

## **Report on restructuring and amending Handbook**

Last year the General Assembly amended the Statutes and Electoral Regulations. Now it is time to deal with the rest of the Handbook. There is confusion in finding information in the current Handbook and I suggest a simpler layout. I am recommending that the Handbook be reduced from six to two sections. The first section will be under the responsibility of the Secretariat and the second section will be the responsibility of the Commissions. Each chapter in the current Handbook has been allocated to either the Secretariat or a specific Commission. A number of chapters need to be removed either because they are included elsewhere or they are obsolete. The recommended format is attached.

- A. Administration Subjects: Suggestions have already been submitted to the Secretariat on the changes needed to bring the various chapters in line with current practice or to suggest wording changes. In recent years there has been an increase in awards by Commissions and they need to be added to the relevant chapter in Administration. I would also suggest that annexes are created to record all award winners for future reference.
- B. Commissions: There are a large number of sections that need re-writing, either to clarify the English or to bring up to date. I am prepared to help each Chair of Commission with this task so that proposals are produced at the Annual Congress this year. There are important documents not included in the Handbook that need to be added. It is essential that the technical nature of regulations is reviewed regularly by Commissions. Some Commissions need to insert regulations on their awards and activities. Currently they only have such information on their web sites but it should also be in the Handbook.

We need to establish a system of updating the Handbook. Currently some regulations are duplicated in different chapters and new regulations have been added without deleting old regulations. This creates confusion and may cause unnecessary disputes.

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Special Projects

## New Structure of Handbook

<b>A. Administrative Subjects (Secretariat)</b>	
	<b>FIDE Statutes</b>
	<b>Non-Elected Commissions</b>
	<b>Financial Regulations</b>
	<b>Electoral Regulations</b>
	<b>Honours and Awards</b>
	Add: Awards by WOM, TRG etc,
	Add: Annexes of previous winners
	<b>Form to Offer/Bid to hold a FIDE Meeting/Competition</b>
	<b>FIDE Congress Regulations</b>
	<b>Regulations on Organization of Presidential Board Meeting</b>
<b>B. Commissions</b>	
	<b>Arbiters' Commission (ARB)</b>
	Regulations for the Titles of Arbiters
	<b>Chess in Schools Commission (CIS)</b>
	<b>Commission for Women's Chess (WOM)</b>
	<b>Commission for World Championships &amp; Olympiads (WCO)</b>
	Cycle for the Individual World Championship
	Chess Olympiad
	Cycle for Competitions for Men's and Women's National Teams
	Continental Championships
	Regulations for the FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Championships
	FIDE Technical Director
	<b>Commission for Chess Journalists (CCJ)</b>
	<b>Constitutional Commission (CON)</b>
	<b>Development Commission (DEV)</b>
	CACDEC Statutes (Committee for Assistance to Chess Developing Countries)
	<b>Ethics Commission (ETH)</b>
	FIDE Code of Ethics
	<b>Events Commission (EVE)</b>
	Regulations on Registration & Licensing of Players
	Registration, Transfer & Rules of Eligibility for Player
	Regulations on Seminars & Title Award for Organizers
	FIDE Chess Calendar
	Other FIDE Competitions

	<b>Medical Commission (MED)</b>
	Add: Doping Code
	<b>Qualification Commission (QC)</b>
	International Title Regulations
	FIDE Rating Regulations
	<b>Rules &amp; Tournament Regulations Commission (RTR)</b>
	Laws of Chess
	Recommendations for Organization of Top-level Tournaments
	Guidelines for Tournament Invitation Agreement
	FIDE Tournament Rules
	Restricted Drawing of Lots
	Time Control
	Handicapped Players
	Regulations for Play with Computers
	<b>Social Action Commission (SAC)</b>
	<b>Social Projects Commission (SPC)</b>
	<b>Technical Commission (TEC)</b>
	FIDE Swiss Rules
	Standards of Chess Equipment and tournament venue for FIDE Tournaments
	<b>Trainers' Commission (TRG)</b>
	Regulations for the Titles of Trainers
	<b>Verification Commission (VER)</b>
	<b>Special Projects:</b>
	<b>Chess Compositions</b>
	<b>Chess for the Disabled</b>
	Add: Paper from last PB
	<b>Sections to be deleted:</b>
	FIDE Events Commission (already in non-elected Commissions section)
	Registration, Transfer & Rules of Eligibility for Player Participation in FIDE Competitions (old regulations)
	Calendar Administration Regulations (duplicated in FIDE Chess Calendar)
	Telechess (blank)
	Rapid Chess Competitions (old regulations)
	Boycotts (covered elsewhere)
	Resolutions (covered elsewhere)

