



ARBITERS' COMMISSION (ARB)

Report to the 3rd Quarter FIDE COUNCIL 2020

(Online, September 30th, 2020)

The present report covers the commission's activity in the period between May 27th, 2020 and September 15th, 2020. It was prepared in collaboration with Nebojsa BARALIC, Secretary of the Commission.

During the 3rd quarter 2020, while the main activity worldwide was still online, the work of the commission focused on the education of arbiters with a Pilot Refresher Course in July and updates of the training regulations for arbiters. Among the highlights for the period, new chapters for the Arbiters' Manual were designed and our new website moved online. We also welcomed new members in the team. We wish to thank all members, arbiters and people from other commissions who contributed!

1) MEETINGS AND REPRESENTATION

a) ARB MONTHLY ONLINE MEETINGS

Two Monthly Online Meetings were hosted during the period:

4th Meeting - August 10th, 2020

5th Meeting - September 14th, 2020

A consensus was found to host the monthly meetings on a fixed time slot on the second Monday of each month. This will greatly help in the regularity of our meetings.

The level of attendance so far is particularly good, with 18 members out of 20 in August and 15 out of 20 in September.

As FIDE acquired a Zoom license for commissions, we also migrated to this corporate system to host our meetings.

b) CROSS COMMISSION MEETING ABOUT ONLINE & RC, TEC, SPP Objectives

On the 11th of August, an online meeting was held by the newly created FIDE Technical and Administrative Department (TAD). 2 topics were on the agenda: online chess regulations and RC, TEC & SPP objectives. The commission was represented by the Chairman Laurent Freyd and the Secretary Nebojsa Baralic.

About Online Chess, a cross commission task force was formed with 1 member from each participating commission. The ARB Chairman will represent the commission in the task force, while several members volunteered to take part in the project and will be involved in providing inputs: Secretary Nebojsa Baralic, Honorary Chairman Panagiotis Nikolopoulos, Councillors Shohreh Bayat and Omar Salama and Member Alex McFarlane.

About RC, TEC & SPP objectives, the team previously prepared a feedback summary and was mainly present as observer.

c) WORKSHOP ON ONLINE CHESS IN ARABIC LANGUAGE

Following the FIDE and ECU Webinar on Online Chess, a Workshop on the same topic was organized on the June 19th, 2020 by the Arbiters' Commission of the Asian Chess Federation in Arabic language. Our commission was honoured to be invited and our chairman Laurent Freyd shared an introductory speech with the audience. The seminar was led by IA Mahdi Abdulrahim (chairman of ACF Arbiters Commission, Chairman of the FIDE Rules commission) and IA Hassan Khaled (EGY) the FIDE Rules commission councillor.

d) AFRICA CHESS NEWS GROUP - TELEGRAM ARB Q&A SESSION

The Africa Chess News Group hosted a Q&A session on Telegram, on August 1st, 2020.

The host, IA Peter Duke Michieka Kingoina from Kenya invited our Chairman Laurent Freyd for 2 hours of questions and answers with people from all over Africa, interested in subjects related to the FIDE ARB Commission and arbiters in general.

Topics such as plans, development, education, selection of arbiters in events like the Olympiad were covered. The exchanges were very rich, and we highly appreciate the opportunity to interact.

2) <u>ADMINISTRATION AND KPI'S</u>

a) OPERATIONAL PROCESSES

Administrative processes are handled in collaboration with the National Federations and the FIDE Office. Now that we have more than one year of operations by the new team and we implemented structured data, we created a few metrics which will be covered in that section of the report every time. *In charge for the commission: Nebojsa BARALIC, Laurent FREYD.*

i) LICENSING PROCESS

Slight increase in Q3, as some over-the-board tournaments start to be organized again.

