

FIDE Rules Commission

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Suggestions of FIDE Rules Commission for changes in the FIDE Laws of Chess to the 2nd FIDE Council meeting 2021

The Rules Commission suggests the following changes to the FIDE Laws of Chess to avoid confusion about penalties for wrong actions.

I. This will deal with repeated draw offers and disturbing the opponent. The penalty for this action that is listed as forbidden in the current FIDE Laws of Chess is not clear or defined well.

Suggested Version

11.5 It is forbidden to repeat a draw after the first draw offer is declined by the opponent, unless the opponent makes the next draw offer and it is declined it. The penalty for this action is 2 minutes to add to the opponents clock for the first offence, and loss of game for the second offence.

Current Version

11.5 It is forbidden to distract or annoy the opponent in any manner whatsoever. This includes unreasonable claims, or the introduction of a source of noise into the playing area.

II. To avoid Arbiters using penalties to change the time of a player in an unreasonable manner, and to remove the deduction of time as a penalty, as it is already removed from other parts of the Laws of Chess:

Suggested Version

- **12.9.2** increasing the current time of the opponent by a maximum of 5 minutes.
- **12.9.3** reducing the remaining time of the offending player.

Current Version

12.9.2 increasing the remaining time of the opponent,

12.9.3 reducing the remaining time of the offending player.

in Appendix A:

A.6 The Maximum possible amount of time to add to the player in Article 12.9.2 is 2 minutes.

in Appendix B:

B.6 The Maximum possible amount of time to add to the player in Article 12.9.2 is 1 minute.

Best Regads Mahdi Abdulrahim Chairman **FIDE Rules Commission**