## 02. Non-Elected Commissions

### 1. 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.

#### 1.1 Membership

1.1.1 Each Commission shall consist of:

- a. A Chairman appointed by FIDE President
- b. A Council consisting of a Secretary and up to 3 members appointed by the Chairman of the Commission or Committee.
- c. 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.

#### 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 or EB. The budget proposals shall be sent to the Treasurer at least one month before the GA or the EB meetings.

## 2 Aims of the Commissions

### 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 Commission (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.

### 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 (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 the Bidding Process for all FIDE events, except the World Championship and the Women's World Championship.
- 2.5.2 The EVE shall be responsible for regulating the titles for Organisers.
- 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 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.

## **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.

## **2.10 Social Projects Commission (SPC)**

- 2.10.1 The SPC shall promote chess as a powerful tool for prevention, including areas such as: drug prevention, disease control and prison chess.
- 2.10.2 The SPC shall develop and distribute strategies, guidance, metrics, standards, education and information on how to increase sustainability in connection with social projects
- 2.10.3 The SPC shall promote the use of chess for peace throughout the world.
- 2.10.4 The SPC shall liaise with other organisations with similar objectives.

## **2.11 Social Action Commission (SAC)**

- 2.11.1 The SAC shall promote the use of chess as an aid for persons at risk from dementia, Alzheimer's disease and other mental illnesses particularly among seniors. Overall this Commission should deal with issues related to brain aging.
- 2.11.2 The SAC shall promote the use of chess as an equalizer, especially in the areas of women's equality and bridging the gap between the social and economic differences that impact people across the world.
- 2.11.3 The SAC shall promote measures to use chess to help children at risk.
- 2.11.4 The SAC shall liaise with other organisations with similar objectives.

## **3 Commission for World Championships and Olympiad (WCO)**

### **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.

### **Membership**

- 3.8 The Chairman of the Commission is appointed by the 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.

### **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.

## **4.0 Special Projects:**

- Chess Art and Exhibition
- Chess for the Disabled
- Computer and Internet Chess
- Chess Composition
- International Organisations
- Chess Media

### **4.1 Appointment**

- 4.1.1 The FIDE President shall appoint an Adviser for a 4-year period starting from the election of the President.
- 4.1.2 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.
- 4.1.3 The FIDE President may appoint a PB Member to coordinate work with one, or more Advisors.

### **4.2 Proceedings**

- 4.2.1 The Adviser shall report yearly, after consultation with the relevant PB Member, to the GA, EB and/or to PB.
- 4.2.2 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.

### **4.3 Objectives**

#### **4.3.1 Chess Art and exhibition**

- 4.3.1.1 The Adviser shall be responsible for all matters related to Chess Art and Exhibition.
- 4.3.1.2 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.

#### **4.3.2 Chess for the Disabled**

- 4.3.2.1 The Adviser shall be responsible for all matters related to Chess for the Disabled.
- 4.3.2.2 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.

#### **4.3.3 Computer and Internet Chess**

- 4.3.3.1 The Adviser shall be responsible for all matters related to this field of competence.
- 4.3.3.2 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.

#### **4.3.4 International Organisations**

- 4.3.4.1 The Adviser shall advise the PB on policies and relationship matters regarding various International Organisations.
- 4.3.4.2 The Adviser shall submit regular Activities Report to the FIDE General Secretary and/or FIDE Executive Director.