| | Number of licenses (confirmation date) | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------|--|-----|----|-----|----|------|------|-------|------|-------|
| Licensing | Month | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | YTD | LYTD | Delta | LY | Delta |
| NA | 37 | 337 | 78 | 110 | 0 | 525 | 999 | -474 | 1372 | -847 |
| FA-D | 0 | 289 | 6 | 55 | 0 | 350 | 430 | -80 | 538 | -188 |
| FA-C | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 8 | 6 | 2 |
| IA-D | 0 | 84 | 1 | 20 | 0 | 105 | 168 | -63 | 224 | -119 |
| IA-C | 0 | 38 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 58 | 23 | 35 | 50 | 8 |
| IA-B | 0 | 24 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 32 | 33 | -1 | 43 | -11 |
| IA-A | 0 | 10 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 18 | 10 | 8 | 17 | 1 |
| Total | 37 | 782 | 86 | 228 | 0 | 1096 | 1663 | -567 | 2250 | -1154 |

<u>Legend</u>: YTD: Year To Date; LYTD: Last Year to Date, LY: Last Year (Full year)

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ii) SEMINAR MANAGEMENT

The level of activity in seminars is significantly lower than 2019 due to the Covid (35% less trainees).

| | | Number of seminars (date of seminar end) | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|--|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--|
| Seminar | Month | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | YTD | LYTD | Delta | LY | Delta | |
| Announced | 3 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | |
| To be reported | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Reported | 0 | 12 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 26 | 44 | -18 | 62 | -36 | |
| Cancelled | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2 | |
| Participants | 0 | 230 | 195 | 88 | 0 | 513 | 783 | -270 | 1239 | -726 | |
| Exam | 0 | 200 | 187 | 85 | 0 | 472 | 644 | -172 | 1051 | -579 | |
| Success | 0 | 135 | 111 | 75 | 0 | 321 | 482 | -161 | 778 | -457 | |
| Success Rate | 0.00% | 67.50% | 59.36% | 88.24% | 0.00% | 68.01% | 74.84% | - | 74.02% | - | |

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Text in black: stats on seminars; Text in blue: stats on participants

iii) TITLE MANAGEMENT

The direct impact from Covid on title applications is still high (-50% vs 2019).

| | Number of applications (date of application) | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|--|----|----|----|----|-----|------|-------|-----|-------|
| Titles | Month | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | YTD | LYTD | Delta | LY | Delta |
| FA | 15 | 53 | 35 | 40 | 0 | 128 | 243 | -115 | 343 | -215 |
| IA | 3 | 25 | 19 | 10 | 0 | 54 | 130 | -76 | 168 | -114 |
| Total | 18 | 78 | 54 | 50 | 0 | 182 | 373 | -191 | 511 | -329 |

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b) INTERNAL ORGANISATION

Following the 2nd Quarter FIDE Council 2020, new members joined the commission: Rohan Waithe (BAR), Aris Marghetis (CAN), Han Yajun (CHN) and Jens Wolter (GER).

Omar Salama (ISL) and Mohamed Abdulla Mohamed (SOM) are nominated councillors.

The Commission thanks the members leaving the team for their past involvement: Mohamed El Husseiny (EGY), Jose Martinez Garcia (MEX) and Umesh KC (NEP).

3) PROJECTS

a) ONLINE CHESS

See §1.b

b) <u>IMPROVING TITLE APPLICATIONS</u>

The FIDE Arbiters' Commission hosted an online workshop for federations on arbiters' title applications on June 18th, 2020 on the FIDE Youtube Channel: https://youtu.be/BMA0ScLGPOo

During the webinar, co-hosted by the Chairman Laurent Freyd, the Secretary Nebojsa Baralic and the member in charge of title evaluations, Jirina Prokopova, the following subjects were covered:

- how to fill in and validate an arbiter's norm
- how to select norms for a valid application
- how to check data related to an application

Hundreds of participants from many federations worldwide took part live or viewed the webinar later and the aim of the commission is to make it easier for the federation officials to prepare applications and reduce rework on both their side and the FIDE side.

c) INTRODUCING FAIR PLAY REGULATIONS AND BEST PRACTICES

A cross commission initiative between the FPL and the ARB commissions was launched to communicate about cheating, regulations, case studies and best practices for arbiters and organizers.

