

Fédération International des Échecs



World Chess Federation

Fair Play Commission

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Honourable members of the Fide Council,

In this last quarter of the year, FPL accomplished its programme of preparing new regulatory proposals to be submitted to the forthcoming Fide GA. Major revisions include: a provision for anonymous witnesses, the new definition of assumed cheating, the reversal of the burden of proof for fixed tournaments (assumed match-fixing), a better specification of the standard of proof.

Also, members of the Commission participated in the task force for the development on-line chess regulations and devised specific on-line anti-cheating provisions.

We understand that the contract between Prof. Regan and Fide is now finally being taken care of, and express satisfaction at this turn of events.

At the operational level, it should be noted that the Commission is suffering from constant shortage of human capital. In the past few months, three members left the Commission, a few continue to be completely absent/irrelevant and others still have had health concerns. Most of the work is carried out by the same lot of people (which by the way slows down the work of the Commission) and funds for the Commission are so low that there is no way to compensate the very hard work these members are doing. Both problems have been signalled in the past.

Therefore, we would kindly ask PB to increase funding of the Commission for 2021, so as to be able to remunerate at least the chairs of the individual IPs that need to be set up for each and every case to be investigated, and to issue a "call for members" so as to increase the number of legally and/or technically-trained members of the Commission.

Lastly, we would like to refer to previous proposals that have not been implemented so far, which in our view still require attention, such as:

- the introduction of the roll of Anti-Cheating Lectures
- the introduction of the roll of Anti-Cheating Arbiters
- the implementation by ARB of the obligation for arbiters to report on AC failures by the organizers, as foreseen by Section 1 of the ACPM in force.
- the introduction by ARB of specific sanctions for arbiters who do not check on the implementation AC measures by the organizers and do not report failures on the tournament report.
- the enforcing by EVE of the provision in Section 1 ACPM whereby the Organizer is responsible for implement the relevant Anti-Cheating Protection Measures in the tournament and the introduction specific sanctions for International Organisers who do not materially comply with the ACPM, including removal of title.
- the organization of specific Anti-Cheating Seminars for both Arbiters and Organizers, held by Anti-Cheating Lecturers in cooperation with ARB and EVE where necessary;
- the institutionalization of Fair Play Panels at all major (on-line and OTB) Fide events;
- liability insurance for FPL and FPP members.

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