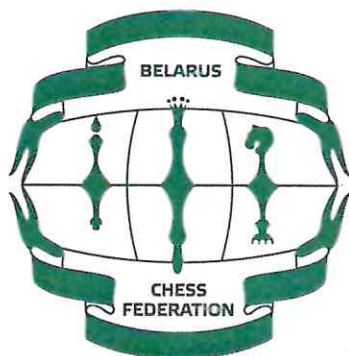




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To the attention of:
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Proposal for inclusion in the agenda of the FIDE General Assembly

Dear Colleagues, I refer to our previous letter dated 22.07.2026 №01-10/80 regarding the captioned matter and respective proposal into GA agenda.

For the sake of efficiency and genuine discussion, our Federation has prepared a draft of amendments into FIDE regulations which, in our opinion, are affected by the proposal if accepted.

Therefore, I kindly ask you to distribute this letter and draft to all Member Federations.

Respectfully,

Chairperson of the Belarus Chess Federation*



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Encl. as mentioned

DRAFT AMENDMENTS TO FIDE REGULATORY DOCUMENTS

BLOCK 1 — FIDE CHARTER

1.1 Article 13.3 — confirmation of suspension or temporary exclusion

Article 13.3 shall be replaced with the following:

13.3 The confirmation of a suspension or temporary exclusion of a Member Federation, or the expulsion of a Member Federation, may be decided by the General Assembly only for compelling reasons related to severe violations of its duties, following an advisory opinion by the Constitutional Commission. When considering confirmation of a suspension or temporary exclusion, the General Assembly shall apply Article 13.8.

1.2 New Article 13.8 — safeguards and targeted alternatives

Article 13.8 — Safeguards and targeted alternatives concerning temporary exclusion

13.8.1 Before the Council decides to temporarily exclude a Member Federation, or the General Assembly decides whether to confirm such a measure, the competent FIDE organ shall consider whether the legitimate objective pursued can reasonably be achieved by one or more less restrictive, targeted measures under Article 13.8.2.

13.8.2 Targeted measures may include, separately or in combination:

- (a) monitoring and periodic reporting on identified obligations;
- (b) specific compliance directions and a timetable for remedial action;
- (c) facilitated dialogue, mediation or another agreed dispute-resolution process;
- (d) an independent expert or a special committee of independent experts with a defined mandate and reporting arrangements; and
- (e) measures limited to the particular activity, competition, service, function or conduct at issue.

13.8.3 Temporary exclusion may be used only where compelling reasons demonstrate that targeted measures would be inadequate and that the exclusion is necessary and proportionate to the objective pursued. Its scope and duration shall be no broader than strictly required.

13.8.4 A decision imposing or confirming temporary exclusion shall be in writing and shall state: (a) its legal and factual basis; (b) the objective pursued; (c) the targeted alternatives considered and the reasons why they were found inadequate; (d) the scope and practical effects of the measure; (e) its duration; (f) the conditions for its variation or termination; and (g) the date and procedure for its first review.

13.8.5 Where a dispute between or involving Member Federations affects the ability of players in a territory to compete in FIDE-sanctioned events, the integrity or continuity of FIDE-rated activity, or the development of chess, the competent FIDE organ shall consider a structured process that preserves functioning institutional channels and facilitates practical implementation of the applicable obligations. Any independent expert mechanism or special committee established for this purpose shall have an impartial composition, a defined mandate, an equal opportunity for the relevant federations to be heard, and clear reporting arrangements.

13.8.6 The Member Federation concerned shall receive written notice of the proposed measure, the material relied upon and a reasonable opportunity to be heard. A directly affected Member Federation may also be heard on equal procedural terms. Where urgency requires a provisional decision before those steps can be completed, written reasons shall be provided promptly and a full review shall take place within thirty (30) calendar days.

13.8.7 A temporary exclusion shall be reviewed on the date specified in the decision and thereafter at intervals not exceeding six (6) months. The Member Federation shall be given notice and an opportunity to submit current evidence. The measure shall be varied or terminated as soon as it is no longer necessary and proportionate, or as soon as its objective can reasonably be achieved through targeted measures. Any continuation shall be supported by fresh written reasons based on the circumstances at the time of review.

1.3 Article 26.10 — new final paragraphs on Council decisions

The following paragraphs shall be added at the end of Article 26.10:

Any Council resolution providing for the temporary exclusion of a Member Federation shall expressly address the requirements of Article 13.8. The resolution, its written reasons, the material submissions of the Member Federation concerned and any advisory opinion required by the Charter shall be transmitted to the General Assembly for the confirmation process.

Pending confirmation, the Council may vary or terminate the measure where the criteria in Article 13.8 are no longer met or where a targeted measure would reasonably achieve the same objective. A review required after an urgent provisional decision under Article 13.8.6 shall not be postponed until the General Assembly.

