

Proposed amendment of Article 11 of the FIDE Charter: a new Article 11(s) shall be adopted as follows

11(s): ensure that all directors and officers of the Member Federation to be listed in the FIDE Directory, including rating officers, shall be registered with FIDE such that their nationality or territory stipulated within their individual FIDE ID corresponds to the nation or territory of that Member Federation.

Comment on the Proposed Amendment

The purpose of the proposed new Article 11(s) is to uphold and strengthen the important principle that national federations should be run by nationals, or residents, of that country. It seeks to prevent the infiltration and exploitation of national federations for political, or pecuniary purposes, by foreign actors.

Furthermore, given that FIDE IDs are often used to determine membership, and therefore voting rights, in smaller federations, this proposed amendment also seeks to end the not-uncommon, but potentially dangerous and undemocratic practice of using foreign rating officers.