



TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION



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To FIDE - International Chess Federation

Based on the decision taken at the 7th Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Youth and Sports of the Organization of Turkic States and the 7th Meeting of the Working Group, held in Azerbaijan on 7-10 November 2023, our charter study for the establishment of the Turkic World Chess Union is attached.

Our charter has been prepared within the scope of the establishment works of the Union. It was sent to member countries and their opinions were requested.

The provisions of this Regulation cover the Turkish-speaking countries, including Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan, the founding countries.

In order to complete the establishment phase of the union, I would like to request the valuable opinions of the General Assembly and to include this item on the agenda of the General Assembly.

Best regards

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President



TURKIC WORLD CHESS UNION REGULATION

CHAPTER ONE

Purpose, Scope, Basis, Definitions

Purpose

ARTICLE 1 – The purpose of this Regulation is to develop chess and implement social projects in Turkish-speaking countries. It creates negotiation activities for all kinds of projects to be carried out within Turkic World Chess Union and organizes investment and distribution in a coordinated manner. It carries out the necessary work to ensure that Turkish is recognized as an official language in the International Chess Federation (Fédération Internationale des Échecs - FIDE).

Scope

ARTICLE 2 – The provisions of this Regulation cover the Turkish-speaking countries, including Turkey, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan, the founding countries.

Basis

ARTICLE 3 – This regulation has been prepared based on the International Chess Federation Regulations dated 1 March 2020.

Definitions

ARTICLE 4 – The terms used in this Regulation refer to;

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| a) President | : the President of TWCU, |
| b) Vice President | : the Vice President of TWCU, |
| c) CAS | : the International Court of Arbitration for Sport, |
| d) General Assembly | : the General Assembly of TWCU, |
| e) Secretary General | : the Secretary General of TWCU, |
| f) FIDE | : the International Chess Federation, |
| g) TWCU | : the Turkic World Chess Union, |
| h) Regulation | : TWCU Regulation, |
| i) Board of Directors | : the Board of Directors of TWCU |

CHAPTER TWO Turkish World Chess Union Organization and Duties

TWCU Organization

ARTICLE 5 – (1) The headquarters of TWCU is in Ankara.

- a) General Assembly,
- b) Board of Directors,
- c) Secretary General

(2) The organization of sub-committees, other than those specified in the first paragraph, is made by the proposal of the Board of Directors and the approval of the General Assembly. The duties, powers and responsibilities of these boards as well as their working procedures and principles are determined by the instructions prepared by the Board of Directors.

Duties and powers of TWCU

ARTICLE 6 – (1) The duties and powers of TWCU are as follows:

- a) To ensure the dissemination and development of the chess at the national level, to make all kinds of arrangements in this regard, to produce projects, to take decisions and to implement them.
- b) To ensure the implementation of international rules and legislation specific to chess and to represent the member countries at home and abroad on matters related to the chess.
- c) To program regional and international activities related to chess among member countries and to monitor their implementation.
- d) To determine the standards of chess equipment in accordance with international rules and to ensure their production and procurement within member countries.
- e) To prepare, publish and implement instructions for the organization of competitions related to chess.
- f) To organize training and preparation camps for athletes at all levels.
- g) To cooperate with public institutions and organizations and local governments.

General Assembly

ARTICLE 7 – (1) The General Assembly is the highest body of TWCU.

(2) The General Assembly is composed of the following members:

- a) One board member to be determined by the federation presidencies of each member country
- b) In the event of death or resignation of the General Assembly members, a new member is determined by the federation presidency to which the general assembly member is affiliated and appointed to the general assembly as a member. This member must be from the same country as the member leaving the General Assembly.
- (3) Each member has the right to vote once. Voting by proxy cannot be used in the General Assembly.

Duties of the General Assembly

ARTICLE 8 – (1) The duties of the General Assembly are as follows:

- a) To amend the Regulation.
- b) To elect the President, Deputy President and members of the Board of Directors.
- c) To approve the activity program and budget prepared by the Board of Directors and to authorize the Board of Directors to make changes among budget expenditure items when necessary.
- d) To authorize the Board of Directors to purchase and sell real estate and to make financial commitments to international federations.
- e) To discuss and approve the activity reports of the Board of Directors.
- f) To decide on the establishment of an economic enterprise for the purpose of developing chess and carrying out revenue-generating activities and organizations.
- h) To perform other duties assigned by the relevant legislation.