BLOCK 2 — FIDE ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY CODE

2.1 New Article 13.3 — compliance measures applicable to Member Federations

Article 13.3 — Compliance measures applicable to Member Federations

13.3.1 Where the EDC finds a breach by a Member Federation, it may impose one or more Compliance Measures, instead of or in addition to a proportionate sanction under Article 13.1, where such a measure is suitable to bring about compliance, remedy the consequences of the breach, prevent recurrence or facilitate a practical resolution.

13.3.2 Compliance Measures may include:

- (a) a direction to take, refrain from or discontinue specified conduct within a defined period;
- (b) a remedial plan with identified steps, milestones and evidence of completion;
- (c) monitoring and proportionate reporting requirements;
- (d) facilitated dialogue, mediation or another structured process involving the relevant Member Federations;
- (e) referral of defined technical or implementation questions to an independent expert or special committee of independent experts; and
- (f) a condition or restriction limited to the particular activity, competition, service, function or conduct to which the breach relates.

13.3.3 A Compliance Measure shall be consistent with any binding decision applicable to the matter and shall not waive, extinguish or alter the underlying obligation. It shall be designed to facilitate practical implementation of that obligation.

13.3.4 Each Compliance Measure shall be tailored to the breach and shall be no broader or longer than reasonably necessary. The decision shall identify the objective, required steps, responsible participants, timetable, evidence of completion, reporting arrangements and review date.

13.3.5 Where an independent expert mechanism or special committee is used, its members shall be impartial and independent of the parties. Its terms of reference shall define the questions to be addressed, the information it may obtain, the timetable, the equal opportunity of the relevant federations to be heard, and the form and recipient of its report.

13.3.6 Failure to comply with a Compliance Measure does not by itself produce an automatic suspension or temporary exclusion. Any further sanction or recommendation for temporary exclusion requires a separate decision under the Charter, this Code and the EDC Procedural Rules, with notice, an opportunity to be heard and written reasons.

13.3.7 The EDC shall vary or terminate a Compliance Measure when its objective has been achieved, when it is no longer necessary and proportionate, or when another measure would be more effective and less restrictive. Continuation after a review requires current evidence and fresh written reasons.

2.2 New Article 14.6 — criteria for measures affecting a Member Federation

14.6 When selecting a sanction or Compliance Measure affecting a Member Federation, and when reviewing or recommending temporary exclusion, the EDC shall consider in particular:

- (a) the nature, gravity, duration and sporting impact of the breach;
- (b) the causal connection between the breach and the proposed measure;
- (c) the likely effectiveness and practical feasibility of the measure;
- (d) the Member Federation's cooperation, remedial steps and verifiable progress;
- (e) the interests and procedural position of any directly affected Member Federation;

- (f) the foreseeable effect on players, teams, coaches and officials, and on FIDE-rated activity, titles and competition structures;
- (g) the availability of less restrictive measures and the value of maintaining functioning institutional channels capable of supporting compliance;
- (h) objective legal or practical impediments beyond the Member Federation's reasonable control and the steps taken to overcome or mitigate them; and
- (i) proportionality, defined duration and the availability of effective review.

Where the EDC contemplates a broad restriction on membership activity or a recommendation for temporary exclusion, its decision shall specifically explain why targeted measures would be inadequate.

2.3 New Article 17.11 — review and appeal

17.11 A final EDC decision imposing, varying, continuing or terminating a Compliance Measure under Article 13.3 shall be reasoned and may be appealed in the same manner as a sanctioning decision under this Article and the EDC Procedural Rules.

2.4 New Article 21.3 — temporal application

21.3 Articles 13.3 and 14.6 apply to every Compliance Measure imposed, varied, continued or reviewed after their entry into force, including a continuing measure first imposed before that date. This provision does not reopen a final finding that a breach occurred.

2.5 Appendix — new definitions

Compliance Measure: a remedial or preventive measure imposed under Article 13.3 to facilitate compliance, remedy consequences, prevent recurrence or support a practical resolution.

Structured Compliance Process: a defined process involving directions, milestones, monitoring, facilitated dialogue, mediation or independent expertise, with participation and review safeguards under Article 13.3 and Chapter 6A of the EDC Procedural Rules.

Targeted Measure: a measure limited in subject matter, persons, activity, function, service, territory or duration to what is reasonably necessary to achieve the identified objective.

BLOCK 3 — EDC PROCEDURAL RULES

3.1 Rule 1.1 — scope

Rule 1.1 shall be replaced with the following:

1.1 These Rules lay down the procedure to be followed by the EDC and the Parties in cases where a complaint or report is received that a breach of the Code has allegedly occurred, and in proceedings concerning Compliance Measures and a Structured Compliance Process under Article 13.3 of the Code and Chapter 6A of these Rules.

3.2 Rules 6.1 and 6.2 — registration

The following final sentences shall be added to Rules 6.1 and 6.2 respectively:

6.1 The FIDE Offices shall also record every EDC order opening a Structured Compliance Process and every review date arising under Chapter 6A.

6.2 A Structured Compliance Process shall be registered under the underlying EDC case number with a separate process reference. No new complaint, report or lodgement fee is required solely because the process or a scheduled review is opened.

