



Fair Play Commission

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I. Commission's Work

The Commission has been actively working on the development of the new system of work:

- I.1 Implementing the Regulations on FPO/FPE Titles
- I.2 Development/Creation of Commission's Protocols
- I.3 Appointments of Fair Play personnel at events
- I.4 Communication with the EVE, GSC & ARB

I.1 Implementing the Regulations on FPO/FPE Titles

By implementing the Regulations on the FPO/FPE Titles, we are building the Fair Play workforce, with the key highlights:

- Framework Establishment: The FPO/FPE Title Regulations have been formulated to govern the granting and recognition of FPO (Fair Play Officer) and FPE (Fair Play Expert) titles.
- Criteria for Awarding Titles: The regulations define the specific criteria that FPO/FPE Candidates must meet to be eligible for FPO/FPE titles.
- Application Process and Title Awarding: Once the evaluation is complete and all requirements are met, FPO/FPE titles are officially awarded to the deserving candidates.

The implementation of the FPO/FPE Title Regulations signifies FPL's commitment to building the workforce, providing new trainees, and recognizing and awarding the FPO/FPE titles, after successful competition of examination and fair play performance at FIDE events. The regulations aim to maintain fairness and uphold the integrity of FPO/FPE titles by establishing clear criteria, a transparent application process, and rigorous evaluation procedures.

I.2 Development/Creation of Commission's Protocols

The Commission has contacted an external collaborator - a security professional, who is helping to create the FPL Event Protocols, Risk Assessment, Security Assessment, and identification of key duties and responsibilities of Fair Play Personnel on FIDE Events.

The Protocols are under revision within the Commission, to be adjusted and modified according to the Commission's needs.

I.3 Appointment of Fair Play personnel at events

In the past few months, the need for FPEs and FPOs has dramatically increased. FIDE has adopted a more stringent Fair Play Policy, and almost all major tournaments now require a Fair Play Team.

We are now in the process of establishing procedures for forwarding nominations to the FIDE President on a more timely basis. This requires more stringent collaboration with a number of subjects, among them EVE, GSC, and ARB, and an appraisal of the needs of each individual event in terms of total FPO/FPEs.

Given the current shortage of well-trained FPOs, the instrument of remote assistance has been widely and effectively used. The most promising/experienced FPEs have been nominated as Event FPOS and were able to perform their task with the remote assistance of one of the existing FPOs. This yielded the double result of securing the tournament and providing training to the Event FPO.

I.4 Communication with EVE, GSC & ARB

The coordination between the Commissions has been initiated to coordinate the needs of the EVE, GSC & ARB Commissions on events.

II. Preparation and organization of Fair Play Seminars

Seminars are critical to the implementation of the FPL mission. They are the only way to disseminate knowledge and increase the workforce, two very important aspects of our current work. It is not exaggerated to say that the development of Seminar syllabuses and the organization of seminars in all the major FIDE areas are among the key goals for this term.

The Commission has been planning 3 FPL Seminars to be held this year -

1. Baku, Azerbaijan (World Cup)
2. Oslo, Norway (1-3 September)
3. Durres, Albania (ECC)

The initial preparations have been undergoing in communication with the hosting federations:

II.1 - AZE via Ms. Umudova

II.2 - NOR via FPL Member - Lasse Ostebo Lovik and the Secretary of the Norwegian Chess Federation - Ms. Kristine Marie Ganz

II.3 - ALB via WOM Commission's Chair - Anastasia Sorokina

II.1 Seminar in Baku

The seminar in Baku has been agreed upon and will be held during the World Cup, from the 31st of July to the 4th of August

(<https://fpl.fide.com/2023/06/19/fide-fair-play-seminar-in-baku-azerbaijan-during-the-world-cup-2023/>)

II.2 Seminar in Oslo

In June, a meeting was held with the Secretary of the Norwegian Chess Federation, Ms. Kristine Marie Ganz, and Mr. Pelle Mykland (organization secretary). On the FLP Side, Chair and Secretary attended.

On the 14th of June, an email was received with the notice that the President of the Norwegian Chess Federation and the Board had discussed the matter and had decided that this was not the right time for Norway to host this seminar. The seminar was canceled.

