



# Fair Play Commission

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## I. Commission's Work

The Commission has been actively working on the development of the new and update of the current Regulations:

### I.1 FPL Definitions

### I.2 Appointment Regulations

### I.3 Fair Play Protection Measures (ex. Anti-Cheating Regulations)

### I.4 FPL Title Regulations

### I.5 Financial Regulations

#### I.1 FPL Definitions

A document that provides definitions of the Fair Play Personnel at events (Chief Fair Play Officer, Event Fair Play Officer, Fair Play Expert, Candidates, Fair Play Team, etc).

#### I.2 Appointment Regulations

A document that regulates the appointment of Fair Play Personnel at events, the composition, the number of specialists, and the procedure.

#### I.3 Fair Play Protection Measures

Major revision of the ex-Anti-Cheating Regulations and regulation of the 3 different levels of events. With this document, we are clarifying the duties and the obligations of the Organizers, the appointed Fair Play Specialists, and the collaboration between the Fair Play Specialists, Organizers and Arbiters at events.

#### I.4 FPL Title Regulations

Update of the current Title Regulations.

The regulations aim to maintain fairness and uphold the integrity of FPO/FPE titles by establishing clear criteria, a transparent application process, and rigorous evaluation procedures.

#### I.5 Financial Regulations

Aiming to regulate the FPL financial matters.

We are now in the process of establishing further procedures for the work of Fair Play Specialists at events. This requires more stringent collaboration with several subjects, including EVE, GSC, and ARB, and an appraisal of each individual event's needs in terms of Fair Play coverage.

The Commission held an in-person meeting in Bled, (15-19 February 2024). The Commission's subgroup worked on the abovementioned regulations.

## II. Preparation and organization of Fair Play Seminars

FIDE FPL Seminars are crucial in our work and the preparation of the Fair Play Specialists. In the past year, we have successfully held three seminars: at the Rilton Cup in Stockholm (SWE), at the World Cup in Baku (AZE), and at the European Club Cup in Durres (ALB). The last seminar (in ALB) was a collaboration between WOM and FPL, where WOM offered 10 free spots for the first 10 registered women.

The Commission is working actively on arranging this year's FPL seminars in America (Colombia), Europe (Slovenia and Hungary), Africa, and Asia (Uzbekistan).

Collaboration is needed with the local Federations and FIDE to make these seminars possible.

## III. Future Developments

The current work is aimed at

- a) Education of FPL members
- b) Strengthening control mechanisms
- c) Seminar/training programs
- d) Increasing the number of FPEs/FPOs
- e) Updating regulations

- a) Education of FPL members

FPL is in the course of securing seminars and training sessions with a security professional. The goal is to improve specific anti-cheating knowledge and bring it into the Commission's acquis.

- b) Strengthening control mechanisms

Once improved anti-cheating knowledge rests with FPL, control mechanisms will be adapted to the new awareness. This includes devising a Fair Play Protocol, a process that has already started but which is expected to be ongoing.

- c) Seminar/training programs

Training programs and Seminars are at the core of FPL's activity, spreading fair play knowledge and awareness around the FIDE Community. It is of the utmost importance that we organize Seminars so as to bring Fair Play culture to all major FIDE areas.

- d) Increasing the number of FPEs/FPOs

This is a byproduct of the Seminar strategy. By holding many seminars, we will have many new aspiring FPEs and FPOs ready to serve the increasing demand for fair play coverage at events.

e) Updating regulations

This is a continuous demand for FPL, and we are actively working on producing regulations that cover the practical aspects of fair play at events.

## IV. Final Wording

We would like to express our gratitude to the FIDE Management Board and FIDE Council for their support and approval of establishing a systematic approach to the appointments and training of FPL Specialists. Establishing a comprehensive framework for the appointments and training of FPL specialists is a significant milestone in the chess community. FIDE's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of creating a safe and fair environment for the players is truly commendable.

It is essential to continually evaluate and enhance the regulations to adapt to the evolving challenges in the realm of competitive chess. As we move forward, we believe that a fair play control system at FIDE Circuit events should incorporate elements from the FPL Regulations, taking into account the specific needs and nuances of such tournaments.

The Commission is working on further improvements to its work and regulations. The year's main tasks are implementing the Title Regulations and holding seminars to train the new workforce.

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