

Annex 2:

REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CHESS ARBITERS

1. General

- 1.1 These regulations comprise all the aspects concerning the classification of the Chess Arbiters (IA and FA).
- 1.2 The Chess Arbiters (IA and FA) are classified into two (2) general categories: Active (a) and Inactive (i) Arbiters.
- 1.3 An International Arbiter (IA) is considered to be “Inactive” if in a period of two (2) years he has never acted as an Arbiter in any international chess event, according to the Article 4.6 of the Regulations for the Titles of the Arbiters.
- 1.4 A FIDE Arbiter (FA) is considered to be “Inactive” if in a period of two (2) years he has never acted as an Arbiter in any FIDE rated chess event, according to the Article 3.5 of the Regulations for the Titles of the Arbiters.

2. Inactive IA and FA

- 2.1 The Inactive IA and FA are listed in a separate list (List of Inactive Arbiters), which is issued every two (2) years by the Arbiters Commission (AC), in cooperation with the Federations and after the approval of the FIDE General Assembly.
- 2.2 An Inactive IA or FA can be considered as active again, only after acting as an Arbiter in at least two (2) respective chess events (international events for IA and FIDE rated events for FA) and after approval by the AC. The Federation the Arbiter belongs to, shall send an application to the AC, verifying this.

3. Active IA and FA

- 3.1 The Active IA and FA are classified to the following categories:
 - 3.1.1 A' Category
 - 3.1.2 B' Category
 - 3.1.3 C' Category
 - 3.1.4 D' Category
- 3.2 In the A' Category are classified only IA who fulfil all the following criteria:
 - 3.2.1 They have been Active International Arbiters during the last five (5) years.
 - 3.2.2 They have shown excellent knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the Tournament Regulations and no punishments have been imposed to them during their activities as Arbiters.

3.2.3 They have acted as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter:

- a) in at least one (1) major World event (Olympiad, World Individual Championship tournaments and matches, for Men and Women, World Cup, World Team Championships for Men and Women, World Youth, Cadets and Junior Championships) in the period of the last five (5) years, or
- b) in at least five (5) of the events mentioned in 3.3.3. (with at least two different types of tournaments).

3.3 In the B' Category are classified only IA who fulfil all the following criteria:

3.3.1 They have been Active International Arbiters during the last five (5) years.

3.3.2 They have shown excellent knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the Tournament Regulations and no punishments have been imposed to them during their activities as Arbiters.

3.3.3 They have acted in a period of the last five (5) years as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter in at least two (2) of the following:

- a. the major Continental events such as Continental Individual Championship tournaments for Men and Women, Continental Team Championships for Men and Women, Continental Youth and Junior Championships, Continental Club Cup Tournaments;
- b. all the other World events included in the FIDE Calendar;**
- c. Round Robin Tournaments with at least ten (10) participants (6 in a Double Round Robin), with an average rating above 2600 (2400 for a women only event).**

3.3.4 They have acted as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter in at least five (5) of the events mentioned in 3.4.3 (with at least two different types of tournaments) in the period of the last five (5) years.

3.4 In the C' Category are classified IA and FA who fulfil all the following criteria:

3.4.1 They have been Active International or FIDE Arbiters during the last five (5) years.

3.4.2 They have shown excellent knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the Tournament Regulations and no punishments have been imposed to them during their activities as an Arbiter.

3.4.3 They have acted in the period of the last five (5) years as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter in at least two (2) of the following:

- a. all the other Continental events included in the FIDE Calendar**
- b. Team Tournaments or Swiss System Tournaments with more than 150 participants.**

3.5 In the D' Category are classified all the others IA and FA.

4. Procedure for the classification of IA and FA

- 4.1 The Arbiters Commission shall have the responsibility for the classification of the Active IA and FA in the above mentioned Categories, according to the proposals of the Federations, the Tournament Reports and the Reports of the Chief Arbiters.
- 4.2 The Federations must send to the Arbiters Commission their proposals, including the lists of their Active and Inactive IA and FA, four (4) months before the announced date of the FIDE Congress.
In each Federation's list of the Active Arbiters, the IA and FA must be classified according to the mentioned Categories (A', B', C' and D'). If an Arbiter is proposed to change his previous Category, then it shall be justified in full detail, according to these regulations.
- 4.3 The AC shall issue the lists which will include the Arbiters of each Category (A', B' and C') and submit them to the FIDE General Assembly for final approval. The lists will be valid for a period of two (2) years.

5. Appointment of the IA and FA, according to their Categories

- 5.1 Only IA belonging to the A' or B' Category shall be appointed as Chief Arbiters in all major World events, as described in 3.2.3.
- 5.2 The following table indicates the appointments of the IA and FA, depending on their Categories and the event.
A', B', C', D': Categories of the IA and FA
Major WE: major World events, according to 3.2.3
Other WE: all the other World events, included in the FIDE Calendar, according to 3.3.3
Major CE: major Continental events, according to 3.3.3
Other CE: all the other Continental events, included in the FIDE Calendar, according to 3.4.3

Arbiter/Event	Major WE	other WE	Major CE	other CE
Chief Arbiter	A', B'	A', B'	A', B'	A', B', C'
Deputy Chief Arbiter	A', B'	A', B', C'	A', B', C'	A', B', C', D'
Arbiter	A', B', C'	A', B', C', D'	A', B', C', D'	A', B', C', D'
Assistant Arbiter	B', C', D'	B', C', D'	B', C', D'	B', C', D'