On June 26th, 2020, a 3,5-hour online workshop was hosted on the FIDE Zoom platform https://youtu.be/tf99gMlO8Hw

The webinar was co-hosted by Salomeja Zaksaite, FPL Chairperson, Laurent Freyd, ARB Chairman, Yuri Garrett, FPL Secretary, Nebojsa Baralic, ARB Secretary, Konstantin Landa, FPL Councillor, Klaus Deventer, FPL Member and Michail Prevenios, FPL Member.

This was again a great opportunity to encourage cross commission work, as well as interaction with arbiters worldwide.

4) <u>REGULATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS</u>

a) ARBITERS' MANUAL

During the online meeting with the FIDE President in May, the commission committed to deliver a new release of the Arbiters' Manual by the end of the summer in view of publishing it as an eBook. Following that meeting, a poll was open to understand from arbiters worldwide, what topics they wished to add to the manual and the team worked on preparing 2 new chapters, in addition to improvement of the existing comments, under the leadership of Councillor Shohreh Bayat. The new chapters are a sample of questions for the FIDE Arbiter's exam and guidelines for duties of arbiters in online chess.

Due to the ongoing activities about online chess mentioned in $\S 1.b$, the publication is postponed until final conclusions by the task force. However, the Commission is proud that the proposed evolutions were delivered on time according to the plan and involved actors from other commissions too.

b) REGULATIONS FOR ARBITERS

During the last quarter, the main progresses on the preparation of the future regulations for arbiters were achieved in the Education sector, as well as on the licensing lifecycle. It was decided during the last monthly meeting, following the view to increase the quality of arbiters, that the activity/inactivity of arbiters would be triggered by the attendance in a refresher course, in replacement of the current regulations based on the sole renewal of the license.

The commission will prepare a new version of regulations for the training of arbiters according to the new lifecycle; licensing and classification of arbiters for the coming FIDE Congress 2020.

In a second wave (by 2021), the regulations for the selection of arbiters in world events will be fully designed. The current step of this project is an evaluation of what is done in other sports, to have references of working systems.

5) EDUCATION OF ARBITERS

a) EDUCATION TEAM

The key deliverable of the quarter is the organization of a Pilot Online Refresher Course. 4 sessions of 3 hours were organized in July, with a group of selected arbiters from all continents. The participants were requested to provide feedback on the topics and ways to present subjects, so that the commission could fine tune before publishing official regulations and guidelines.

This event was successful and the commission would like to thank the arbiters who accepted to be our "guineapigs". The seminar was lectured by a team of FIDE lecturers who invested their time in a thorough preparation too: Alex McFarlane, ARB EDU lead, Shohreh Bayat, Laurent Freyd, Aris Margetis, Jirina Prokopova.

During this quarter, the Education Team also started a review of FA seminar exams, in collaboration with the lecturers. This is a new step forward in the harmonization of practices among lecturers worldwide. Short term, each lecturer keeps the lead on hi exam, however the commission reviews it prior to the seminar and may ask for amendments. Long term, the idea is that the exams would be centrally managed, but this will require some IT investments, to implement a Learning Management System (LMS).

b) FIDE ARBITERS SEMINARS

i) REPORTED FA SEMINARS

In the period from the May 26th, 2020 till the September 16th, 2020 thirteen (13) FIDE ARBITERS' SEMINARS were organized in the following places and dates, under the auspices of FIDE. For eleven (11), reports and results have been published on the FIDE website:

