



Arbiters Commission



Recommendations for approval by
the 2nd FIDE COUNCIL 2023
(Baku, August 1st - 2nd, 2023)

The present report presents the ARB Commission's activity, the list of FIDE Arbiters' Training Seminars, norms achieved and title and accreditation recommendations for approval by the FIDE Council.

The period covered is between March 19th, 2023 and July 16th, 2023. It was prepared in collaboration with Nebojsa BARALIC, Secretary of the Commission.

Note: other activities of the FIDE Arbiters' Commission are regularly reported on <https://arbiters.fide.com>

1) ARB ACTIVITIES IN THE PERIOD BETWEEN TWO FIDE COUNCIL MEETINGS

During the period between March 19th, 2023 and July 16th, 2023 in FIDE Arbiters Commission (ARB) we:

- Continued in the process of licenses and upgrading the classes of arbiters
- Prepared the change of Regulation – B06.04 The FIDE Regulations for the Appointment of Arbiters in World Events, now we wait for its approval by Council
- Contacted all Lecturers that were inactive in last years to get information about their interest to continue as Lecturers or to quit it
- Organized the process of Disciplinary cases, had a meeting with members of Disciplinary subcommittee, they started dealing with first two disciplinary cases, no the first one is almost finished, waiting just for written decision
- Worked on other regulations – Online Chess regulation and implementation of eBoard together with Rules Commission
- Prepare the Call of interest that should be launched in these days to get information about arbiters and also to be able to prepare proposal for new panels
- Made proposals for arbiters for FIDE World Events, here we appreciate the cooperation with all FIDE relevant bodies (GSC, EVE) as well as communication with the FIDE President, Mr. Dvorkovich
- Continued the work on other topics – new regulation for Stipend for arbiters, Refresher courses
- Checked the FA seminars, discussed with Lecturers the tests and organization of these seminars
- With the support of UAE and Mahdi Abdulrahim we prepare the personal meeting of ARB with Councilors in Dubai, starting on September 1st till September 4th.

Goals to be achieved in next period:

- Get further with the topic of Refresher courses for arbiters, prepare an online course for them, so they understand the need for continuous studying to keep the pace of all changes and new information in chess. Here we did a change in team leader, as Mr. Alex McFarlain has some serious health issues, we asked IA Laurent Freud to lead the team working on this topic, it was well received, he already proposed a vision, now is going to discuss the roles with other members of this team
- Continue the process of licenses and classes of arbiters, here we would appreciate some IT support from FIDE to make it more automatically with the process of licenses, we had a meeting with the IT team, lets wait for the result
- Continue and keep the high level of FA seminars
- Propose arbiters for World Events, with respect to gender, geographic areas as well as to give a chance to new and suitable arbiters
- Prepare the proposal of arbiter in Panels to be discussed with the Team of Consultants
- Work on another topics that arise during this period.

2) FIDE ARBITERS SEMINARS

In the period from March 19th, 2023 and July 16th, 2023 fourteen (14) FIDE ARBITERS' SEMINARS were organized in the following places and dates, under the auspices of FIDE. For thirteen (13), report and results have been published on the FIDE website:

- 1. 130th Internet Based Seminar, ASIAN CHESS FEDERATION, 17 – 19 March 2023**
25 participants from 11 Federations,
- 2. Singapore, SINGAPORE, 06 – 09 April 2023**
18 participants from 2 Federations,
- 3. Tashkent, UZBEKISTAN, 14 – 16 April 2023**
16 participants from 3 Federations,
- 4. 131st Internet Based Seminar, ENGLAND, 15 – 23 April 2023**
23 participants from 9 Federations,
- 5. 132nd Internet Based Seminar, RUSSIA, 20 – 23 April 2023**
17 participants from 5 Federations,
- 6. Warsaw, POLAND, 22 – 23 April 2023**
28 participants from 1 Federation,
- 7. Sandakan, MALAYSIA, 17 – 20 May 2023**
15 participants from 2 Federations,
- 8. Durres, ALBANIA, 19 – 21 May 2023**
11 participants from 5 Federations,
- 9. 134th Internet Based Seminar, ASIAN CHESS FEDERATION, 25 – 28 May 2023**
25 participants from 5 Federations,
- 10. 133rd Internet Based Seminar, EUROPEAN CHESS UNION, 26 – 29 May 2022**
20 participants from 13 Federations,
- 11. Bangkok, THAILAND, 6 – 10 January 2023**
20 participants from 7 Federations,
- 12. 135th Internet Based Seminar, ASIAN CHESS FEDERATION, 22 – 26 June 2023**
21 participants from 10 Federations,
- 13. Melbourne, AUSTRALIA, 01 – 08 July 2023**
10 participants from 1 Federation.



Map 1 – Seminars reported for the 2nd FIDE Council 2023

A few statistics (based on received reports to date):

249 arbiters from 60 Federations took part in 13 seminars.

232 arbiters took part in the exam.

164 arbiters passed the exam and achieved FA Norm (*see Appendix A for the full list*).

3) APPLICATIONS TO BE VALIDATED BY THE COUNCIL

Incomplete applications at the time of reporting were skipped for now and postponed to the next report for recommendations to the FIDE Council.

That means that only *Approved* and *Rejected* applications will be listed as recommendations below.

a) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IA AND FA TITLE APPLICATIONS

For the 2nd FIDE Council 2023, the Arbiters' Commission received 191 applications for Arbiters Titles. 67 IA, and 124 FA title applications were submitted for consideration by the Commission. 156 applications are approved, 24 rejected, and 11 postponed to the next Council.

Note 1: One application from the 1st FIDE Council 2023 was rejected by missing complete information about some tournaments. Federations sent clarifications and the recommendation is to approve FA title retroactively (4th April 2023):

- Tanner, Rene (1303740, SUI) - FA Title.

Appendix B contains the recommendations of the Arbiters' Commission for the IA and FA title applications that have been submitted for approval by the 2nd FIDE Council 2023.

b) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ARBITERS' CLASSIFICATION UPGRADES

For the 2nd FIDE Council 2023, the Arbiters' Commission received 14 applications for Arbiters' classification upgrades:

- 1 category A
- 2 category B
- 11 category C

9 applications are approved and 5 rejected.

Appendix C contains the recommendations of the Arbiters' Commission for the upgrades of the Arbiters' classification that have been submitted for approval by the 2nd FIDE Council 2023.

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