



FIDE Council Resolution on the Review of the Implementation of the CAS Award

Whereas:

- on 11 March 2026, CAS rendered an award in case CAS 2024/A/10911, according to which:
"24.5 The Chess Federation of Russia is sanctioned as follows:

(A) Within 90 days of the present decision, the Chess Federation of Russia shall cease to regulate chess activities and events in the city of Sevastopol and the regions of Crimea, Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporozhye; and will issue announcements, including to the International Chess Federation, confirming that it has done so.

(B) In the event the Chess Federation of Russia fails to comply with paragraph (A) above, its membership with the International Chess Federation shall automatically be suspended, in terms of article 13.1(f) of the Ethics and Disciplinary Code (subparagraph entitled "Temporarily exclusion from membership"), for a period of three years; unless and until the Chess Federation of Russia complies to the satisfaction of the International Chess Federation with the content of paragraph (A) above, in which case its membership shall automatically resume (the "CAS Award");

- pursuant to Article 13.1. «f» of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code
"Temporarily exclusion from membership: Exclusion from membership is the removal of the right of a national federation or any other affiliated organization to participate in the activities, functions, and FIDE events in which all other members do participate by virtue of the Charter for a period up to a maximum of five years".

- pursuant to Article 13.6. of the FIDE Charter:
"During the suspension period the suspended Member Federation forfeits its rights under Art. 10 and its officials and national teams may not participate in any FIDE congress, competition, event or activity. Players, arbiters and trainers can still participate in individual competitions and other events, under their national flag or under FIDE flag, if not otherwise decided by the Council or the General Assembly".

- pursuant to Article 26.10 of the FIDE Charter, if the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission decides, in its discretion, to impose the sanction of the temporary exclusion from membership of a FIDE Member Federation or a FIDE Affiliated Organisation, such sanction is not immediately effective, and, at the end of the proceedings in front of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission, any appeal included, it is subject to confirmation by the Council. After the confirmation by the Council, the temporary exclusion is immediately effective but, in any case, the decision of the Council on the temporary exclusion must be submitted to the vote of the General Assembly, at its first useful session.

The decision of the General Assembly is final. In the case of a non-confirmation, by the Council

or by the General Assembly, of the decision to sanction a FIDE Member Federation or a FIDE Affiliated Organisation with a temporary exclusion from membership, the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission can decide to impose another, less severe, sanction, different from the exclusion from membership and from the exclusion to participate in a session of the General Assembly.

- pursuant to Part VI, Art. IV.2 of the FIDE Charter:

“Provisions of Art. 26.10 of this Charter with respect to confirmation of the temporary exclusion from membership of a FIDE Member Federation or a FIDE Affiliated Organisation by the Council and subsequent voting by the General Assembly, as well as with respect to consequences of non-confirmation of the said sanction, are applicable to any decision of FIDE body or independent arbitral tribunal imposing the said sanction if such decision is pronounced after Art. 26.10 of this Charter enters into force.”,

- the CAS Award was rendered after the entry into force of Art. 26.10 and Part VI, Art. IV.2 of the FIDE Charter;

- when exercising the powers provided for in Article 26.10 of the FIDE Charter, the FIDE Council must proceed on the basis of an assessment of the seriousness of the violations committed, and must also presume the good faith and correctness of arbitral tribunal awards;

On June 8, 2026, official information was requested from the Chess Federation of Russia as to whether the CAS Award had been complied with;

- according to the official letter from the Chess Federation of Russia dated June 10, 2026, the CAS Award has not been complied with;

- in its activities, FIDE must take the utmost measures to safeguard the rights of players, arbiters, trainers and other members of the chess family, taking, inter alia, due note of the considerations on athletes' fundamental rights to access sport without political interference as was discussed at the 14th Olympic Summit on 11 December 2025;

THE COUNCIL RESOLVED:

1. To recognize the membership of the Chess Federation of Russia in FIDE as temporarily suspended, within the meaning of Article 13.1(f) of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code, from 10 June 2026 for a period of 3 (three) years or until compliance with the CAS Award. The above is without prejudice to point 6 below and to the authority of the FIDE General Assembly.

2. To confirm that individual players retain all rights to participate in FIDE tournaments, as provided in Article 13.6 of the FIDE Charter. As per IOC Summit recommendation, the youth players retain right to participate under the national flag, the adult players participate under the FIDE flag as per already existing procedure. To instruct the FIDE Management Board to develop and implement the necessary procedures for the submission of such applications by players on their own behalf.

3. To confirm that teams composed of players who are citizens of the Russian Federation may be eligible to participate in FIDE team competitions under a neutral flag subject to the further FIDE Council decisions.

4. To instruct the FIDE Management Board to develop and implement a procedure for the inclusion in the FIDE rating system of tournaments held in the territory of the Russian Federation and for the assignment of FIDE IDs to citizens of the Russian Federation. In accordance with CAS Award (par.#2) this procedure excludes the aforementioned territories.
5. To instruct the FIDE Management Board to develop and implement a procedure for applications by individual players, arbiters, trainers and other persons for official FIDE titles, norms and distinctions.
6. In accordance with Article 26.10 of the FIDE Charter, to submit the issue of confirmation of the sanction pursuant to the CAS Award and this Council' decision to a vote of the next FIDE General Assembly.