

Dear members of the FIDE.

We received a request from the Isle of Man Chess Association to approve them as an Affiliated organization.

Their Constitution is attached.

This application corresponds to the new FIDE Charter:

14.1 The General Assembly, following an advisory opinion of the Council, can be admitted as Affiliated Organisations:

b) associations or organisations which represent some regions or transnational territories;

We all are well aware of the applicant's activities for the benefit of chess, including regular tournaments, such as Grand Swiss in second half of 2019.

The FIDE Council's advices to approve this request.

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Mr Arkady Dvorkovich
President
FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ÉCHECS

Dear Mr Dvorkovich

Application for Isle of Man Chess Association to become an Affiliated Organisation of FIDE

I write on behalf of the Isle of Man Chess Association, the organisation responsible for promoting the playing of chess in the Isle of Man and running the annual Manx Championship, a tournament it has overseen for more than half a century.

Isle of Man's international status is essentially no different to (and no weaker than) that of certain existing FIDE members such as England, Scotland and Wales. Despite this fact, we reluctantly accept that Article 9.4 of the FIDE Charter currently prevents Isle of Man from becoming a member federation because we are not recognised by the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee.

In 2019, our chess friends and colleagues at IOM International Chess Limited successfully organised the FIDE Chess.com Grand Swiss Tournament as part of the FIDE World Championship Cycle. Furthermore, they recently won the bid to host both the 2021 Grand Swiss and the Women's Grand Swiss. In light of this, plus Isle of Man's history of hosting high class international Swiss events extending back to the early 1990s, we believe that it is important that FIDE should acknowledge Isle of Man's status in the chess world, instead of viewing us as part of England. Therefore, under Article 14 of the FIDE Charter, we formally apply to become an Affiliated Organisation of FIDE.

I would like to thank the FIDE Council for agreeing to add our application to the FIDE Online General Assembly agenda for 6 December. I speak on behalf of the whole Isle of Man chess community in saying that we look forward to hearing the outcome with great anticipation and hope that we can become part of the FIDE family as an Affiliated Organisation. Gens Una Sumus.

Yours sincerely



Howard Dobson
Chairman, Isle of Man Chess Association

CONSTITUTION ISLE OF MAN CHESS ASSOCIATION (July 2006)

1. NAME:

The organisation hereinafter called "The Association" shall be "The Isle of Man Chess Association/Club".

2. OBJECTS:

The objects of the Association are:-

A) To promote the playing of chess among the members and generally to promote the interests of chess within the community.

B) To run an annual contest for the individual championship of the Isle of Man ("The Manx Chess Championship and to hold any such competition as the committee may decide.").

3. USE OF NAME:

All cheques issued on behalf of the Association must be signed by any two of the following: Chairman, Secretary or Treasurer.

4. MEMBERS:

There shall be two categories of membership:

A) Full members who are sixteen years of age and above, who have paid the annual subscription agreed at the Annual General Meeting

B) Junior members who have paid the junior annual subscription agreed at Annual General Meeting.

5. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than October 31st each year.

A report and an audited statement of account made up to a date within three months of the date of the AGM shall be presented to the members present at the AGM. A list of equipment (trophies, boards, sets, clocks etc) owned by the Association shall be attached to the accounts.

Only full members who have paid their annual subscription shall be entitled to vote.

6. OFFICERS:

At the AGM the officers of the Association shall be elected and shall ordinarily hold office until the next AGM.

7. COMMITTEE:

The Association shall be managed by a committee consisting of a minimum of 5 officers elected at the AGM. All officers must also be full members of the association. These officers shall normally be:

Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Competitions' Secretary, Grading Officer, Press Officer, Arbiter/s and/or other officers as necessary or to maintain the required minimum of Committee members.

Meetings of the committee shall be summoned by the Chairman or the Secretary, giving at least 14 days notice to all officers.

All members of the committee (including the Chairman) may vote at committee meetings with the Chairman having the casting vote if required.

Any member of the committee may be duly elected to more than one office but is only entitled to one vote at committee meetings.

Any vacancy arising on the committee during the course of a year may be filled by the committee by co-option.

The committee shall have the power to appoint any individual or subcommittee for any purpose during the course of a year. Each individual or subcommittee so appointed shall automatically cease to function at the time of each AGM.

For the purposes of conducting committee business, more than half of the officers must be present in order to form a quorum. Where a quorum is not present, the meeting shall be adjourned to a future date and the secretary shall notify, in writing, all committee members of the date of the adjourned meeting giving at least 14 days notice. Should there still not be a quorum present at the re-convened meeting then the committee members who have not attended either meeting will be deemed to have resigned and any vacancies may be filled by co-option.

8. GENERAL MEETINGS:

Twenty one days notice of all General Meetings shall be given in writing to all Association members.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) of the Association shall be convened by the Secretary within 21 days of receiving such a request signed by not less than twenty percent of the membership. Such a request shall state

the purpose of the meeting and no business other than this shall be transacted at the EGM.

Voting rights at any General Meeting of the Association shall be restricted to full members only.

9. MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Association is subject to the approval of the committee who may accept or reject any application for membership without giving any reason for the decision.

10. SUBSCRIPTIONS:

The subscription fees for each category of membership shall be decided at each AGM and must be paid to the Treasurer within one month of such AGM. In the case of new members, the annual subscription must be tendered with their application to join and shall be returned to the applicant if the application is refused.

11. DISPUTES:

Any disputes within the Association shall be subject to the decision of the committee which shall be final.

12. SMOKING POLICY

Smoking is not permitted in: the playing area; Committee Meetings; General Meetings.

13. THE CONSTITUTION:

This Constitution can be changed only by a General Meeting of the members of the Association. At least 21 days notice of any intended change signed by the proposer and seconder must be given in writing to the Secretary who shall advise the members of such proposal not less than 14 days prior to the date of such a General Meeting.