President of TWCU

ARTICLE 9 – (1) The following conditions are required for candidates for the President:

- a) To be a citizen of one of the member countries of TWCU.
- b) To be a graduate of at least high school or equivalent.
- c) Not to have received a penalty of deprivation of rights for six months at a time or one year in total by the disciplinary committees of international sports federations within the last five years.
- (2) Election of the President; the General Assembly Members designated by each member country shall elect a president, 1 vice president and 1 member among themselves. These three elected members form the Board of Directors.
- (3) The term of office for the President is four years.
- (4) In the event of the President's death, resignation or loss of eligibility conditions for the Presidency, this duty shall be carried out by a Board member to be elected by the Board members, provided that an election is held within three months.
- (5) Persons to be appointed as Board member must meet the conditions required for the President.

Duties of the President of TWCU

ARTICLE 10 – (1) The duties of the President are as follows:

- a) To represent TWCU.
- b) To carry out the activities of TWCU in accordance with the provisions of the relevant legislation and the decisions of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors
- c) To preside over the Board of Directors and implement the decisions of the Board of Directors.
- d) To perform other duties assigned by the relevant legislation.

Board of Directors

ARTICLE 11 – (1) The Board of Directors is composed of three principal members including the President of TWCU. The Board of Directors consists of a President, a Vice President and a Member, who are elected by the General Assembly members.

(2) 1 principal and 1 substitute board member to be determined by each member country

(3) The term of office for the Board of Directors is four years. In the event of death or resignation of the board members, a new member is determined by the general assembly and appointed to the Board of Directors.

Duties of the Board of Directors

ARTICLE 12 – (1) The duties of the Board of Directors are as follows:

a) To prepare the General Assembly meetings.

b) To prepare the budget.

c) To use the powers delegated by the General Assembly.

d) To prepare and approve proposals for the formation of sub-committees deemed necessary to carry out and organize TWCU activities.

e) To fulfill the duties assigned by the relevant legislation and General Assembly decisions and to make arrangements related to these issues.

f) To report any issues arising from disciplinary violations to the federations of member countries and the International Chess Federation.

Board meetings

ARTICLE 13– (1) The Board of Directors meets at least twice a year, face to face or online, with the absolute majority of the total number of members to discuss the agenda determined by the Chairman. Topics proposed by members shall be included in the agenda.

(2) Decisions of the Board of Directors are taken by the absolute majority of those present in the meeting. In case of the equality of votes, the majority is deemed to be in favor of the direction of the President's vote

(3) The membership shall end for any member who fails to attend two consecutive meetings or four intermittent meetings within a year, without excuse.

(4) Excuses shall be notified in writing with the reasons to the Chairman, before the meeting time. The validity of the excuse shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

(5) Decisions are recorded in the decision book and signed. The decisions taken are executed by the President.

Subsidiary committees and their duties

ARTICLE 14 – (1) The formation of the subcommittees of TWCU is made by the proposal of the Board of Directors and the approval of the General Assembly. The duties and powers of these committees and their working procedures and principles are determined by the instructions prepared by the Board of Directors.

Secretary General

ARTICLE 15 – (1) The Secretary General is employed by the decision of the Board of Directors.

(2) The Secretary General is authorized and responsible for carrying out all administrative tasks and transactions of TWCU in accordance with the instructions of the Board of Directors. The Secretary General participates in the meetings of the Board of Directors of TWCU and informs the board of directors about the administrative procedures of the TWCU. As rapporteur, the Secretary General writes the decisions but does not have the right to vote.

a) The Secretary General conducts correspondence with national, regional or international public institutions and local governments on behalf of the President of TWCU and ensures coordination.

b) The Secretary General performs the necessary transactions according to the expenditure instructions of the TWCU, prepares the documents and processes them to the payment stage. The payment document must bear the signature of the President or Deputy President, as well as the signature of the Secretary General.

CHAPTER THREE

General Assembly Meetings and Election Affairs

General Assembly meetings

ARTICLE 16 – (1) The principles regarding General Assembly meetings are as follows:

a) The Ordinary General Assembly is held every four years, on the date determined by the Board of Directors, within three months at the latest after the end of the chess olympic games.

b) Extraordinary General Assembly; is convened by the decision of the absolute majority of the total number of board members of TWCU.

2) It convenes extraordinarily in case of resignation of the President of TWCU, loss of any of the eligibility conditions for the Presidency, death, and the number of Board members falls below the quorum required for meetings.

Calling the General Assembly Meeting

ARTICLE 17 – (1) General Assembly meetings are held in Ankara, the headquarters of the TWCU. All transactions related to General Assembly meetings are carried out by the Board of Directors. The General Assembly call and agenda are announced to the members at least thirty days before the meeting date.

(2) The list of members is announced on the website of the TWCU at least thirty days before the date of the General Assembly. The General Assembly delegate list shall include the names and surnames of the members as well as the countries and organizations they represent.

Opening of the General Assembly

ARTICLE 18 – (1) General Assembly members must obtain the membership certificate and sign the member list.