II.3 Seminar in Durres

In coordination and collaboration with the WOM Commission Chair, the Durres seminar has been agreed upon from the 4th till the 7th of October. The WOM Commission will cover ten places for female attendees at the seminar with a special price of 1000 EUR. The seminar should be announced at the beginning of August.

Further talks are ongoing for organizing seminars in other places.

III. Fair Play Equipment

Operating Fair Play requires expensive devices: thermal scanners, non-linear scanners, frequency detectors, etc. In the years, Fair Play has accumulated a few such devices, the management of which presented significant challenges.

A more systematic approach shall be developed, which FPL will have to devise in agreement with FIDE Management. There need to be procedures in place for the procurement, transfer, and storage of the devices, which we are currently in the process of defining.

IV. Future Developments

The current work is aimed at:

- a) Education of FPL members
- b) Strengthening control mechanisms
- c) Seminar/training programs
- d) Increasing the number of FPEs/FPOs
- e) Defining Procedures for the Legal Department
- f) Updating regulations
- g) Defining procedures for the appointment of Fair Play teams

a) Education of FPL members

FPL is in the course of securing training sessions with a security professional. The goal is to improve specific anti-cheating knowledge and bring it into the Commission's acquis.

b) Strengthening control mechanisms

Once improved anti-cheating knowledge rests with FPL, control mechanisms will be adapted to the new awareness. This includes devising a Fair Play Protocol, a process that has already started but which is expected to be ongoing.

c) Seminar/training programs

Training programs and Seminars are at the core of FPL's activity. With experience, we plan to produce teaching materials and spread knowledge and awareness around the FIDE Community. It is of the utmost importance that we organize Seminars at least on a quarterly basis so as to bring Fair Play culture in all major FIDE areas. Given the substantial costs associated with seminars, it is likely that FPL may invest some of its budget to promote seminars in developing areas.

d) Increasing the number of FPEs/FPOs

This is a byproduct of the Seminar strategy. By holding many seminars, we will have many new aspiring FPEs and FPOs. This will solve one of the Commission's current bottle-neck, i.e., lack of qualified personnel. Unfortunately, this is not going to be an instant solution, but by the end of the term, the situation should be radically improved.

e) Defining Procedures for the Legal Department

The newly established Legal Department has started working and produced excellent reports. However, the amount of work is such that there is a need for establishing procedures that can streamline their work. Some of these will require changes to current regulations.

f) Updating regulations

This is a non-stop challenge for FPL and one we have not been up to in the recent past, as we have been thoroughly involved in more practical matters. However, we have started the process, and we plan to bring some changes by end of year.

g) Defining procedures for the appointment of Fair Play teams

Finally, one major area of improvement is the procedures for appointing Fair Play Teams at events. This requires sharing data with multiple FIDE Commissions and the creation of a calendar/database. The needs of each individual event need to be determined, and the financials discussed; then the right FPO/FPEs need to be appointed, if necessary, with remote supervision. This process is going to be harder on Year 1 (because of the need to establish the numbers of the Fair Play Team and also because of the lack of routine), but should be smoother once the procedures are in place. The system should be fully operational by end of 2024.

V. Final Wording

We would like to express our gratitude to the FIDE Management Board and FIDE Council for their support and dedication in passing the regulations and the approval for establishing a systematic approach for appointments and training of FPL specialists. Establishing a comprehensive framework for the appointments and training of FPL specialists is a significant milestone in the chess community. FIDE's commitment to maintaining the highest standards of creating a safe and fair environment for the players is truly commendable. We would also like to express our appreciation for considering the fine-tuning of requirements for the Fair Play Control and Procedures requirements at the FIDE Circuit events. It is essential to continually evaluate and enhance the regulations to adapt to the evolving challenges in the realm of competitive chess. As we move forward, we believe that a fair play control system at FIDE Circuit events

should incorporate elements from the FPL Regulations, taking into account the specific needs and nuances of such tournaments.

The Commission is working on further improvements to its work and regulations. The year's main tasks are implementing the Title Regulations and holding seminars to train the new workforce.

The need for at least one more Commission meeting in person (with a duration of at least three (3) days) is addressed.

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