- 1. **76th Internet Based Seminar, FRANCE, 26 May 21 June 2020** 18 participants from 3 Federations,
- 2. 77th Internet Based Seminar, USA, 5 8 June 2020 19 participants from 1 Federation,
- 3. **72nd Internet Based Seminar, KENYA, 15 19 June 2020** 19 participants from 10 Federations,
- **4. 75th Internet Based Seminar, ITALY, 15 20 June 2020** 13 participants from 9 Federations,
- 5. 78th Internet Based Seminar, SPAIN, 17 21 June 2020 24 participants from 6 Federations,
- 6. **79th Internet Based Seminar, ENGLAND, 20 28 June 2020*** 11 participants from 5 Federations,
- 7. Lazy, POLAND, 1-5 July 2020 13 participants from 1 Federation,
- 8. 81st Internet Based Seminar, ASIAN CHESS FEDERATION, 4 8 July 2020 20 participants from 1 Federation,
- 9. 82nd Internet Based Seminar, PHILIPPINES, 10 12 July 2020 25 participants from 8 Federations,
- 10. 83rd Internet Based Seminar, UZBEKISTAN, 13 15 July 2020 16 participants from 7 Federations,
- 11. 80th Internet Based Seminar, CCA, 18 25 August 2020 Organized by the CONFEDERATION OF CHESS FOR AMERICAS,
 - Note: report received September 2^{nd} , 2020 and the validation process is underway data not reported in all statistics,
- 12. Gladenbach, GERMANY, 27-30 August 2020

14 participants from 1 Federation,

- **13. 84th Internet Based Seminar, JAPAN, 5 13 September 2020** Organized by the JAPAN CHESS FEDERATION,
 - Note: the seminar finished three days ago.
- * Due to the Covid19 pandemic, seminars marked with a star were initially scheduled as standard (Hull, ENGLAND, 19-21 June 2020) was migrated to 100% online seminars.



Map 1 - Seminars reported for the 3rd FIDE Council 2020

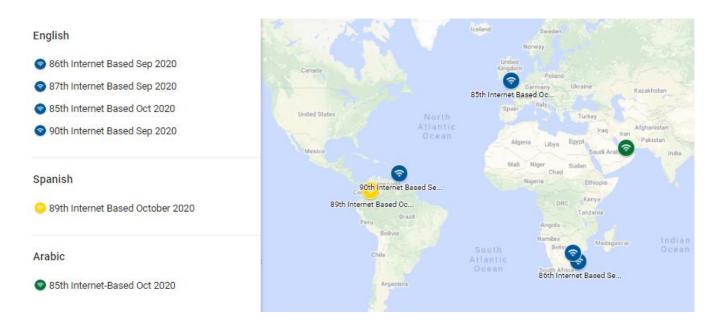
A few statistics (based on received reports to date):

- 192 arbiters from 44 Federations took part in 11 seminars.
- 189 arbiters took part in the exam.
- 137 arbiters passed the exam and 135 achieved an FA Norm (see Appendix A for the full list).
- 2 direct titles were submitted for validation from this period.

ii) ANNOUNCED FA SEMINARS

The following FIDE Arbiters' Seminars have been approved to be organized in the next period and published on the FIDE website by September 16th:

- 1. 86th Internet Based Seminar, Africa Chess Confederation and KwaZulu Natal Chess Academy, 14 18 September 2020
 - Organized by AFRICA CHESS CONFEDERATION,
- 2. 87th Internet Based Seminar, RSA, 18 27 September 2020 Organized by CHESS SOUTH AFRICA,
- 3. 90th Internet Based Seminar, BARBADOS, 16 September 4 October 2020 Organized by BARBADOS CHESS FEDERATION,
- **4. 85th Internet Based Seminar, ASIAN CHESS FEDERATION, 15 19 October 2020** Organized by ASIAN CHESS FEDERATION,
- 5. 89th Internet Based Seminar, COLOMBIA, 30 October 7 November 2020 Organized by COLOMBIA CHESS FEDERATION,
- 6. 88th Internet Based Seminar, WALES, 31 October 8 November 2020 Organized by WALES CHESS FEDERATION,



Map 2 – Seminars announced by September 16th 2020

6) ARBITERS SELECTION IN FIDE EVENTS

As requested during the 2nd Quarter Council Meeting 2020, the commission is preparing a webinar in order to share in more details about the nomination of arbiters. The webinar is planned for September 28th, 2020.

