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Player's contract for Participation in the World Blitz & Rapid Championships Astana, 1 - 11 July 2012

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships 2012.

The Administrator of the 2012 World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships is FIDE, in collaboration with the Kazakhstan Chess Federation which is the local Organising Authority.

In order to ensure that the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships are played in accordance with the approved regulations and the statutes of FIDE, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Dates and Venue

- 1.1 The World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships will be held from 1 July 2012 (arrivals) to 11 July 2012 (departures) in Astana, Kazakhstan.
- 1.2 All the participants in the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships, and their delegation, must use the official hotel(s) of the event.

2. Right of Participation

- 2.1 A list of qualified players and reserves, approved so far by FIDE, is published online on the FIDE website as well as the publication of any other important information regarding the event. The present Player's Contract is also published on the FIDE website, from where the players can download it and send it to the FIDE Secretariat within the deadline specified below.
- 2.2 Qualified participants are entitled to play in the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships. This right may only be set aside if the player does not meet the deadlines specified herewith or otherwise behaves in a way and manner that is in violation of the provisions of this contract, when a reserve may replace him.

3. Confirmation deadlines

- 3.1 Qualified players and reserves are expected to fax a copy of the original document of their signed contract, reaching the FIDE Secretariat no later than 8 June 2012, GMT 13:00.
- 3.2 Qualified players shall register at the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships secretariat in Astana in person on arrival, failing which their right of participation may be forfeited. The FIDE President has the right to allow participation in exceptional circumstances.

4. The Player's Obligations

- 4.1 On signing this contract, the player commits himself to completing the various stages of the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships in accordance with the official regulations, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Statutes, FIDE Laws of Chess and regulations which form an integral part of this contract, except in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate.

Player's initials:.....

- 4.2 All players that sign this contract are not permitted to take part in any World Championship event which is not recognized by FIDE.
- 4.3 During the event, players will have to give interviews and make appearances as described in chapter 11 of the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships Regulations.
- 4.4 Players may be required to wear clothes or apparel with special branding from sponsors when specifically approved by the FIDE President.
- 4.5 Participants shall be required to appear punctually for the commencement of play in each game of every round (zero tolerance rule applies).
- 4.6 Participants in the World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships shall be required to attend the Opening Ceremony, Closing Ceremony or any official reception specifically approved by the FIDE President, failing which a fine as detailed in the regulations, may be imposed and deducted from the prize money for each violation.

5. Financial conditions

- 5.1 The World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships have a total prize fund of USD 400,000 (four hundred thousand US dollars), that is 200,000 USD for the World Blitz Championship and 200,000 USD for the World Rapid Championship. The prize fund will be distributed to the winners in accordance with the official regulations.
- 5.2 Subject to the provisions of this contract, the amount to which each player is entitled, will be paid by direct bank transfer or cheque drawn in US dollars on UBS Lausanne, Switzerland not later than two weeks after the event is completed.
- 5.3 Although FIDE has an agreement with the organiser that the prize funds are net and free of all local tax, FIDE will not be responsible for any national or local tax deducted from the prize money. FIDE will give all necessary assistance to the players if the organiser acts to the contrary.
- 5.4 FIDE or the Organising Committee will not be responsible for any application of political or financial sanctions from the organising country against the players of the tournament. At the same time, FIDE has no prior knowledge of such sanctions.
- 5.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of this contract, the game scores and scoresheets are the property of FIDE.
- 5.6 Each player will receive a free single room for their hotel accommodation, including full board, for the whole duration of the 2012 World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships. Each player will also have his airticket provided by the Organising Committee: up to 800 euros in economy class if from the same continent and up to 1200 euros in economy class if from another continent.

6. Arbitration

- 6.1 Any dispute arising from or related to the present contract will be submitted exclusively to the Court of Arbitration for Sports in Lausanne, Switzerland, and resolved definitively in accordance with the Code of Sports related Arbitration.

By signing this contract, I hereby confirm that I will participate in the 2012 World Blitz & Rapid Chess Championships and have in consultation with my national federation acquainted myself with the applicable FIDE Statutes, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Laws of Chess and rules and regulations and accept the conditions relating to my participation.

Signature of Player: Full Name:

Signature of FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov:..... Place and date: