

FIDE COUNCIL

RESOLUTIONS REGARDING UKRAINIAN PLAYERS  
SUSPECTED OF CHEATING WITH RATINGS

WHEREAS

- A. Pursuant to **Article 2.9** of its Charter – *“FIDE determines the conditions for and awards international chess titles and ratings”*.
- B. Pursuant to **Article 3.3** of its Charter – *“FIDE reserves its exclusive rights for official chess ratings and official ranking systems and shall not accept any ratings (including online) for any official FIDE activities, other than those approved or specified by FIDE”*.
- C. There are serious suspicions and concerns regarding the achievements of Mr. IHOR KOBYLIANSKYI (FIDE ID 14106329) in Rapid and Blitz Chess tournaments in which he participated between October 2018 and January 2020.
- D. There are serious suspicions and concerns regarding the achievements of Mr. IURI SHKURO (FIDE ID 14108836) in Blitz Chess tournaments in which he participated between November 2014 and March 2017.
- E. As a result of their performances in the said Rapid and Blitz Chess tournaments both Mr. IHOR KOBYLIANSKYI (FIDE ID 14106329) and Mr. IURI SHKURO (FIDE ID 14108836) have risen significantly in FIDE’s world Rapid and Blitz rankings.
- F. AND WHEREAS pursuant to Article 0.5 of the FIDE Rating Regulations/FIDE Rapid and Blitz Rating Regulations – *“FIDE reserves the right not to rate a specific tournament”*; and
- G. AND WHEREAS on the 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 FIDE’s Presidential Board passed resolutions suspending the Rapid and Blitz ratings for Mr. IHOR KOBYLIANSKYI (FIDE ID 14106329) and Mr. IURI SHKURO (FIDE ID 14108836) pending an investigation by FIDE’s legal advisor Mr. Aleksandr Martynov.
- H. AND WHEREAS the FIDE Council has received a letter dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021 from the Ukrainian Chess Federation seeking finalization of the said matters involving Mr. IHOR KOBYLIANSKYI (FIDE ID 14106329) and Mr. IURI SHKURO (FIDE ID 14108836).

- I. AND WHEREAS FIDE's said legal advisor, Mr. Aleksandr Martynov, has completed his investigation into the said matters involving Mr. IHOR KOBYLIANSKYI (FIDE ID 14106329) and Mr. IURI SHKURO (FIDE ID 14108836) and submitted a report to the FIDE Council.
- J. AND WHEREAS the FIDE Council considered the said report by its legal advisor Mr. Aleksandr Martynov recently at its meeting on Monday, December 27, 2021.
- K. AND WHEREAS in discharge of its obligations under the relevant laws the FIDE Council wishes to protect the integrity of the sport of Chess, FIDE's rating lists and the reputation of all Chess players, administrators and arbiters.

The FIDE Council HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

1. To cancel or rescind all the ratings for the Rapid and Blitz Chess tournaments in which Mr. Ihor Kobylanskyi (FIDE ID 14106329) participated between October 2018 and January 2020, which said tournaments were previously rated.
2. To cancel or rescind all the ratings for the Blitz Chess tournaments in which Mr. Iuri Shkuro (FIDE ID 14108836) participated between November 2014 and March 2017 which said tournaments were previously rated.
3. To remove the previous restrictions imposed on Mr. IHOR KOBYLIANSKYI (FIDE ID 14106329) and Mr. IURI SHKURO (FIDE ID 14108836) and allow both players to participate in FIDE-rated tournaments without the need for the Ukrainian Chess Federation to seek permission from FIDE.
4. To make the necessary changes on FIDE's website, and any other website utilized by the relevant FIDE Commission or Organ, to highlight or record FIDE's decisions or resolutions herein.
5. To emphasize again the need for all stakeholders, in particular administrators, arbiters and players, to comply with the principles of fair-play and avoid any form of unethical, unlawful or illegal, manipulation of any rating system.

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