

FAIR PLAY PROTECTION MEASURES

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PREFACE

Fair play is the cornerstone of sportsmanship, embodying the principles of honesty, respect, and integrity. However, throughout the history of sports, there have been numerous instances of fair play violations that tarnish the spirit of competition. Fair play violations not only negatively affect the competitive aspect of the game but also negatively affect the credibility of events and the marketability of chess. This poses a clear and present danger to the game of chess.

In view of the ever-faster pace of technological development, these Fair Play Protection Measures cannot anticipate all possible situations or requirements that may arise during an event. When facing an unprecedented situation, the response should be a closer interaction between the Fair Play Team, the Organizing Team (generally represented by the Tournament Director) and the Arbiters Team with a view to devising an adequate solution. In general, this collaboration is a crucial element of the Fair Play effort. Security guards and volunteers should also be factored in, wherever applicable. Under exceptional circumstances, FIDE President may downgrade by one level only the protection level of any given event.

Fundamentally, the players should always remember that Fair Play Measures are in their own interest and, therefore, be cooperative with their implementation.

INTRODUCTION

Fair Play Protection Measures (FPPM) cover what is expected for the different levels of events from the point of view of all parties involved in a tournament (Organizing Team, Arbiters, Players and Fair Play Team).

The prime motivation for these measures is to enable a safe, fair environment for players to play chess. This document outlines the minimum requirements for each event, although the Organizing Team are encouraged to go further. As a general rule, resources allocated to Fair Play should be reasonable and proportional to the nature and level of the tournament.

For a tournament to fall under these regulations, the event must be FIDE-rated with the games played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess.¹

¹ In the initial phase of its implementation, the FPPM will only be mandatory for FIDE World events and for any event that directly or indirectly receives funding from FIDE. FIDE Circuit tournaments are strongly encouraged to comply with the FPPM and FIDE reserves the right not to assign FIDE circuit points to any event that is not compliant. All other tournaments are encouraged to adopt the FPPM as early as possible.

Tournament organizers must comply with the appropriate Level of Protection (Standard, Increased, or Maximum) as specified in Section 1. Events in material breach of the FP Protection Measures may not be rated by QC.

The Organizing Team are encouraged to consult with the Chief Fair Play Officer at an early stage to ensure adequate measures are in place before the start of the event.

Section 1 – Levels of Protection

The Levels of Protection are as follows:

a) Events Requiring Maximum Protection:

- All FIDE World Events.
- All major Continental Events (Continental Individual Championship Open and Women, Continental Team Championship Open and Women, Continental Junior Championship Open and Girls, Continental Club Cup Open and Women, Continental Rapid and Blitz Championship Open and Women).
- Round-robins with an average rating of 2650 or more (2450 for Women's events).
- Events with prize funds exceeding EUR 100,000.
- Fide Circuit Tournaments and Zonal Tournaments where Level 1 is applicable.

b) Events Requiring Increased Protection:

- Minor Continental events.
- National Championships (Individual and teams, excluding Junior/Youth Championships).
- Norm Events (competitions for FIDE (W)GM and (W)IM titles and norms).
- Events with prize funds EUR 15,000 or more.
- Round-robins with an average rating of 2500 or more (2300 for Women's events)
- Fide Circuit Tournaments and Zonal Tournaments where Level 2 is applicable.

c) Events Requiring Standard Protection:

- National Junior/Youth Championships (Individual and teams).
- All remaining FIDE-rated competitions.

Fair Play measures vary across the three categories, and so do the role and duties of the FPO. Detailed measures are provided under Section 2: "Different Standards of FPPM".

The Organizing Team are responsible for ensuring that the FP Protection Measures are in place. The Chief Fair Play Officer verifies compliance with the Fair Play Protection Measures and the individual tournament regulations as established by the Tournament Director, proceeds with implementation, and discloses any breaches in their report.

Section 2 – Standards of Protection

Maximum Protection (Level 1)

In GSC and EVE events, a Fair Play Team led by a CFPO (when the team is more than one) is appointed according to the Appointment Regulations by FIDE FPL. The CFPO shall be invited to the Organizing Team meetings as early as practicable. The CFPO devises a fair play plan in coordination with the Organizing Team. **The members of the Fair Play Team cannot have any other official role in the event** (e.g. being an arbiter or a pairings officer).