3.3 New Rule 39.8 — selection of Compliance Measures

39.8 When imposing or reviewing a Compliance Measure under Article 13.3 of the Code, the Panel shall apply the criteria in Article 14.6 and shall explain why the selected measure is effective, feasible, necessary and proportionate, having regard to any less restrictive alternative.

3.4 New Chapter 6A — Structured Compliance Process

CHAPTER 6A — STRUCTURED COMPLIANCE PROCESS

Rule 41A — Application and commencement

41A.1 This Chapter applies where an EDC First Instance Panel or Appeal Panel orders a Structured Compliance Process under Article 13.3 of the Code. It may also apply following a referral by the Council or General Assembly where the subject matter falls within EDC jurisdiction.

41A.2 The order commencing the process shall identify: (a) the established breach or compliance concern; (b) the applicable obligation and binding decisions; (c) the practical objective; (d) the participating Member Federations; (e) the proposed measures or questions for resolution; (f) any interim arrangements; and (g) the initial timetable and review date.

41A.3 Opening or continuing the process does not predetermine any further sanction. Any allegation that a later failure constitutes a new breach shall be determined in separate proceedings with the procedural rights provided by these Rules.

Rule 41B — Notice and participation

41B.1 Before the process is ordered, the respondent Member Federation shall receive the proposed terms, the material relied upon and not less than twenty-one (21) calendar days to submit observations and evidence, unless urgency under Article 13.8.6 of the Charter justifies a shorter provisional procedure.

41B.2 A Member Federation directly affected by the underlying matter shall receive the same material and may participate as a Third Party without a lodgement fee. The respondent and the directly affected Member Federation shall have an equal opportunity to address the issues within the mandate of the process, subject to the respondent's right to answer any adverse submission.

41B.3 The Panel may hold a case-management conference or oral hearing and may direct the production of documents necessary to define a workable process. Rules 27 to 36 apply with the necessary changes.

Rule 41C — Independent facilitator or expert mechanism

41C.1 After consulting the participating federations, the Panel may appoint an independent facilitator, mediator, technical expert or special committee of independent experts. The appointees shall disclose any circumstance capable of raising justifiable doubts as to their impartiality or independence. Rules 20 to 25 apply with the necessary changes.

41C.2 The terms of reference shall define the mandate, working methods, access to information, confidentiality arrangements, timetable, deliverables, reporting line and the equal opportunity of the participating federations to be heard. An expert or committee may make findings and recommendations within the mandate but may not impose a sanction.

41C.3 Unless the parties agree otherwise, statements made solely for the purpose of confidential mediation or settlement discussions shall not be relied upon as admissions in later disciplinary proceedings. This does not protect independently existing evidence or evidence of a new breach.

Rule 41D — Compliance plan and monitoring

41D.1 Following the parties' submissions and any preliminary expert input, the Panel shall approve a written compliance plan. The plan shall specify the required steps, responsible participants, milestones, information to be exchanged, evidence of completion, reporting arrangements and a first review date, normally not later than six (6) months after approval.

41D.2 Where relevant, the plan shall give priority to workable arrangements for affected players, the integrity and continuity of FIDE-rated activity, and the continued development of chess, consistently with the applicable binding obligations.

41D.3 The Panel may amend procedural directions or the plan after giving the participating federations an opportunity to comment. Any material change to obligations, restrictions or deadlines shall be reasoned and recorded in writing.

Rule 41E — Periodic review

41E.1 Before each review, the facilitator, expert or FIDE Offices, as applicable, shall circulate a monitoring report. Each participating federation shall have not less than fourteen (14) calendar days to comment and provide current evidence, unless all parties agree to a shorter period.

41E.2 The Panel shall determine whether the objective has been achieved, what material progress has occurred, whether any impediment has been demonstrated, and whether the process or any measure should be continued, varied or terminated. The decision shall apply Article 14.6 of the Code and shall be reasoned in writing.

41E.3 If the Panel considers that a further sanction or a recommendation for temporary exclusion may be necessary, it shall give specific notice of that possibility and the grounds relied upon. The matter shall be determined separately under the applicable provisions of the Code and these Rules.

Rule 41F — Decision and appeal

41F.1 A decision under this Chapter shall identify the mandate, participants, measures, findings, timetable, reporting obligations, review date and rights of appeal. It shall be communicated to the parties and published to the extent required by the Code, subject to lawful confidentiality restrictions.

41F.2 A final decision imposing, materially varying or continuing a Compliance Measure may be appealed under Chapters 7 and 9. Unless a stay is granted, procedural directions necessary to

preserve the process remain in effect pending appeal, but no irreversible step shall be required before the stay request is determined.

FINAL PROVISIONS

1. These amendments shall enter into force immediately upon their adoption by the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly decides otherwise.
2. Article 13.8 of the Charter, Articles 13.3 and 14.6 of the Code and Chapter 6A of the EDC Procedural Rules shall apply to any measure adopted, confirmed, maintained, varied or reviewed after the effective date, including a temporary exclusion adopted before that date that remains pending confirmation by the General Assembly. This provision does not reopen a final finding that a breach occurred.