(2) General Assembly is convened with the absolute majority of the total number of members and takes decisions with the absolute majority of those present. The candidate with the highest number of votes in the election and the list of this candidate are deemed elected. If the majority is not achieved in the first meeting, it will be convened on the following day without requiring a majority. However, the number of participants in the meeting cannot be less than the number of principal members of the elected boards.

(3) The President or the Deputy Chairman or Board member to be appointed, reviews the General Assembly member list and specifies the number of participants and determines whether the majority required for the General Assembly meeting is present or not.

(4) The General Assembly meeting is opened by a speech of the Chairman or the Deputy Chairman or Board member to be appointed.

General Assembly agenda

ARTICLE 19 – (1) The agenda of the General Assembly is determined by the board of directors and announced to the members on the website of TWCU at least thirty days before the meeting date.

(2) The agenda of the General Assembly includes the opening, discussion and approval of the financial report, activity and audit reports, acquittal of the Board of Directors, discussion and approval of the budget for the new period, election article and if necessary, other relevant matters.

General Assembly session and discussions

ARTICLE 20 – (1) After the Council Board is elected and takes its seats, the chairman of the council announces the agenda listed in the notice to the General Assembly, puts it to vote and proceeds to discuss the agenda items.

(2) Members who wish to speak are given the floor in the order of their written requests.

Election affairs

ARTICLE 21 – (1) The General Assembly members elect the Board of Directors, consisting of 1 Chairman, 1 Deputy Chairmen and 1 Member, from among themselves.

(2) Elections may be held by open voting or by secret ballot and open counting, by decision of the General Assembly.

(3) The presidential candidate with the highest number of votes in the election and the list of this candidate are deemed elected. If the case of a tie, a second vote is held at the General Assembly on the same day, without requiring a majority. However, the number of participants in this meeting cannot be less than the number of members of the elected boards. If there is still a tie in this vote, the presidency is carried out by the representative of the federation where the TWCU headquarters is located.

CHAPTER FOUR

Financial Provisions and Audit Procedures

Budget of Federation

ARTICLE 22 – (1) The financial year of the TWCU is from January 1 to December 31. The budget of the TWCU is prepared by the Board of Directors for each fiscal year and for a period of four years and submitted to the approval of the General Assembly.

(2) The budget shall include all kinds of revenues of TWCU and the appropriations to be allocated for the activities to be carried out, personnel expenses, expenses of the boards, management and service expenses and other expenses.

(3) The President of the TWCU is authorized to make collections and expenditures within the principles specified in the budget.

(4) The payment document must bear the signature of the President or Deputy President, as well as the signature of the Secretary General.

Revenues of TWCU

ARTICLE 23 – (1) The revenues of TWCU are as follows:

- a) Subscription fees of the member country federations are determined by the General Assembly.
- b) Participation fees and subscription fees to be collected from individuals and institutions.

- c) Sponsorship income
- d) Rent and operating income.
- e) Grants and donations.
- f) Other revenues.

Expenses of TWCU

ARTICLE 24 – (1) TWCU, prepares its budget on the basis of annual budget; it makes the necessary expenses within the framework of the provisions of the Regulation in order to fulfill the duties assigned to it by the Regulation and other relevant legislation.

(2) Budget-related expenses are stated in the budget instruction prepared by the Board of Directors.

(3) The expenses of the meetings attended by the members of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors shall be covered by their respective national federations.

Budget and spending principles

ARTICLE 28- (1) TWCU;

a) must exercise due diligence to fulfill its financial obligations in a timely manner.

b) must establish a balanced budget and create an administrative and financial structure that ensures its expenses are carried out in proportion to its revenues.

(2) TWCU cannot incur debts in an amount exceeding ten percent of the previous year's revenues.

(3) The President of the TWCU and members of the Board of Directors; are severally responsible for any damages that may arise if they intentionally or negligently violate their statutory obligations. However, intention or negligence is not required to be proven for the liability of those who cause damage for non-compliance with this article. Unless they can prove that they exercised the necessary diligence to prevent the damage, their liability continues. In this case, TWCU and its creditors can directly pursue those responsible parties for the amount TWCU is obligated to pay.

(4) The Board of Directors cannot engage in transactions that shall incur debt for TWCU beyond its term of office without the permission of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER FIVE

Miscellaneous and Final Provisions

Enforcement

ARTICLE 26 – (1) This regulation shall enter into force on the date it is signed by the presidents of the federations of the member countries.

Execution

ARTICLE 27 – (1) The provisions of this Regulation shall be executed by the President of the Turkish World Chess Union.

(2) TWCU conducts its operations and transactions in Turkish and English. In cases of documents prepared in multiple languages and in the event of disputes, the English language shall prevail.