In GSC events the Fair Play Team should consist of 1 FPS for every 50 players. The following rules also apply:

- In mixed gender events with less than 100 players no less than two FPS shall be appointed (one man and one woman, one of which an FPO).
- In mixed gender events with more than 100 players no less than two FPOs shall be appointed (one man and one woman).
- In tournaments with more than 200 players, once the first four FPS have been appointed (at least two FPOs and two FPEs, up to 50% of the total number of the Fair Play Team can be made up of untrained locals/volunteers).

In EVE events, this ratio is decreased to 1 FPS for every 100 players. The following rules also apply:

- In mixed gender events with less than 100 players one FPO shall be appointed and an opposite gender volunteer shall be provided.
- In mixed gender events with more than 100 players at least two FPS shall be appointed (one man and one woman, one of which an FPO, best if both).
- In tournaments with more than 400 players once the first four FPS have been appointed (at least two FPOs and two FPEs, up to 50% of the total number of the Fair PlayTeam can be made up of untrained locals/volunteers).

All volunteers are required to participate in a Fair Play training provided by the FPS and are expected to work full-time in fair play-related matters.

Special conditions may be taken into account when determining the actual composition of the team (for example, a complex venue or the presence of an external security firm). It is anyways in the interest of the event that the ratio is as close to 1/50 as possible.

The tables below illustrate the theoretical composition of a Fair Play Team depending on the number of players:

Players	GSC		EVE	
	FPS	LOC	FPS	LOC
50	1 / 2		1	(1)
100	2		1	(1)
150	3		2	
200	4		2	
250	4	1	2	1
300	4	2	2	1
350	4	3	2	2
400	4	4	2	2
450	5	4	3	2
500	5	5	3	2
Players	GSC		EVE	
	FPS	LOC	FPS	LOC
550	6	5	3	3
600	6	6	3	3
650	7	6	4	3
700	7	7	4	3
750	8	7	4	4
800	8	8	4	4
850	9	8	5	4
900	9	9	5	4
950	10	9	5	5
1000	10	10	5	5

As a general recommendation, the fair play plan should include at least the following:

Organizing Team duties (in collaboration with the CFPO):

- Invite the CFPO to the Organization meetings as early as practicable;
- Coordinate and collaborate with the FPO;
- Provide designated playing and spectator areas, ensuring that any form of unauthorized communication between players and spectators during the game is prevented;
- Provide designated separate areas for refreshments, toilets, and smoking (if applicable);
- Provide technical devices as reasonably determined by the CFPO in consultation with FIDE GSC, EVE, DIS and FPL where needed;
- For team events, extra measures should be taken to avoid any form of unallowed communication between team captains and players;
- Identify a suitable FPS office and storage room for FPL Technical equipment;
- Identify a suitable location for the Fair Play Scanning Booth;
- Verify the accreditation system, including identification of personnel with electronic devices in the playing area;
- Provide the event with stickers for identifying personnel with authorized electronic devices. Ideally, these stickers should be approximately 5x5cm;
- Provide cloth bags for the players' personal items;
- Provide secure storage for the players' electronic devices;
- Determine flow and crowd management requirements;
- Coordinate with CFPO to implement access flow;
- Provide the CFPO with the PGN files of the event.

Chief Fair Play Officer duties:

- Collaborate and harmonize with the Organizing Team, the Arbiters Team and other functional teams at the event;
- Devise a fair play plan in coordination with the Organizing Team;
- Determine technical devices to be reasonably used during the event (see Annex A);
- Devise and implement random and post-game check plans;
- Identify items prohibited in the playing area, in coordination with the Tournament Director and the Chief Arbiter, and list them in the tournament regulations;
- Devise a plan for regular venue checks;
- Illustrate the Fair Play Regulations and measures in use, including any previously identified prohibited devices, at the Technical Meeting of the event;

- Note irregularities and keep a record of the performed scans;
- Send all games in PGN format for screening and act on any findings;
- Manage the Fair Play Team;
- Collaborate and harmonize with the Organizing Team, the Arbiters Team and other functional teams at the event;
- Prepare the final report of the event to be submitted to FPL and FIDE Office.

