



# Fair Play Commission

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## I. Commission's Changes and Improvements

At the first Commission's Meeting for this year, held in person in Stockholm (4-6 January 2023), several questions have been addressed:

I.1 New Regulations (with an accent on FPL Title Regulations)

I.2 Title Holders

I.3 Internal "Reconstruction" of the Commission:

I.3.1 Legal department

I.3.2 Technical department

I.3.3 Chess expertise panel

I.3.4 Educational panel

I.4 Seminars

### I.1 New Regulations - Title Regulations

The first few months of the year have been devoted to developing the Title regulations, which is the first step to building a Fair Play workforce. The drafts have been discussed with FIDE legal consultant Alex Martynov.

Also, a first list of title holders and norm holders has been produced. This is to be integrated by new nominations on or before 30.6.2023, when the only way to achieve a title or a norm will be through the then-in-force procedure.

With these new regulations, FPL creates a new qualification system and a structured way of appointments of FPOs/FPEs at events.

### I.2 Title Holders

#### I.2.1 Fair Play Officers (FPOs)

No	Name	FED	FIDE ID
1	Yuri Garrett	ITA	870935
2	Andy Howie	SCO	2403986
3	Klaus Deventer	GER	12900699
4	Salomeja Zaksaitė	LTU	12801496
5	Bojana Bejatovic	MKD	15000141
6	Alex Colovic	MKD	15000729
7	Gopakumar M S	IND	5058287

## I.2.2 Fair Play Experts (FPEs)

No	Name	FED	FIDE ID
1	Christiana Naa Merley Ashley	GHN	12600474
2	Prevenios, Michail	GRE	4203585
3	Vincent Geeraets	NED	1052144
4	Richard Newman	USA	30941237
5	Klueners, Juergen	GER	4616472
6	Tania Karali	GRE	4264584
7	Yuri Gnyp	UKR	14129353
8	Laurent Freyd	FRA	620700
9	Ulkar Umudova	AZE	67696
10	Bauyrzhan, Kaussar	KAZ	13707019
11	Kontokanis, Andreas	GRE	4228065

## I.3 Internal Reconstruction

### I.3.1 Legal Department

The Legal Department will be responsible for the cases and the reports. It has its own Chair and Secretary, who shall receive a stipend.

The Commission, with voting, has decided the following FPL Members to be part of the Legal Department:

FPL LEGAL DEPARTMENT MEMBERS		
Chair	Klaus Deventer	GER
Secretary	Gopakumar M.S	IND
Members	Geeraets Vincent	NED
	Tatolo, Kutlwano	BOT
	Richard Newman	USA

Cases to be chaired by Legal Department's members.

Email for the Legal Department

- [legal.fpl@fide.com](mailto:legal.fpl@fide.com)

The FPL Chair, FPL Secretary, and the Legal Department Members will have access to the Drive and the Archive of cases.

Data Management Plan and NDA are to be developed for all FPL Members.

### I.3.2 Technical Department

The Technical department is responsible for the Fair Play Equipment.

Technical Department Members:

FPL TECHNICAL DEPARTMENT MEMBERS		
Chair	Andy Howie	SCO
Members	Ken Regan	USA
	Okas, Walter	UGA
	Prevenios, Michail	GRE
	TBC	

The Technical Department shall draw up a list of devices that are recommended for Fair Play.

### I.3.3 Chess Expertise Panel

Consisted of GMs, IMs - to be confirmed.

FPL CHESS EXPERTISE PANEL		
Chair	GM Alex Colovic	MKD
Members	IM Lasse Østebø Løvik	NOR
	IM Vahagn Khachatryan	ARM
	TBC	
	TBC	

### I.3.4 Education Panel

- Preparation of seminars, working groups

FPL EDUCATION PANEL		
Chair	TBC	
Members	Yuri Garrett	ITA
	Andy Howie	SCO
	Jürgen Klüners	GER
	Vincent Geeraets	NED
	Bojana Bejatovic	MKD

## I.4. Seminars

The first [Fair Play Seminar was held in Stockholm](#) on the 6th of January, 2023. While the occasion arose at almost no notice, the event's outcome was very successful. Twenty-two (22) participants from different countries participated – Sweden, Germany, Argentina, Israel, Greece, Slovenia, Latvia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Serbia, Italy, Iceland, Zambia, USA.

The Participants got familiar with the work of the Commission, being presented with:

- Fair Play Legal Framework;
- Fair Play Regulations;
- Regan's Statistical Analysis;
- Fair Play Theory and Practice at OTB Events.

Lecturers on the Seminar:

- Klaus Deventer (GER)
- Yuri Garrett (ITA)
- Vincent Geeraets (NED)
- Bojana Bejatovic (MKD)
- Jurgen Klüners (GER)
- Alex Colovic (MKD).

Seminar fees	
FPL Commission Members	150 EUR
Other participants	200 EUR
Total paid to FIDE Accounts	4150 EUR

\*A link provided by [accounts@fide.com](mailto:accounts@fide.com) was sent to the Seminar participants for the payment.

## II. Fair Play Commission on the Carlsen/Niemann Report

On February 20, the 30-page report was forwarded to the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) for further consideration.

Pursuant to Art. 5 of the EDC Procedural Rules, until a decision is made, the contents of the Report shall be kept confidential to protect the procedure itself and all interested parties.

## III. FIDE Events Regulations

In the established practice, the FPO position has been bundled with the DCA position on the FIDE events.

This practice has been contradicting the FPL Rules. The reasons why these two positions (FPO and DCA) are separate are the following:

1. FPO doesn't need to be an arbiter, as the requirements for the tasks and skills are different
2. FPO's tasks are wide-ranging and sensitive; they require full attention at any given time
3. FPO covers the full tournament hall (playing area, spectators area, refreshment area, smoking area), including the potential outdoor activities (players' behaviors, spectators' behaviors, third party behaviors, and their activities) - it secures the full scope of the event.
4. DCA's duties differ from the ones on the FPO (defined as in the Arbiters Manual)
5. FPO skills need to be developed and trained - only skilled Fair Play specialists can deal with the very sensitive issues that may arise when there is a suspicion that Fair Play rules are violated - improper action by the FPO can spoil the tournament, the reputation of a player, or the reputation of FIDE.

Fair Play is a combination of technical, operational & legal skills that an FPO needs to possess.

FPL wishes to bring the Council's attention to this malpractice and asks that it be halted immediately.

## IV. Conclusion

The Commission is working on further improvements to its work and regulations. The main tasks for the year are associated with publishing the first list of FPO/FPEs and holding seminars to allow new forces to join the ranks.

The new regulations of titles/norms are developed to ensure a systematic approach to appointments and guarantee a professional service of the top-tier tournaments.

A Roadmap has been created for further Commission's activities.

At least one more Commission meeting in person (with a duration of at least three (3) days) is needed during the year.

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Yuri Garrett

FPL Secretary  
Bojana Bejatovic