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**Regulations for the First
FIDE Online Cup for Players with Disabilities
May 21, 2020**

1. SCOPE

1.1. Governing Body of the First FIDE Online Cup for Players with Disabilities is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

1.2. FIDE Commission for the Disabled (hereinafter referred to as DIS) is in charge of preparing the regulations, organizing the event and communicating with participants.

1.3. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE Event Supervisor for the final decision.

1.4. The First Online FIDE Cup for Players with Disabilities is an invitational individual tournament for chess players who belong to any of the three disability categories (visually impaired, hearing impaired and physically disabled), in online format.

2. FORMAT

2.1. FIDE will invite thirty-two (32) players registered with the DIS Commission to participate in the First Online FIDE Cup for Players with Disabilities.

2.2. The event will be played as a closed Swiss system tournament of five (5) rounds on the Hosting Internet Platform (HIP) chosen by FIDE DIS.

2.3. The event will adhere to the FIDE Laws of Chess and the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions in all aspects except those where the contrary is explicitly announced otherwise by the Chief Arbiter.

2.4. Time control: 10 minutes plus 5 seconds increment per move starting from move 1 (10' + 5" incr.).

2.5. DIS will determine, in consultation with HIP, which player ratings will be used in the tournament.

2.6. The final ranking order of the players is determined by the number of points scored. If at the end of the tournament two or more players are tied for any place, then the following tie-break criteria will be applied in the listed order: Progressive Score, Median-Buchholz (ignoring the best and worst score).

3. SCHEDULE

3.1. The tournament will take place on May 21, 2020.

3.2. An online Technical Meeting will be held at 14:30 CEST (UTC+2) via a Zoom conference call (see also Section 4).

3.3. Round 1 starts at 15:00 CEST (UTC+2).

3.4. The subsequent rounds start sharply on the hour: Round 2 – 16:00 CEST, Round 3 – 17:00 CEST, Round 4 – 18:00 CEST, Round 5 – 19:00 CEST.

3.5. There is no default time. No penalty is imposed on a player if she is late for any of her games; her clock simply keeps running until the flag falls.

4. CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION

4.1. Registration deadline is 15:00 CEST May 16, 2020.

4.2. All invited players need to confirm their participation by sending an e-mail to the following address dis@fide.com by the registration deadline. By virtue of sending such a confirmation e-mail a player is deemed to have accepted all articles of the present regulations.

4.3. Every player consents to appear in promotional videos and interviews before and/or after the event at the request of the Tournament Coordinator.

4.4. Every player undertakes to create and validate a HIP account no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline. The Online Play Administrator and HIP staff will be available to help players with this task.

4.5. A players' HIP moniker shall contain his or her actual last and first names in full. Example: for a player called "Jane Doe", all of the following are acceptable if allowed by HIP: Doe_Jane, JaneDoe1998, Magnificent_DoeJane-ForTheWin.

4.6. Every player undertakes to create and validate a Zoom account using the same rules for the real names as in 4.5 no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline. The Online Play Administrator will be available to help players with this task.

4.7. Every player undertakes to communicate to DIS, at the dis@fide.com address, the monikers for his HIP account and his Zoom account no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline.

4.8. Every player explicitly consents to constant monitoring via a Zoom call during every round. The general instructions are in the Fair Play Measure section. The more specific instructions will be given at the Technical Meeting.

4.9. It is every player's individual responsibility to have two devices in the working order on the day of the tournament: a device to play his games online (a desktop or a laptop computer is recommended) and a device to enable monitoring (a smartphone is recommended). A failure to have either of the devices operational during the tournament may result in forfeit of player's game(s) or even an exclusion from the event.

4.10. It is every player's individual responsibility to have a working Internet connection for the duration of the tournament. Delayed or lost connection may lead to a forfeit upon the decision of the Chief Arbiter.

4.11. In case server-side failures, the Chief Arbiter will make a decision in the best interest of the competition, upon consultations with the Online Play Administrator.

4.11. It is strongly recommended that participants use a wired (Ethernet) LAN connection inside their homes. Many problems and disconnects arise from use of Wi-Fi.