A list of general and human resources that are deemed to be necessary at Level 1 events is provided under Annex B. The CFPO shall coordinate with the Organizing Team and other teams at the event to determine any compensation measure that should be necessary when one or more items from the list is (temporarily) unavailable.

Increased Protection (Level 2)

In level 2 events, increased protection measures are recommended. What follows is a set of minimum recommended requirements, but each tournament can decide to increase one or more aspects of protection, according to the needs and the available resources. The Organizing Team can ask FIDE FPL to appoint an official FIDE FPS or an official FIDE FPT so that FPE norms can be earned at the tournament.

- The Organizing Team shall appoint a Fair Play Specialist in charge of Fair Play matters (FPO or FPE). If reasonable and practicable, appoint an official Fair Play Team (the recommended ratio is one FPE/FPO for every 100 players). Consult the FIDE Fair Play Commission for appointment of the members of the Team;
- For tournaments with a prize fund of 15.000 EUR or more, there must be an FPO who does not have any other official role in the event;
- In round robins, it is permissible for the FPO/FPE to have merged roles (e.g. arbiter and fair play);
- Designate playing and spectator areas, ensuring that contact between players and spectators is minimized and monitored;
- Designate separate or monitored areas for refreshments, toilets, and smoking, if applicable;
- For team events, measures should be taken to avoid unauthorized contact between team captains and players;
- Define appropriate technical devices and any other appropriate measures to be used for the tournament (see Annex A);
- The Organizing Team are strongly encouraged to provide storage facilities for electronic devices and cloth bags for the players' personal items (or ask players to use one);

- Where reasonable, devise and implement random and post-game check plans;
- List items prohibited in the playing area;
- The Organizing Team shall send all available games, including all the games played by the norm awardees, to the National Rating Officer for uploading to the FIDE Rating Server.
- Provide as many resources under Annex B as reasonably possible.

Standard Protection (Level 3)

The Standard Protection applies to all tournaments that do not apply a higher level of protection. What follows is a set of minimum requirements, but each tournament can decide to increase one or more aspects of protection, according to the needs and the available resources. The Organizing Team can ask FIDE FPL to appoint an official FIDE FPS or an official FIDE FPT so that FPE norms can be earned at the tournament. Appoint a person in charge of Fair Play matters (merged roles are possible);

- Designate playing and spectator areas, ensuring contact between players and spectators is minimized and monitored as far as is reasonable and practicable. If possible, provide separate and monitored areas for refreshment, toilets, and smoking; In team events, extra measures should be taken to avoid contact between team captains and players;
- Adopt at least one security measure from the technical devices listed in Annex A;
- If possible, provide storage facilities for electronic devices and cloth bags for the players' personal items (or ask players to use one);
- Encourage random checks before/during/after games;
- Whenever possible, the Organizing Team should send all available games to the National Rating Officer for uploading to the FIDE Rating Server;
- Provide as many resources under Annex B as reasonably possible.

Annex A

Technical Devices:

- Hand-held security metal detectors.
- Walk-through metal detectors.
- Closed-circuit cameras.
- Magnets.
- Non-linear scanners.
- Thermal cameras.
- Bluetooth scanners.
- Signal detection devices/apps.
- Other types of scanning devices.

Annex B

General resources

- Maps/Venue Layouts.
- Equipped and unshared FP Office.
- Two Fair Play Booths for performing post-game checks.
- Fair Play spot/specifically designated area in the playing hall with electricity plugs.
- Safe storage room for FPL devices (can be FPL Office if lockable).
- Metal lockers (Faraday cage bags) for players' electronic devices.
- Q-managers.
- Cloth bags for players' personal items.
- All-access accreditation for the Fair Play Team.
- Phone Stickers for authorized personnel (media/VIP accreditation).
- If the Organizing Team are planning to have uniform T-shirts - the Fair Play Team T-shirt should be black.
- Disposable hand gloves.

Human Resources

- Fair Play Team.
- Volunteers.
- Security Guards.