7) **COMMUNICATION**

a) WEBSITE

The new ARB website was moved online on August 18th, 2020. This was the result of both a technical work to migrate from the old website, thanks to the help of Vladimir Kukaev and Irina from the FIDE IT department; and a redesign work from the commission, to reorganize topics in a way that is easier to navigate, under the leadership of our Secretary Nebojsa Baralic.

The standard operations on the website were covered for the period between May 26th, 2020 and September 16th, 2020. We published 32 posts on https://arbiters.fide.com with news, seminar announcements and reports; and the weekly update of the list of licensed arbiters was done every Monday. *The Website Administrator is Nebojsa Baralic*.

b) **SOCIAL MEDIA**

No significant actions on social media during the reported period.

8) <u>COMPLAINTS AND DISCIPLINARY</u>

No disciplinary case in progress nor decided at the end of the period.

9) APPLICATIONS TO BE VALIDATED BY THE COUNCIL

The evaluation of arbiters' title applications or category upgrade is extremely time consuming for the commission and the FIDE title administrator. This is especially the case when applications are incomplete (missing information like names, dates, signatures; missing norms or IT3; missing names on the FIDE rating server) or incorrect (invalid tournaments or mix of tournaments).

For the current session, 35% of the applications are not valid due to missing information.

As for these applications (conditioned by receiving the missing elements), the federations were contacted and 25 applications could be corrected in a short time. The remaining 6 applications will be skipped for now and postponed to the next Council Meeting.

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

a) <u>RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IA AND FA TITLE APPLICATIONS</u>

For the 3rd quarter FIDE Council 2020, the Arbiters' Commission received 87 applications for Arbiters Titles. 25 IA and 62 FA title applications were submitted for consideration by the Commission. 73 applications are approved, 15 rejected and 6 postponed to the next session.

Appendix B contains the recommendations of the Arbiters' Commission for the IA and FA title applications that have been submitted for approval by the 3rd quarter FIDE Council 2020.

b) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ARBITERS' CLASSIFICATION UPGRADES

For the 3rd quarter FIDE Council 2020, the Arbiters` Commission received 6 applications for Arbiters` classification upgrades:

- 4 category B
- 2 category C

5 applications are approved and 1rejected.

Appendix C contains the recommendations of the Arbiters' Commission for the upgrades of the Arbiters' classification that have been submitted for approval by the 3rd quarter FIDE Council 2020.

c) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO THE FIDE LECTURERS LIST

For the 3rd Quarter FIDE Council 2020, the Arbiters` Commission received one request for approval and recommends the following:

- IA BIAGIOLI MARCO (ITA, 841285), REJECTED – Only 2 valid norms: the FIDE Lecturer Norm from the Rhodes Seminar 2019 is not valid.

IA LAURENT FREYD CHAIRMAN FIDE ARBITERS' COMMISSION

List of arbiters who passed the FIDE Arbiter exam and achieved FA Title and FA Norm

- FA Direct Titles

| Seminar | FIDE ID | Name | FED | Result |
|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----|----------|
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 15208788 | Jacobus J Schutte. | NAM | FA Title |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 31001173 | Almazar, Jude Vinly A | GUM | FA Title |

