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Player's Contract for Participation in the Candidates Tournament Berlin, 8 - 29 March 2018

The World Chess Federation (FIDE) is the governing body of the World Chess Championship cycle 2016-2018 and the Candidates Tournament 2018 is an integral part of it (hereinafter referred to as the Candidates Tournament).

The Administrator of the 2018 Candidates Tournament is FIDE, in collaboration with the organiser World Chess Events Limited. In order to ensure that the Candidates Tournament is played in accordance with the approved regulations and the statutes of FIDE, the following provisions shall apply:

1. Dates and Venue

- 1.1 The Candidates Tournament will be held from 8 March (arrivals on 8 March and opening ceremony on 9 March) to 29 March 2018 (departures) in Berlin, Germany.
- 1.2 All the participants in the Candidates Tournament, and their delegation, must use the official hotel(s) of the event suggested by the organisers.

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 contract shall be sent signed by the players to the FIDE Secretariat within the deadline specified below.
- 2.2 Qualified participants are entitled to play in the Candidates Tournament. This right may only be set aside if the player does not meet the deadlines specified in the approved regulations 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 26 January 2018, GMT 13:00.
- 3.2 The player must inform the FIDE office in written form, together with the signed contract, of his bank account details, ie: Bank, SWIFT code, IBAN, account holder name and registered address.
- 3.3 Qualified players shall register at the Candidates Tournament secretariat in Berlin, in person no later than the time set for the opening ceremony, 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 Championship in accordance with the regulations of the Candidates Tournament, World Championship Match, FIDE Code of Ethics, FIDE Anti-Doping Disciplinary Rules, FIDE Statutes and FIDE Laws of Chess which form an integral part of this contract, except in the case of illness evidenced by a medical certificate.

- 4.2 By signing this contract, the player also confirms that for a period of 4 years after the end of the Candidates Tournament, he will not participate in any other event called as a “World Championship” event which is not recognized by FIDE.
- 4.3 Players will have to give interviews and make appearances as described in article 3.12.2 of the Candidates Tournament Regulations.
- 4.4 Players may be required to wear clothes or apparel with special branding from sponsors in accordance with article 4.7.1.2 of the Candidates Tournament Regulations.
- 4.5 Participants shall be required to appear punctually for the commencement of play in each game of every round. Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the start of the session shall lose the game. Thus the default time is zero (0) minutes.
- 4.6 Participants in the Candidates Tournament 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.
- 4.7 The Administrator shall be permitted to use the picture, likeness, image, name and biographical details of the Participants in connection with the advertisement, publicity, exhibition and commercial exploitation of the FIDE World Chess Championship events, provided that Administrator does not portray the players in an unfavorable manner.

5. Financial conditions

- 5.1 The Candidates Tournament 2018 will have a total prize fund of 420,000 euros (four hundred twenty thousand euros) as per FIDE regulations. The amount of 420,000 euros will be distributed as follows: 1st place 95,000 euros; 2nd place 88,000 euros; 3rd place 75,000 euros; 4th place 55,000 euros; 5th place 40,000 euros; 6th place 28,000 euros; 7th place 22,000 euros; 8th place 17,000 euros. The winner of the Candidates Tournament also qualifies for the World Championship Match 2018.
- 5.2 Subject to the provisions of this contract, the amount to which each player is entitled, will be paid by direct bank transfer in euros on UBS Lausanne, no later than two weeks after the event is completed.
- 5.3 Although FIDE has an agreement with the organiser that the prize fund is 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 two (2) free single rooms in the official hotel for their accommodation, including full board, for the whole duration of the event.

6. Arbitration

- 6.1 Any dispute arising from or related to the present contract will be submitted exclusively to the Courts of Vaud, Switzerland. The court proceedings shall take place in English.

By signing this contract, I hereby confirm that I will participate in the Candidates Tournament of the 2016-2018 World Chess Championship cycle 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 FIDE Candidates Tournament regulations and I accept the conditions relating to my participation.

Place and date:

Signature of the Player: Full Name:

Signature of FIDE Deputy President Georgios Makropoulos: