

Ethics and Disciplinary Code

10.2 Serious infringements of the Ethics Code will be subject to Disciplinary Action as provided for in the Disciplinary Code by a duly nominated EDC First Instance Chamber, subject to a right of appeal to a duly nominated EDC Appeal Chamber. **The decision on the merits of minor and simpler cases, following a discretionary evaluation of the Chairman of the EDC, can be assigned to a single member of the EDC, which may be the Chairman of the EDC him/herself.**

10.3 Other infringements of the Ethics Code considered to be of a less serious nature will be subject to Remedial Action by the FIDE President or a single member of the EDC. This is an administrative proceeding, following an alternative, more informal and expedient process, and is not subject to a right of appeal.

10.4 In addition to his/her powers under Article 18.10 of the Charter, the FIDE President is given the authority to use Remedial Action in the instance of such less serious infringements of the Ethics Code by the members of the FIDE family. ~~referred to in sub-articles (f), (g), (i), (s) of Article 4 hereof in all cases, as well as (t) and (u) but only to the extent that the person's conduct relates to the governance or administration of chess as a sport.~~

10.5 In the instance of less serious infringements of the Ethics Code by any member of the FIDE family ~~other than the classes of members which fall under the authority of the FIDE President, also~~ a single member of the EDC nominated by the Chairman of the EDC ~~shall decide the Remedial Action, provided that if it concerns the conduct of the members of the FIDE family referred to in sub-articles (a), (b) or (c) of Article 4.2 hereof, or~~ the Chairman of the EDC him/herself shall decide the Remedial Action.

10.6 The following Remedial Actions are available to the FIDE President and the single member of the EDC (for violation of the Ethics Code other than the Fair Play Rules) and may be applied against any of the persons, federations and organizations covered by the Ethics Code:

- a) Corrective counselling resulting in an exoneration;
- b) Corrective counselling resulting in a warning;
- c) Corrective counselling resulting in a reprimand.

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10.11 In all matters concerning an alleged violation of the Ethics Code other than the Fair Play Rules, it is the duty of the Chairman of the EDC to make a prima facie evaluation of the contents of a complaint and in his/her sole discretion decide whether the alleged infringement of the Ethics Code shall be referred to the EDC to be dealt with

by way of Disciplinary Action under the General Rules of procedure of the EDC, as set out under the Disciplinary Code and the EDC Procedural Rules, or if the matter shall be referred to the FIDE President or a single member of the EDC for Remedial Action.

In the case of a complaint or a report specifically addressed to his/her attention, the FIDE President can directly decide to deal with the Remedial Action but must first inform the Chairman of the EDC of the received complaint or report, and the Chairman of the EDC can, with a motivated decision, refer the case to the EDC for a Disciplinary Action.

13.1 Common Sanctions

a) Warning: A warning is a written notice issued in respect of a minor infringement of any rule. In the event of further infringements, a heavier sanction may be imposed and the EDC may take into account the fact that the person in question has previously received a warning.

b) Reprimand: A reprimand is a formal severe disapproval, pronounced against an offender. In the event of further infringements, a heavier sanction may be imposed and the EDC may take into account the fact that the person in question has previously received a reprimand.

c) Fine: A fine up to a maximum of 50,000 may be issued in Euros (€). It must be paid in said currency within the time limit and according to the methods specified by the EDC.

d) Ban: A ban is the removal of the right to taking part, in a chess competition, or any chess-related activity, as a player, arbiter, organizer, or representative of a chess federation; A ban will ordinarily be for a period between a minimum of one month and a maximum of 15 years, but in exceptional cases upon the occurrence of a recurring offence, and depending on the circumstances or the gravity of the case, a lifetime ban from all chess activities may be imposed by the EDC.

e) Exclusion from a participation in the next FIDE General Assembly. Exclusion of a Member Federation or of an Affiliated Organisation to participate in the next session of the FIDE General Assembly. **This sanction may be imposed only by a consensus decision of all members of the First Instance Panel.**

f) e) 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. **This sanction may be imposed only by a consensus decision of all members of the First Instance Panel.**

g f) Exclusion from office is the immediate suspension of an official from the exercise of certain chess activities including his administrative and executive functions.

17.6 Except for what is provided by art. 26.10 of the Charter regarding the execution of the sanction of the temporary exclusion from membership of a FIDE Member Federation or a FIDE Affiliated Organisation, and by art. 13.1 of the Code regarding the exclusion from participation in the next General Assembly, all decisions taken by the EDC First Instance Chamber shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the EDC Appeal Chamber directs otherwise.

17.7 Except for what is provided by art. 26.10 of the Charter regarding the execution of the sanction of the temporary exclusion from membership of a FIDE Member Federation or a FIDE Affiliated Organisation, and by art. 13.1 of the Code regarding the exclusion from participation in the next General Assembly, all decisions taken by the EDC Appeal Chamber shall remain in effect while under appeal unless CAS directs otherwise.