#### **4.3.5 Chess Composition**

- 4.3.5.1 The Adviser shall coordinate with the "Permanent Commission for Chess Composition" and advise the PB on policies and relationship matters regarding Composition Chess.
- 4.3.5.2 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.

#### **4.3.6 Chess Media**

- 4.3.6.1 The Adviser shall advise the PB on policies and relationship matters regarding the co-operation among media and event organisers.
- 4.3.6.2 The Adviser shall coordinate with Federations' officers on information and media.
- 4.3.6.3 The Adviser shall cooperate with the media to attain a higher level of public image for FIDE.

### **Proposed changes:**

1.1.1 (d) Each Commission shall have at least 2 women members.

Add: Commission of Chess Journalists (CCJ) aims, membership and proceedings (under section 3) Heading of 1 to include this Commission in addition to WCOC

Add: ACP nominees?

Delete: Chess Media from Special Projects



## 05. Honours and Awards

### Awards Committee

The President shall nominate three of the Vice Presidents to examine all nominations for awards and diplomas. Nominations from Federations shall be sent to the FIDE Secretariat to arrive at least 3 months before the Annual Congress. The Awards Committee decides whether to submit the nominations to Congress.

#### 1. Honorary members

Nominations shall be for individuals who have performed outstanding work for FIDE over a period of time.

#### 2. Friends of FIDE and Most Esteemed Friends of FIDE.

Nominations shall be for individuals and companies who have made a substantial financial contribution to FIDE.

#### 3. Medal of Merit

Nominations shall be for individuals who have shown outstanding merit in their work for FIDE.

#### 4. FIDE Diplomas

##### 4.1 Gold diplomas or plaques

To be given to very active federations: those which in the course of four years hold not less than 10 international tournaments, including at least one official FIDE competition. If the federation holds the Chess Olympiad or the match for the Individual World Championship it is sufficient that it holds five international competitions in addition.

##### 4.2 Silver diplomas or plaques

To be given to active federations: those which in the course of four years hold not less than five international tournaments, including at least one official FIDE competition.

##### 4.3 Diplomas or plaques of achievement

To be presented every two years to chess developing federations of the first, second and third levels of development that have organized an international chess event.

Probably needs some discussion on the future structure of awards. Also we should include the awards by various Commissions so that it is all in one place.

## 06. Form to Offer/Bid to hold a FIDE Meeting/Competition

### Offer/bid to hold a FIDE meeting/competition.

(To be filled in by a national federation affiliated to FIDE). ~~Amended by 1996 Gen. Assembly.~~

Event:

Federation:

Organiser:

(Probable) City

Proposed dates of Arrival:      Departure:

Financial guarantee:  
Declaration and/or Government  
Guarantee if applicable.  
Provisional budget to be added.

Declaration generally assuring visas  
To representatives of all federations:

Exceptions, if any, and reasons:

Name of Meeting/Tournament hall  
And its distance from accommodation:

Travel connections and reductions for  
Participants officials and accompanying persons:

Accommodation and meals of participants  
And for accompanying persons:  
(give classification of hotels and meals.  
Indicate number of persons per room).

Are there:

Press facilities:      Telephones:      ~~Telefax:—E-mail:—Free internet:~~

Secretarial Staff (Indicate languages).

Simultaneous Translation (in case of meeting):  
Will it be guaranteed in FIDE languages:  
(Indicate languages)

FIDE standard chess equipment  
(in case of a competition):

Additional arrangement/Prize Fund is applicable

~~(GA `96) Deposit:~~ We enclose payment of the bid fee and confirm that we shall pay the deposit fee below ~~before conclusion of the General Assembly granting~~ if we are awarded the ~~option~~ event. We are aware that we may forfeit this sum if for any reason we do not organise the event or fail to meet the conditions of the bid or regulations. If we ~~do~~ successfully organise the event this sum will be ~~put to the credit credited to of~~ our account with FIDE or refunded direct to the federation.

