

Online Commission meeting of September 5th, 2015
(86th FIDE Congress, Abu Dhabi, UAE)

Chairman: M. Kaloumenos (GRE)

Members: S. Muradian (USA), KK Chan (HKG), Y. Gnyp (UKR), N.Hameed Mirza (PAK)

Present: G. Wastell (AUS), A. Schuering (NED), R. Ricca (ITA), , A. Holowszak (ENG), J. Lehtivaara (FIN), W. Brown (USA), C. Jarecki (IVB), A. McFarlane (SCO), I. Makropoulos (GRE), G. Makropoulos (FIDE), N. Faulks (BER), C. Zhu (QAT), G. Urosevic (SRB), H. Hamers (NED), S. Reuben (ENG), A. Sorokina (AUS), P. Truong (CAM), S. Polgar (USA), G. Borg (FIDE)

1. FIDE Online Arena (FOA) in numbers

A statistical presentation of the FOA achievements (members, games, titles) throughout the last year.

4805 active members, eligible to play online rated games, of which

2078 have paid their subscription fee.

950 FIDE ID numbers are issued by FOA registration system

Geographical distribution per nationality (not Federations)

IND	637	VEN	86
ITA	340	PER	84
ESP	269	GBR	81
RUS	236	MEX	77
USA	198	PHI	76
FRA	185	TUR	67
GRE	156	COL	65
BRA	140	POL	60
GER	136	CAN	56
ARG	108	SRI	55
ROU	101	EGY	54

It is not our intention to announce in public the names of the members sanctioned, but an announcement of the number of suspended players each month is a measure to discourage players from cheating.

FOA Anti-Cheating policy is attached as an appendix.

4. Private tournaments in FOA

FOA is in the process to implement a new feature of FOA which enables “private” Organizers to set up and run tournaments in FOA server and collect registration fees. The service does not include the distribution of prizes to the winners. Organisers are able to set up tournaments on desired dates, select the desirable time control, tournament format, tie breaks, and determine the criteria of players eligible to participate according to their age, Nationality, gender, rating, or invite specific players. FOA requires that players who participate in this type of tournaments are full members of FIDE Online Arena.

5. Schedule of 2016 FOA Official Competitions

The 2016 Official Competitions are going to follow the same tournament planning as this year (8Q + SF + F). Such tournaments will be held on Thursdays (as we do this year). The exact schedule and the specific tournament regulations will be announced before the end of 2015.

The current daily schedule of online rated tournaments for FIDE Arena members will be updated at the beginning of October 2015.

6. Review of the FIDE regulations for registration and licensing of players

Information and explanations about the new regulations for registration and licensing of players which came into effect since 1st July 2015.

7. The FIDE flag players

The concept of the FIDE flag players was introduced in the 84th Congress in an effort to enable players delisted by their Federations to play in FIDE rated tournaments and fulfil their commitments and agreements with Organizers. The introduction of FIDE Online Arena created a different category of FIDE flag players, chess enthusiasts who become members of FOA and wish to play over the board without representing their National Federation. The R&L regulations describe the rights of these players, but additions to the “Transfers” regulations are also required to distinguish these

9. Proposals of the Online Commission to the EB

- a. Proposal of the Online Commission for conduction over the board tournaments in FIDE Online Arena (annex 23 of the Congress agenda)
- b. Proposal of the Online Commission for awarding winners of FIDE Official Online Championships with accommodation to the relevant over the board FIDE Official Competitions. (annex 24 of the Congress agenda)

10. Ideas for further development of the FOA project

An open discussion with the audience for future enhancements of the FOA project.

Michalis Kaloumenos

Chairman



FIDE Online Arena (FOA) Anti-cheating policy

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This section describes the Anti-cheating policy and disciplinary measures of FIDE Online Arena (FOA).
- 1.2. The FOA Anti-cheating team headed by the Chairman of the Online Commission is responsible for any disciplinary decisions against offenders of this Anti-cheating policy.
- 1.3. The FOA Anti-cheating team consists of anti-cheating specialists, chess masters and legal experts, and constantly monitors rated tournaments and individual challenge rated games for violations of this policy.
- 1.4. The FOA Anti-cheating team utilizes the ACE-Guard™ anti-cheating system developed by Premium Chess, in order to monitor all activity in FIDE Online Arena.

2. Actions of cheating

- 2.1. Players are not permitted to engage in any unfair game practices such as:
 - 2.1.1. The use of software assistance of any kind while a game is in progress.
 - 2.1.2. Consulting other people while playing a game.
 - 2.1.3. Allowing substitute players to share their account in order to play games.
 - 2.1.4. Playing with two or more accounts
 - 2.1.5. Any other actions to subvert the ratings, titles or reputation of the FIDE Online Arena.
- 2.2. The anti-cheating team reserves the right not to make public indications of the analytical tools that lead to clear evidence or strong suspicion of any of the above practices.

3. Disciplinary penalties

- 3.1. Any player reported to the Anti-cheating team for the first time, receives by e-mail and system message an immediate warning.
- 3.2. Continuing reports of cheating may result in a series of disciplinary penalties:
 - 3.2.1. A strict reprimand
 - 3.2.2. Disqualification from a prize tournament or official FIDE competition.
 - 3.2.3. Suspension of FOA account for 24 hours
 - 3.2.4. Suspension of FOA account for 15 days
 - 3.2.5. Suspension of FOA account for 30 days
 - 3.2.6. Suspension of FOA account for 6 months
 - 3.2.7. Suspension of FOA account for 1 year
- 3.3. Penalties are applied immediately upon the decision of the Anti-cheating team and the offender is notified by email and system message.
- 3.4. Payments of subscription fees are not refunded for the period of account suspension.
- 3.5. Each month, the Anti-cheating team will announce on FOA website and Arena lobby, a report of actions and penalties given.
- 3.6. All suspensions will be reported to the player's Federation.