

DIS report to FIDE Council in JUNE

General strategy of FIDE DIS activities during the pandemic and global isolation period:

1. Online chess competitions planning and delivery.
2. Online seminars planning and delivery.
3. Handbook updates re DIS guidelines and chapters
4. Coming back to the over the board competitions discussions and perspectives
5. Improvement of the disable list in FIDE website and exploring all possibilities that individually any disable chess player can interact with FIDE
6. Global campaign for the social benefits of disabled people playing chess in November/December 2020
7. Long term plans of DIS commission

1. Online chess competitions planning and delivery

1.1. 1st FIDE Online Cup for the players with disabilities.

Date: 21 May 2020

Platform: playchess.com

Participants: 38 participants

Countries: 28 national federations

Prize fund: 2200 euros (cash) will be sent out to the winners' bank accounts.

Conclusion: the event was organized successfully. With some minor problems of few participants to manage the online engine, FIDE DIS succeeded to organize the event on a good level. We received a positive feedback from many participants who requested FIDE to have more online events for disabled players.

1.2. 1st FIDE Online Junior Cup for the players with disabilities.

Date: 21 June 2020

Platform: playchess.com

Participants: expecting more than 30 participants

Countries: from more than 15 countries.

Prize fund: around 1000 euros which will be spent for the prize souvenirs and merchandising products which will be sent out to the winners and participants.

Status: expecting for the regulations to be approved by MB and proceed with sending them out to the national federations and publish on the FIDE website and social media to attract more participants.

1.3. 1st FIDE Online Team Cup for the players with disabilities

FIDE DIS plans to organize a team event on 21 July 2020 with more than 15-20 teams as a trial team event before the 1st FIDE Online World Chess Olympiad Competition for disabled 2020.

1.4. Budget for all 3 online events

As announced during the meeting of DIS with the FIDE President, the total budget for all 3 online events is 10.000 euros

1.5. 1st FIDE Online World Chess Olympiad Competition for disabled 2020

FIDE DIS will join the preparation and delivery of the Competition for disabled 2020 in the frameworks of the Online World Chess Olympiad 2020. FIDE DIS plans to invite the selected for 2021 teams and make an online competition. The budget and prize fund is to be advised by FIDE MB/FIDE Council.

2. Online seminars planning and delivery.

2.1. FIDE DIS plans to organize an **online Seminar for Arbiters** who works with the players with disabilities concurrent with the Online Competition for disabled 2020. The organizational and delivery plan will be submitted in due time for FIDE Council approval.

2.2 Online Seminar “Equal Opportunities” for Arbiters Trainers and Organizers

After the success of the 1st Seminar “Equal Opportunities” in 2019, DIS in cooperation with ECU will organize the online edition. The organizational and delivery plan will be submitted in due time for FIDE Council approval.

3. Handbook updates

DIS started the update for regulations with players with disabilities and some documents are ready, review is ongoing

4. Coming back to the over the board competitions discussions and perspectives

Postponement of World Individual Championship for Disabled (in Dresden/Germany) and

World Junior Championship for Disabled (in Denver/USA)

for 1 year due to Corona Virus.

Approval from FIDE Council needed

DIS will explore any possibility to organize a small over the board event with a sponsor in late October

5. Improvement of the disable list in FIDE website and exploring all possibilities that individually any disable chess player can interact with FIDE

DIS started to work on this project and we believe that till the end of 2020, it will be possible that any disable player in the world can register directly to FIDE list

The DIS website is already in the domain: dis.fide.com

and the rating system fully synchronized with FIDE website ratings

6. Global campaign for the social benefits of disabled people playing chess in November/December 2020

December 3rd is the celebration day for disabilities

DIS in coordination with the FIDE team in social media and press will start a campaign 10 days before, informing the disable community for the benefits of Chess for all people with disabilities

7. Long term plans of DIS commission

7.1 Progress in 2020 regarding DIS long term plan of including chess in Paralympic games

Joint work with Hungarian CF for including Chess into Paralympics

7.2 Chess to be Demonstration Sport at Tokio Paralympics 2021.

Approval from Fide Council needed for further DIS action.