We have ~~recognised~~ read the specific FIDE ~~stipulation~~ regulations for the above-mentioned event and will observe them.

Federation Official:      Place/Date:

Name in Print:      Signature/Federation seal

All conditions offered are subject to the approval of the FIDE President or his representative.

~~(To be filled in by a national federation affiliated to FIDE). Amended by 1996 Gen. Assembly.~~

	<b>Regular Deposit</b>	<b>CACDEC-Bid fee</b>
FIDE Congress	EUR 10,000	
Executive Council/Presidential Board Meeting	EUR 5,000	
World Team Championship	EUR 10,000	
Olympiad (see Reg. D.II.07)	EUR 10,000	
World Youth Championships 8, 10 & 12, <del>14, 16 &amp; 18,</del>	EUR 30,000	
World Youth Championships <del>8, 10, 12,</del> 14, 16 & 18	EUR 30,000	
World Junior Championship	EUR 10,000	
World Senior Championship	EUR 10,000	
World Under-20 Team Championship	EUR 5,000	
World Rapid Championship	EUR 10,000	

The President has the right to demand additional deposits or guarantees from the organizers when he so decides. Twelve months before the commencement of the event the President must be in possession of sufficient evidence of the full financial reliability and attention of the sponsors. If such ~~an~~ evidence is not at hand at the given time the President has the right to withdraw the ~~option-bid~~.

## 07. FIDE Congress Regulations

~~Amended by the 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 General Assemblies~~

References to the General Assembly include the Executive Board in those years when the General Assembly is not held.

1. The Congress shall incorporate the sessions of the General Assembly (GA), which is the legislative body of the World Chess Federation.  
In addition to the daily sessions of the GA, the following events shall be organised.

### 1.1 Sessions

- Of the Executive Board,
- Of the ~~permanent~~ FIDE Commissions, ~~and~~
- ~~• Of the temporary FIDE Commissions.~~
- Of the Continents

~~These bodies shall be instrumental in making recommendations to the General Assembly. Meetings and discussions as required upon proposal by the FIDE President. Discussions by the Federations~~

- ~~• Among themselves~~
- ~~• By Zones, and~~
- ~~• By Continents~~

The Congress timetable (~~page6~~) regulates the ~~separate~~ meetings.

### 1.2 Minutes

For the sessions of the General Assembly, the ~~Executive Board~~ and the separate FIDE Commissions, minutes shall be taken. ~~The minutes of the Commissions shall be signed by the Chairperson and handed to the Secretariat. shall forward them to the Congress Secretariat. The FIDE General Secretary shall arrange for them to be translated into the requisite languages and duplicated.~~

## 2. Time and place for holding the FIDE Congress.

The FIDE Congress shall be held ~~in the autumn of every~~ each year. In even-numbered years, the Congress will be held during, and in the same city as the Chess Olympiad.  
The Administrator of the Chess Olympiad will also be the Administrator of the FIDE Congress for the same year. Exceptions require approval by the General Assembly.

## 3. Appointment of the Administrator

The Appointment of the Administrator for the Congress in odd-numbered years (~~1997,1999, etc.~~) will be decided by the General Assembly. Administrators may be proposed by the federations.

- 3.1 A proposal to undertake the organisation and running of a FIDE Congress ~~may take the form of~~ shall be submitted on the appropriate bid form.