- FA Norms

| Seminar | FIDE ID | Name | FED | Result |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|-----|---------|
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 623113 | Degraeve, Jean-Pierre | FRA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 20667825 | Bregnac, Nicolas | FRA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 45145865 | Fossella, Manuel | FRA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 2823964 | Casalini, Brunetto | ITA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 656836 | Barbaut, Michel | FRA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 220574 | Scaillet, Timothe | BEL | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 20630921 | Denis, Vincent | FRA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 602094 | Lebret, Jean-Michel | FRA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 20631308 | Jarrier, Francis | FRA | FA Norm |
| 76th Internet Based Jun 2020 (FRA) | 20642334 | Argente, Lucie | FRA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 2059053 | Tillis. Bryan | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30925002 | Mayer, Jacob | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 2071673 | Huerta, Enrique | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30955254 | Getty, Robert | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30927030 | Pointer, Richard | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30974240 | Forbes, Jeffrey R | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30972043 | Yoon, Lance | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30904323 | Rubinberg, Adam | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30966469 | Sinha, Grishmeshwar Prasad | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 2089513 | Heck, Karl T | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30944120 | De Marchi-Blumstein, Alessandro | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30974224 | May, Norm L | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 2053187 | Nash, Damian | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30911435 | Singler, Jonathon | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 30974178 | Govindan, Balagee | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 2056410 | Sprechman, Hal | USA | FA Norm |
| 77th Internet Based Jun 2020 (USA) | 2086603 | Rockefeller V, John D | USA | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 1272084 | Brinkmann, Leonard | GER | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 397229 | Huna, Rostislav | CZE | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 831760 | Lombardo, Claudio | ITA | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 10821406 | Njeri Caroline | KEN | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 10811214 | Chege, Caleb | KEN | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 6347096 | Gulec, Engin | TUR | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 26353946 | Kurtulus, Kadri Merih | TUR | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 44536526 | Erol, Ahmet | TUR | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 33344892 | Sandeep | IND | FA Norm |

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| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 10809112 | Maina, Franklin Wanjau | KEN | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 10802711 | Bolo, Ronald | KEN | FA Norm |
| 72nd Internet Based Jun 2020 (KEN) | 10803734 | Kionga, Anthony | KEN | FA Norm |
| 75th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ITA) | 2800131 | Migliorini, Antonello | ITA | FA Norm |
| 75th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ITA) | 22227172 | Muratet Carmona, Alexandra | AND | FA Norm |
| 75th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ITA) | 1621432 | Froewis, Annika | AUT | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 24570230 | Ramon Herraez, Mireia | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 2211874 | Leiro Giralt, Daniel | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 2224810 | Rincon Aguera, Juan Antonio | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 2203600 | De Prado Rodriguez, Oscar Bruno | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 24576174 | Garcia Suarez, Belarmino | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 2295784 | Rodriguez Falcon, David | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 24592587 | Romero Martinez de Zabarte, Raqu | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 2226472 | Arias Torio, Sergio | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 32008643 | Menendez Menendez, Mario | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 54536847 | Maldonado Valdivia, German | ESP | FA Norm |
| 78th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ESP) | 22202692 | Valhondo Morales, Ruben | ESP | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 1504533 | Kvisla, Johannes Luangtep | NOR | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 458996 | Beckett, Phill | ENG | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 30932599 | Mize, Dylan | USA | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 437514 | Green, Michael | ENG | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 8612056 | Lu, Chun Rong | ENG | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 474282 | Chiu, Chun | ENG | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 471860 | Billington-Phillips, Emma-Jane | ENG | FA Norm |
| 79th Internet Based Jun 2020 (ENG) | 449717 | Chiu, Hok | ENG | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 21012288 | Fitt, Zbigniew | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1161946 | Niedzwiecki, Miroslaw | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 21824860 | Przybylski, Jacek | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 21817910 | Roslon, Oskar | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 21817936 | Skocz, Maciej | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1127128 | Sliwicki, Damian | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1149318 | Banach, Szymon | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1167812 | Lukasiewicz, Przemyslaw | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1163124 | Rymarowicz, Pawel | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1115570 | Wieczorek, Janusz | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1181220 | Wisniewski, Jaroslaw | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1135414 | Adamczewski, Jedrzej | POL | FA Norm |
| Lazy Jul 2020 (POL) | 1121421 | Kamieniecki, Tomasz | POL | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 22572902 | Hoseinian, Najmeh Alsadat | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12542016 | Kamaki, Navid | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12528188 | Alipour, Arman | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12527521 | Khajoee, Gholamreza | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12545090 | Abbasi, Zahra | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 22507469 | Derakhshandeh, Elham | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12541893 | Moradi, Shirin | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12588288 | Jafari Pour, Sayed Farzad | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12558346 | Sedghiani, Fahime | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12524255 | Goodarzi, Hamid | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12596507 12588687 | Minaei, Roshanak | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 1230008/ | Tabakhian, Neda | IRI | FA Norm |