5. PRIZES

5.1. The total prize fund is 2200 Euros. The prizes are allocated as follows: First place – 600 Euros, Second place – 400 Euros, Third place – 200 Euros, Best among women – 500 Euros, Second among women – 300 Euros, Third among women – 200 Euros.

5.2. Every player is only eligible to win or share one prize, and will receive the biggest. (For instance, if the second-place finisher is at the same time the best among women, she will receive the Best among women prize).

5.3. All prizes are divisible, that is, the players in the same scoregroup in final standings will share the prize equally. (Say, two people tie for first, they receive $(1/2)*(600+400) = 500$ each; then three people tie for third, they receive $(1/3)*200 = 66.67$ each.)

6. APPEALS

6.1 The Appeals procedure is governed by Art. 10 of the FIDE General Regulations for Competitions except where specified otherwise in the present Regulations or announced by the Tournament Director.

6.2. Exceptionally for this DIS online tournament, the value of a fee that shall accompany an appeal is set to zero.

6.3. The Chairman of the Appeals Committee is listed in the Officials section. Two other members of the Appeals Committee will be announced at the Technical Meeting before the start of Round 1.

6.4. All appeals and protests shall be submitted to the Appeals Committee in writing, via an e-mail to the dis@fide.com address, no later than ten (10) minutes after the completion of a particular or a particular infringement complained against.

6.5. The Appeals Committee shall not accept or review any appeals against computer-generated pairings.

6.6. The Appeals Committee shall not accept or review any appeals related to failed Internet connection or player's equipment failures.

6.7. Upon receipt of an e-mail with an appeal, the Appeals Committee shall summon the player(s) on a private ZOOM call and shall conduct an appropriate investigation. Player(s) shall give their testimony orally. The call shall be recorded.

6.8. All decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

7. FAIR PLAY MEASURES

7.1 The Fair Play Measures are governed by the FIDE Anti-Cheating Guidelines except where specified otherwise in the present Regulations or announced by the Tournament Director. Additional strict measures to prevent online cheating will be taken.

7.2. For the purposes of this event, the playing area is defined as a room in a dwelling where a player has the device that he uses for online play. All usual FIDE regulations related to the playing area shall apply.

7.3. A player shall be allowed to have only two electronic devices in the playing area: a device to play the game and a device to enable monitoring (see 4.8). If a player has any other electronic device in the playing area, he shall lose the game.

7.4. No spectators are allowed in the playing area.

7.5. HIP technical experts and specialized software will analyze all games and players' behaviour in real time.

7.6. All players will be constantly monitored during the rounds (see also 4.7 and 4.8). A monitoring device shall be positioned in such a way that the camera covers both the player and his screen (see example in the photos below). Zoom audio shall be always turned on. The entire Zoom monitoring sessions, including audio, will be recorded.



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7.7. The Organizers are authorized to exclude any player from the tournament for a Fair Play violation reported by the Hosting Internet Platform (HIP). Players excluded for a Fair Play violation have no right to an appeal.

8. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS

8.1 Any request for a special arrangement, in particular a request to have an assistant, shall be communicated to the dis@fide.com address no later than two (2) days after the registration deadline. The organizers shall attempt to grant an accommodation in good faith. Their decision shall be final and no appeal shall be entertained.

8.2. By registering for and entering into the tournament, each player accepts all the clauses of the present Regulations in their entirety and agrees to release, indemnify, defend and forever discharge FIDE, DIS, HIP, Officials, and their staff, volunteers, employees and agents of and from all liability, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, actions and causes of action in respect of death, injury, loss or any damage.

9. OFFICIALS

FIDE Event Supervisor	IO, FA, FT Akaki Iashvili (GEO)	FIDE Vice President
Tournament Director	IO Nikos Kalesis (GRE)	FIDE DIS Secretary
Tournament Coordinator / Press Officer	Kema Goryaeva (RUS)	FIDE DIS Councilor
Chief Arbiter	IA Marco Biagioli (ITA)	
Appeals Committee Chairman	GM, FST Thomas Luther (GER)	FIDE DIS Chairman
FIDE Technical Delegate	IA, IO Vadim Tsypin (CAN)	FIDE MB Secretary
Online Play Administrator	Rahim Gasimov (AZE)	

10. CONTACTS

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