- ~~1. A direct and concrete offer, or~~
- ~~2. A provisional application (for the granting of an "option") by the President~~

- ~~3.2 A decision on the proposals shall be made by the General Assembly, or (in between Congresses, after expiry of the "option") by the President~~

### 3.3 Provisional application

- 3.3.1 ~~Instead of a direct, firm offer, application may be made for an "option" to organise the FIDE Congress; this means that the Federation applying proposes to state its firm intention within a specific period.~~
- 3.3.2 ~~Provisional applications are to be made on form A.06 and submitted to the General Secretary.~~
- 3.3.3 ~~An option fee of 325 EUR must at the same time be paid to FIDE.~~
- 3.3.4 ~~The General Assembly shall decide on the order in which the federations that made provisional~~

~~applications will be granted options (first, second, third option etc.) and on the period of validity of these options.~~

~~3.3.5 (GA 96) The Federation which is granted first option shall pay to FIDE the deposit fee for the organisation of a Congress (EUR 10,000) before the conclusion of the General Assembly granting the option.~~

~~3.3.6 If the deposit is not paid on time. Then~~

- ~~• the option is cancelled~~
- ~~• the provisional application fee is forfeited and~~
- ~~• an option is granted to the next Federation (in the order laid down by the General Assembly)~~

~~3.3.7 If paragraph 4.6 is enforced the FIDE General Secretary shall inform the Federation that has been accorded the next option. The procedure shall then be continued as in paragraph 4.5~~

~~3.3.8 Upon fulfilment of the conditions~~

- ~~• Granting of an option and~~
- ~~• Payment of the application fee and deposit,~~

~~The Federation receiving the option shall, within the period of validity of that option, submit to the FIDE President a firm offer to organise the Congress.~~

~~3.3.9 If the firm offer is not made, the fee and deposit already paid shall be forfeited to FIDE.~~

### **3.4** ~~Direct, concrete offers~~

~~For the organisation of the FIDE Congress will be decided on directly by the General Assembly~~

~~3.4.1 The offers are to be made in writing, on the application form.~~

~~3.4.2 (GA `96) Acceptance of an offer by the Federation making the offer.~~

~~3.4.3 If the Federation later abandons the undertaking the deposit is forfeited to FIDE.~~

~~3.4.4 After the holding of the Congress the deposit will be repaid to the Federation by which the Congress was organised.~~

## **4. Draft submitted to the FIDE President**

**4.1** Not later than 6 months before the start of the Congress, the Federation entrusted with organising it shall submit to the President a document containing information on the following:

- venue,
- beginning and end of the Congress,
- proposals for the accommodation of delegates and the premises for meetings
- travel facilities, and
- the condition for visas.

**4.2** At the same time as this draft is submitted. the President must be invited

- to inspect the venue, and
- to conduct a preliminary discussion at the administrator`s expense

**4.3** Confirmation

Immediately afterwards, the arrangements as drafted will receive the President`s confirmation, with (if appropriate) a note of any modifications which he considers desirable on the basis of his inspection of the venue and the preliminary discussion. If necessary, further inspections are to be arranged.

## **5. Invitations to the federations**

**5.1** On receiving the President`s confirmation ~~(7.2)~~, the organising Federation shall send an official invitation to all

federations affiliated to FIDE. An information sheet outlining the proposed course of the Congress as well as any special announcements should be enclosed. A copy should be sent to the FIDE General Secretary. In addition the following information must be included in the invitation:

1. travel flights, airlines, local transportation, discounts, etc.
2. hotels choices, quality, costs, food, etc.
3. visas cost and how to obtain one if required.
4. Vaccinations, if any.
5. Foreign exchange transactions, including use of credit cards.
6. Medical facilities and availability of doctors ~~(GA`97)~~.

**5.2** After this official invitation, the FIDE federations and Congress Administrator will communicate with each other directly.

**5.3** In addition account must be taken of the FIDE Statutes covering proposals to the General Assembly and the forwarding of Congress material between the federations and the FIDE ~~General~~ Secretariat.

## **6. Notice of participation**

**6.1** Not later than 4 months before the beginning of the Congress every Federation that wishes to participate must send written notice of this to the organising Federation of the administrator who represents it.

**6.2** At the same time, copies of the notice of participation are to be sent to the FIDE General Secretary and the President of the Zone to which the Federation belongs.

## **7. Organisation of the FIDE Congress by the administrator.**

**7.1** The Federation entrusted with holding the Congress shall appoint a representative as Congress manager. The Congress manager shall appoint personnel to the departments for

- finance
- organisation,
- accommodation and meeting rooms
- amenities for delegates, and
- press facilities and passes

He shall also set up a Congress office.