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| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12542806 | Hamlbar Mojarad, Sharareh | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 22531556 | Noorafkan, Siavash | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12588237 | Jafari ghalehshoori, Asieh | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12535699 | Kafi, Maryam | IRI | FA Norm |
| 81st Internet Based Jul 2020 (ACF) | 12593338 | Taherkhani, Manizheh | IRI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5200393 | Villamayor, Buenaventura | SGP | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5261066 | Amen, Donard | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 16300688 | Loftus, John | TPE | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 115203666 | Reyes, Rey | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5261074 | Aleria, Jose Glenn | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 12404292 | Dang, Thi Quynh Anh | VIE | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5794234 | Guan, Zhen Ning | MAS | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5218020 | Alcala, Alvin | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5209129 | Asi, Emmanuel | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5200695 | Fernandez, Dandel | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5240719 | Francisco, Vincent Paul | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5717787 | Guan, Zhen Chuan | MAS | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5234484 | ORBE, Cliburn Anthony | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 115203719 | Urbiztondo, Rey | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5222877 | Diaz, Christopher | PHI | FA Norm |
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| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5229030 | Radjani, Ajir M. | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5261082 | Rodriguez, Willington | PHI | FA Norm |
| 82nd Internet Based Jul 2020 (PHI) | 5261090 | Torres, Cherryl | PHI | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 14201208 | Turdialiev, Hurshid | UZB | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 12810088 | Balanda, Audrius | LTU | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 14200988 | Filippov, Anton | UZB | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 13805860 | Kasabolotov, Kairat | KGZ | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 13821440 | Keneshbek, Dinara | KGZ | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 13803760 | Kerimzhanov, Azamat | KGZ | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 13800183 | Nurdin Uulu, Sardarbek | KGZ | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 13801732 | Pak, Vadim | KGZ | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 14700930 | Yunusov, Mukhammad | TJK | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 13508717 | Klachkou, Tsimafei | BLR | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 14140870 | Koval, Oleg | UKR | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | | Musaeva, Shakhnazi | | |
| ` ' | 13801643 | , | KGZ | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 14202000 | Sabirova, Shakhnoza | UZB | FA Norm |
| 83rd Internet Based Jul 2020 (UZB) | 13703919 | Sergeyeva, Victoriya | KAZ | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 24603562 | Englert, Jan | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 4623282 | Freundlieb, Thomas | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 24640395 | Karthaus, Carsten | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 12938785 | Giesselbach, Christian | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 12925802 | Kugel, Norbert | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 12901539 | Daemmig, Matthias, Dr. | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 4667980 | Soergel, Thomas | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 24697990 | Stieler, Sebastian | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 24645672 | De Lorenzi, Norbert | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 12913103 | Hoenig, Thomas | GER | FA Norm |
| Gladenbach Aug 2020 (GER) | 16205448 | Law, Robert | GER | FA Norm |

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| FED | FIDE ID | Arbiter's Name | FA Date | IA Date | Current Category | Targetted Category | Approval | | |
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| NOR | 1502921 | Eriksen, Tom | 20-01-13 | 09-12-14 | D | В | YES | | |
| APPRO | APPROVED | | | | | | | | |
| NOR | 1501348 | Lahlum, Hans Olav | | 13-11-00 | С | В | YES | | |
| APPRO | /ED | | | | | | | | |
| NOR | 1511360 | Milvang, Otto | 07-05-13 | 09-12-14 | D | С | YES | | |
| APPRO | /ED | | | | | | | | |
| NOR | 1505629 | Sjol, Henrik | 18-10-09 | 20-02-12 | D | В | YES | | |
| APPRO | /ED | | | | | | | | |
| FRA | 620726 | Moreau, David | | 05-05-15 | С | В | YES | | |
| APPRO | APPROVED | | | | | | | | |
| IRI | 12510653 | Jamadi Baher, Saeed | 01-02-16 | 17-10-17 | D | С | NO | | |
| REJECT | ED: Less than | 2 C-level tournaments. | | | | | | | |