Una Sumus" (We are one family). The FIDE seal is a white Knight intersected by five white latitudinal lines on a black globe, with the word "FIDE" in black at the base of the Knight, and the FIDE motto in black below the globe. The FIDE flag is the FIDE Seal at the center of a sky blue background, on both sides of the flag, measuring 100 x 150 cm. or in proportion thereto. Move to chapter 1.6
12.4.	The present Statutes can be changed by the General Assembly only upon proposal by the FIDE President, the Executive Board, Presidential Board or any member federation. Two thirds of the votes delivered without taking into account abstentions are required to effect such changes. Move to chapter 4.16
12.5.	FIDE will dissolve as soon as the number of members has been reduced to two. Moreover, FIDE can be dissolved by a decision of the General Assembly, if at least two thirds of all members express themselves in favour of a dissolution. Move to chapter 16
12.6.	In case of a dissolution, the General Assembly shall decide how to dispose of the FIDE assets, which are to be used for chess or for any other purpose contributing to the general good. Move to chapter 16

Chapter 12 – Removal from Office

- 12.1. Any ~~member of the Presidential Board~~ may elected or appointed official in FIDE can be removed from his position for cause. Cause is defined as being contrary to the spirit and text of the statutes and regulations of their office. The action must have the agreement of the Ethics Committee and requires a two third vote of the Executive Board or a majority in the General Assembly.

In such cases the General Assembly or the Executive Board can set up a committee of three persons to investigate and examine an offence (or an act against the principles of FIDE); the committee shall report to the General Assembly or Executive Board.

Moved from electoral regulations

Chapter 13 - Final Settlement of Disputes at the Court of Arbitration for Sport

- 13.1. ~~Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this Statute, FIDE hereby subscribes to the final settlement of any dispute directly or indirectly related to the playing of chess in its whole or partial practice, after final decision by the competent FIDE organ (General Assembly, Executive Board or Ethics Commission), be it commercial or relating to the practice and development of chess or a dispute following a decision by FIDE, to be sent to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne without recourse to any other court or tribunal, as earlier subscribed to by FIDE on 11 October 1995. The Decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be final and binding on the parties. (Moved from 14.4) All disputes initiated by any member federation of FIDE, sent to the Court for Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, shall be in English. (moved from 14.5)~~

~~Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in this Statute, any final decision related to the playing of chess in its whole or partial practice (including doping) be it commercial or relating to the practice and development of chess or a dispute following a decision by FIDE, shall be appealed exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne. The Decision of the Court of Arbitration for Sport shall be final and binding on the parties. (Moved from 13.4) All disputes sent to the Court for Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne shall be in English. (moved from 13.5)~~

The settlement of all disputes under Article 13.1 above shall be applicable to acts performed by :

1. FIDE as an Organisation
2. FIDE Office bearers
3. Member Federations, their clubs and individual players

Moved from 14.3

~~For all practical purposes, the practice of the game of chess in all its ramifications is fully recognised as sport by the International Olympic Committee at the IOC session in Seoul, Korea in June 1999 and therefore any form of practice of the game of chess and any decision thereon by FIDE or any form of activity relating thereto either directly or indirectly falls within the definition of sport.~~

Moved from 13.5 This paragraph now moved to 1.3

- 13.2 ~~Disputes concerning possible violations of the electoral procedure can be appealed to the Swiss Judicial system after final decision of the competent FIDE organ (Electoral Committee) Any final decision of the ELE shall be appealed exclusively to the competent ordinary courts in Lausanne, Switzerland.~~
- 13.3 ~~The settlement of other disputes concerning possible violation of statutes or regulations can be appealed to the Swiss Judicial system only after final decision by the competent FIDE organ (General Assembly or Ethics Commission) Any final decision concerning possible violation of statutes or regulations shall be appealed exclusively to the competent ordinary courts in Lausanne, Switzerland.~~

13.4	<p>All other disputes can be appealed to the Swiss Judicial system. This can include settlement of disputes involving:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.—Sponsors 2.—Any person or body with whom FIDE has entered into any form of contractual arrangement either directly or indirectly related to Chess <p>Any other final decision, including settlement of disputes involving sponsors and/or any person or body with whom FIDE has entered into any form of contractual arrangement related to Chess, shall be appealed exclusively to the competent ordinary courts in Lausanne, Switzerland.</p>
14.5	<p>For all practical purposes, the practice of the game of chess in all its ramifications is fully recognised as sport by the International Olympic Committee at the IOC session in Seoul, Korea in June 1999 and therefore any form of practice of the game of chess and any decision thereon by FIDE or any form of activity relating thereto either directly or indirectly falls within the definition of sport.—Moved to 14.1</p>
13.5	<p>The settlement of all disputes under Article 14.1 above shall be applicable to acts performed by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.—FIDE as an Organisation 4.—FIDE Office bearers 5.—Member Federations, their clubs and individual players—moved to 14.1 6.—Sponsors 7. Any person or body with whom FIDE has entered into any form of contractual arrangement either directly or indirectly related to Chess—moved to 13.4 <p>The Ethics Commission will announce with any decision whether it can be appealed to CAS or the ordinary court in Switzerland</p>
14.4.	Moved to 13.1
14.5	Moved to 13.1

Chapter 14 - Doping and Drug Use

14.1.	FIDE, in close collaboration with the National Chess Federations, the International Olympic Committee and the National Olympic Committees dedicates its efforts to ensuring that in chess the spirit of 'Fair Play' prevails, leads the fight against doping in sport and takes measures in order to prevent endangering the health of competitors. FIDE has accepted the World Anti-Doping Code and its international standards. Within FIDE the body responsible for this policy is the Medical Commission.
14.2.	The Commission will agree from time to time, with the International bodies, on the list of prohibited substances and methods of doping that are applicable to chess players. The Commission will be responsible for the Anti Doping regulations and their execution.

Chapter 15 - Final Matters

	These statutes were approved by the General Assembly on 25 June 1974 in Nice, France, and amended by subsequent General Assemblies and Executive Boards.—Already in headline at beginning of statutes.
	The Statutes of FIDE may be changed/modified/deleted with a 2/3 vote at the General Assembly meetings.—Repeat of 12.4 now moved to 4.16
	Decisions made by the General Assembly concerning the statutes, the standing orders or the electoral regulations will come into effect on the last day of the General Assembly, after the General Assembly is closed, except amendments to Financial Regulations which come into operation on the first day of the next fiscal year. Moved to 4.17
15.1	FIDE will dissolve as soon as the number of members has been reduced to two. Moreover, FIDE can be dissolved by a decision of the General Assembly, if at least two-thirds of all members express themselves in favour of a dissolution. Moved from 12.5
15.2	In case of a dissolution, the General Assembly shall decide how to dispose of the FIDE assets, which are to be used for chess or for any other purpose contributing to the general good. Moved from 12.6