## **8. Requirements**

**8.1** For the duration of the Congress, the administrator shall provide FIDE with the following at his own expense:

- the rooms required for the sessions of the General Assembly and other meetings
- office premises with modern facilities, for the FIDE President and the **FIDE General** Secretariat;
- an installation for simultaneous translations (at least three languages: English, Spanish and Russian)
- ~~the~~ necessary qualified personnel to translate the proceedings of the ~~Central Committee and~~ General Assembly, ~~and the minutes of the FIDE Commissions.~~

**8.2** Details are to be decided by agreement with the President or General Secretary of FIDE

**8.3** During the Congress, the FIDE flag and the national flags of the federations taking part should be displayed.

## **9. Further duties of the administrator**

**9.1** ~~(GA`96)~~ The administrator shall pay the full travelling costs and living expenses of the FIDE President, **FIDE** Hon. President, the FIDE Deputy President, the FIDE Vice Presidents, the FIDE General Secretary, the FIDE Treasurer, the FIDE Executive Director and a maximum of one secretarial assistant. ~~(GA`95)~~

**9.2** If the hotel and Congress hall are situated far from each other, the organisers shall provide transport for the participants. A car shall be provided for the use of the President.

**9.3** The administrator shall supply all participants in the Congress with folders or printed information.

**10. Expenses to be met by the federations**

**10.1** The federations shall pay the travelling and ~~living accommodation~~ expenses of their delegates to the Congress.

**10.2** Offers for accommodation in several good hotels at favourable prices shall be secured and conveyed to the federations by the administrator.

**10.3** The offers should stipulate prices for

- room and breakfast, and (where appropriate)
- partial or full board.

**10.4** The administrator is expected to secure package prices at a lower rate than the hotel`s normal charges.

~~**10.5** The federations shall ensure that their delegates to the Congress are equipped with the FIDE Handbook as a working document.~~

**11. Opening and closing ceremonies**

These ~~ceremonies~~, and any receptions or special gatherings, shall be organised by agreement between the FIDE President and the administrator.

**12.** ~~Note:~~ The 1981 General Assembly recommended that the intervals between Congresses be at least 10 months and at most 14 months. The 1981 General Assembly recommended that organisers take ~~as much as possible~~ these intervals as a guideline when establishing the dates.

**13.** FIDE Congress Timetable

**13.1.** Free day during the Olympiad Congress.

Congresses that are held during the Olympiad shall devote one day after the close of the ~~Central Committee Executive Board~~ meeting as a free day before the commencement of the General Assembly (~~GA<sup>97</sup>~~).

## 08. Regulations on Organization of Presidential Board Meeting

### Regulations for the organization of Presidential Board ~~and Executive Board~~ Meetings

~~Amended by the 1994, 1995 and 1996 General Assemblies:~~

These are the minimum requirements.

1. The Presidential Board assembles at least once every three months.
- ~~2. The venue and exact dates shall be approved by the General Assembly preceding the Executive Board meeting. In between meetings of the General Assembly the President shall decide.~~
3. An offer or an application for option to organize the Presidential Board meeting shall be submitted on the prescribed form ~~(A.07/ A.06) to the President who shall make a recommendation to the General Assembly.~~

4. The schedule for the Presidential Board Meeting shall be:

Day Arrival of Members

1

Day Meeting ~~15:00-19:00~~

2

Day Meeting ~~09:00-13:00~~

3

Day Departure

4

~~The Presidential Board shall have a two-day meeting.~~

~~For administrative reasons, the President and the Executive Director shall arrive three days before the beginning of the meeting.~~

