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Player's Contract for Participation in the 2015 Women's World Chess Championship

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the Women's World Chess Championship (hereinafter referred to as the Championship).

The organiser of the 2015 Championship is the Russian Chess Federation acting in co-operation with FIDE.

In order to ensure that the Championship is played in accordance with its approved regulations and the statutes of FIDE, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Dates and Venue

- 1.1 The Championship shall be held from 16 March (opening ceremony) to 7 April 2015 (closing ceremony) in Sochi, Russia.
- 1.2 All the players qualified for the Championship must stay at the official Championship hotel(s), and the name of this hotel(s) shall be announced later by FIDE.

2. Right of Participation

- 2.1 A list of qualified players and reserves approved so far by FIDE is attached and the updated list shall be published on the FIDE web site.
- 2.2 Qualified participants are entitled to participate in the Championship. This right may only be set aside if the player does not meet the deadlines specified in this contract or otherwise behaves in a way and manner that is in violation of the provisions of this contract, in which case FIDE may designate a reserve to replace her.

3. Confirmation deadlines

- 3.1 Qualified players and reserves are expected to fax or email scanned the original document of their signed contract to the FIDE Secretariat not later than midnight 4 February 2015, and to send it to FIDE by registered airmail, postmarked no later than 4 February 2015.
- 3.2 Qualified players shall register at the Championship Secretariat in person not later than twelve hours before the commencement of play in the first round failing which they shall be forfeited.

4. The Player's Obligations

- 4.1 On signing this player's contract the player commits herself to completing the various stages of the Championship in accordance with the regulations for the Women's World Championship, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Regulations, FIDE Statutes, FIDE Laws of Chess and rules and regulations which form an integral part of this contract, save in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate or on her being defeated at the end of the round at any stage of the Championship.
- 4.1b During the tournament, players will have to give interviews and make appearances as described in article 3.13.3 of the Women's World Championship Regulations. The winner shall provide one exclusive interview to the FIDE Press Officer upon the conclusion of the event (same day or one day after).
- 4.2 For the one year following the Championship, the Women's World Champion shall agree to promote chess around the World and be ready to attend promotional events at no fee but with her expenses paid by FIDE provided the prescribed date(s) for the promotion are not in conflict with any established tournaments in the calendar. This period of promotion shall not exceed fourteen days in total (excluding days of travel).
- 4.3 The winner of the 2015 Women's World Championship in Sochi will become World Champion and must defend her title in the last quarter of 2015 against the challenger to be determined from the FIDE Women's Grand-Prix 2013-14. If the Women's World Champion does not play the World Championship match in the last quarter of 2015, she forfeits her title.
- 4.4 Players will be required to wear clothes or apparel with special branding from sponsors when specifically approved by the FIDE President.
- 4.5 Players are required to appear punctually for the start of play in each game of the round (zero tolerance rule).
- 4.6 Qualified players for the Championship shall be required to attend the Opening Ceremony or any official reception specifically approved by the FIDE President failing which a fine of USD 500 may be imposed for each infraction from the prize money.

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5. Financial conditions

- 5.1 The Championship has a total prize fund of USD 450,000 (four hundred and fifty thousand dollars), to be distributed to the players in accordance with the regulations of the Championship. There will not be any FIDE deduction of 20% from the player’s prize fund.
- 5.2 Subject to the Regulations for the Women’s World Championship and the provisions of this contract, the Prizes for the losers in each round and the eventual winner of the Championship are specified in the schedule of prizes approved by the Presidential Board of FIDE.
- 5.3 Subject to the provisions of this contract, the amount to which a player is entitled will be paid by direct bank transfer or by bank cheque drawn in US Dollars on UBS, Lausanne not later than two weeks after the end of the Championship.
- 5.4 Without prejudice to the provisions of this contract on this subject, FIDE or the Organizing Committee will not be responsible for any local taxes on any prize monies due to be paid to participants in any host country. If required by the local authorities of the host country, taxes may be deducted at source from the winnings of players. FIDE shall advise participants of any double taxation treaties between the host country and their respective home countries to ensure that their personal obligation of paying tax in their home countries are reduced.
- 5.5 FIDE or the Organizing Committee will not be responsible for any application of political or financial sanctions from the organizing country regarding players of the tournament. At the same time, FIDE has no prior knowledge of such sanctions.
- 5.6 Without prejudice to the provisions of this contract, the game scores are the property of FIDE.
- 5.7 There shall be no cash advance or pocket money for the players. Each participant will be responsible for the expenses of her delegation.

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 2015 Women’s World Championship Tournament 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 the Player: Full Name:

Place and date:

Signature of the FIDE President K. Ilyumzhinov:

BANK DETAILS OF PARTICIPATING PLAYER (for the payment of money prizes):

- Bank:**
- BIC/Swift code:**
- Bank account (IBAN Number):**
- Bank location:**
- Account holder name:**