### 5. Costs

- 5.1 ~~(GA '96)~~ The host federation shall pay the amount of €30,000 to FIDE as contribution towards the cost of air tickets for Presidential Board members. ~~cost of each round trip air ticket to the venue for the President, Hon. President, Deputy President, 5 Vice Presidents, General Secretary and Treasurer.~~
- 5.2 ~~(GA '96)~~ The host federation shall pay the cost of hotel rooms and all meals for the Presidential Board members and the FIDE Secretariat. ~~President, the Hon. President, the Deputy President, the 5 Vice Presidents, the General Secretary and the Treasurer during their stay.~~
  - 5.2.1 ~~(GA '96)~~ A suite shall be provided for the President and ~~double~~ rooms for the Hon. President, Deputy President, ~~the 5 Vice Presidents~~, the General Secretary, and the Treasurer, the Vice Presidents, Hon. Vice Presidents, the Continental Presidents, Auditor and FIDE Secretariat staff.
- 5.3 ~~Other members of the~~ The Continental Presidents and Hon. Vice Presidents ~~Presidential Board~~ shall be responsible for their own transportation to the venue ~~and for their hotel costs. The host federation shall arrange concession rates for hotel rooms for members of the Presidential Board and other persons attending the meeting.~~
- 5.4 The host federation shall provide local transportation for all persons attending the Presidential Board Meeting.
  - 5.4.1 A chauffeured car shall be provided for the official use of the President.
6. Facilities
  - 6.1 The Meeting shall be conducted in the English language ~~and recorded~~.
  - 6.2 A meeting room for approximately ~~20~~ 30 persons shall be provided for the exclusive use of the Presidential Board for the two days of the meeting.
  - 6.3 ~~(GA '96)~~ An office for the exclusive use of the ~~Executive Director~~ FIDE Secretariat shall be provided. This shall be available ~~three days~~ before the meeting begins and shall be equipped with computers, ~~electric typewriters~~, a heavy-duty copying machine and stationery.
  - ~~6.4 (GA '96) One secretarial assistant capable of typing in English shall be provided to assist the Executive Director from the day of his arrival.~~



7. ~~{GA '96)The Presidential Board meeting shall be organized concurrent with a significant FIDE event or in order for the Board and/or Board to inspect preparations for a significant FIDE event.  
{1979 Congress — It was agreed to maintain the practice of reporting on Board meetings in the Circular Letters instead of distributing minutes to all federations.}~~

## F. Administration

### F.I. Boycotts

#### **Boycotts**

#### **Resolution**

Approved by the 1979 Congress. Amended by the 1994 Congress.

#### **Moral principles of FIDE for non-FIDE chess competitions.**

1. The organizers and the players must be guided by the highest principles of the FIDE Statutes:
  1. FIDE is concerned exclusively with chess activities.
  2. FIDE rejects discriminatory treatment for national, political, racial, social or religious reasons or on account of sex.
  3. FIDE observes a strict neutrality in the internal affairs of the national chess federations.
2. In accord with its Statutes, FIDE reaffirms its commitment to the right to play chess and opposes all organized actions that would hinder that right.
3. It is understood that:
  1. An organizer of a chess competition has the right to invite any chess player he chooses. Once an invitation has been issued and accepted, it must not be withdrawn.
  2. Each player accepts an invitation only on his own free will but in strict accordance with the statutes and resolutions accepted by FIDE.

Do we need any part of this? Statutes and Tournament Regulations should cover these points

### F.II. Resolutions

#### **Arrears in Payment**

#### **1980 Congress**

The General Assembly agreed that federations that have not paid their dues before the Chess Olympiads, and that have not given reasons which satisfy the President, should be temporarily excluded.

#### **1981 Congress**

The General Assembly agreed with the guideline established by the Executive Council that debts should be paid three months before the two-yearly Chess Olympiads, and that final action lies with the President, who may use his discretion as to which course of action to take.

#### **1983 Congress**

The General Assembly agreed to implement on 1 July 1984 the ruling of the Executive Council (Alicante 1983) that:

1. A federation that is one year in arrears shall not receive services from the Secretariat and shall not bid for or organize any FIDE event;
2. A federation that is two years in arrears shall be temporarily excluded.

Do we need this?