

FAIR PLAY COMMISSION PROCEDURAL RULES

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1. Aim

- 1.1 FIDE, in close collaboration with Member Federations, the International Olympic Committee and the National Olympic Committees dedicates its efforts to ensuring that in chess the spirit of 'Fair Play' prevails, leads the fight against cheating and doping in sport and takes measures in order to prevent endangering the health of competitors (Article 37.1 FIDE Charter).
- 1.2 The fight against cheating in all its manifestations is assigned to the Fair Play Commission (FPL).
- 1.3 The FPL shall oversee the general implementation of fair play related provisions in the FIDE Charter and Ethics & Disciplinary Code, including the investigation of suspected cheating cases by way of Investigatory Panels and the imposition of limited sanctions for the violation of other fair play rules in competition, as determined by the Fair Play Panel for the competition, in accordance with the procedures set out hereunder.
- 1.4 The Commissioners of FPL, FIDE officials, FIDE members, arbiters, organisers and players are required to co-operate together.
- 1.5 The FPL shall make recommendations to other FIDE organs and members on topics related to fair play measures.
- 1.6 The FPL shall be responsible for analysing and designing measures and tools aimed at preventing cheating in chess.

2. FPL Commission Membership

- 2.1 The total number of the FPL Commissioners shall be decided by the FIDE Council. However, the number of Commissioners shall be at least 15.
- 2.2 The Chairman and the Secretary of the FPL shall be appointed by the FIDE-President.
- 2.3 The other Commissioners are selected by the FIDE President in consultation with the Chairman and the Secretary.
- 2.4 FPL Commissioners are selected according to their skills, experience, and expertise. There are no nationality restrictions. A permission from the National Federation is not required. FPL aims at a minimum of one third of female membership.
- 2.5 At least one Commissioner shall be an active IM or GM, one Commissioner shall be an active IA, one Commissioner shall be an active IO, two Commissioners shall be technical experts in the area of computer-assisted cheating and at least three more Commissioners shall have a legal background.

- 2.6 Upon a proposal from the Chairman, the FIDE President has the right to terminate with the motivated decision the authority of any Commissioner at any time, and to appoint a replacement simultaneously.

3. Proceedings

- 3.1 The Chairman of the FPL shall report on its activities at least once a year. He or she makes recommendations to the GA, the FIDE President and, whenever the need arises, to the FIDE Council.
- 3.2 The Chairman shall prepare the budget for the FPL for approval by the GA. The budget proposals shall be sent to the Treasurer.
- 3.3 The Commissioners of the FPL meet regularly online. At least once a year, the Chairman meets in person with the Secretary and the Councillors to discuss fundamental issues and to consider proposals for updating all anti-cheating related regulations (annual meeting).
- 3.4 Agenda of meetings shall be prepared by the Chairperson and the Secretary and shall be sent, together with working documents, to all Commissioners at least one week before online meetings and one month before the annual meeting. All Commissioners have the right to include items.
- 3.5 Minutes of meetings are the responsibility of the Secretary. For online meetings only a result protocol is created. The minutes are sent to all FPL Commissioners.
- 3.6 Should there be any discrepancies between the general rules and regulations specified in any FIDE rules and regulations (except for the Charter) regarding the FPL, the specific rules on the FPL prevail.

4. Fair Play Panels / Fair Play Officer

- 4.1 For each tournament organised under the aegis of the Events Commission (EVE) or the Global Strategy Commission (GSC), both Online and Over-The-Board, there will be a remunerated independent Fair Play Panel (FPP) or Fair Play Officer (FPO), depending on the type of tournament. The FPP/FPO's task is to monitor the tournament in question for the occurrence of cheating and to implement anti-cheating measures. The FPP/FPO shall coordinate closely with the Chief Arbiter and the Chief Organiser, but shall not be subject to their instructions or anybody else's instruction.
- 4.2 The members of each FPP or FPOs are appointed by the FPL Chairman, in consultation with the FIDE Managing Director and subject to the provision under Article 8.4.
- 4.3 Each FPP shall consist of a minimum of three people holding at least the FPE title. One member, holding the FPO title, shall act as chairperson and have a casting vote in case of tie. The FPP may consult with external experts, including but not limited to Grandmasters, body language experts, psychologists, computer engineers.
- 4.4 Arbiters of tournaments organised under the aegis of EVE and GSC cannot be FPOs or members of the FPP at the same time.

5. Investigatory Panels

- 5.1 FPL shall carry out independent investigations on violations of the Ethics & Disciplinary Code concerning cheating and shall have the possibility to submit motivated reports to the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) or to competent national bodies, when relevant. Motivated reports must include factual disclosures, technical expertise, and all results of the instigated investigations.
- 5.2 For the investigation of cheating allegations an Investigatory Panel (IP) is formed. The FPL Chairman selects on a case-by-case basis up to three IP members who do not necessarily have to be FPL Commissioners.
- 5.3 The IP is an independent body and is not subject to directions from any other party.
- 5.4 The details of jurisdiction and procedure shall be determined in the Anti-Cheating Regulations.
- 5.5 Once the IP has completed his investigation, it sends its report to the FPL Chairman. The Chairman shall bring the Commission to a vote. FPL decides by a majority vote if the case is to be forwarded to EDC for judgement. If the investigation is triggered by a complaint, the IP has the power to dismiss the complaint if its members come to the unanimous conclusion that no cheating occurred or there is not enough evidence to meet the standard of proof.
- 5.6 The FPL Chairman nominates three FPL Commissioners to a standing Fair Play Fact-Finding Committee, according to Article 26.13 of the FIDE Charter. The Fair Play Fact-Finding Committee acts when EDC issues an investigation request according to Articles 26.14 of the FIDE Charter to FPL. In that case Articles 5.1, 5.2 and 5.4 above do not apply.
- 5.7 The Chairperson of every IP shall be remunerated.

6. Fast Track Procedure

- 6.1 FPL shall follow a so-called "Fast Track" procedure designed at prosecuting in-tournament fair play violations other than cheating (Article 9 of the Ethics & Disciplinary Code).
- 6.2 A list of possible fair play violations shall be included in the FPL Anti-Cheating Regulations, or the FIDE Online Chess Regulations, or the tournament regulations governing a competition.
- 6.3 One or more Commissioners of the FPL shall be appointed to deal with cases of in-tournament violations other than cheating brought to the attention of the FPL by Fair Play Panels or Fair Play Officers. These positions will be remunerated.
- 6.4 When dealing with Fast Track cases, sanctions will be limited to determining a ban from all formal chess-playing activities for a period of either one, two or three months depending on the severity of the violation. No other sanctions are possible.

6.5 The player concerned shall have the option of admitting his or her guilt of a violation of the fair play rules and submitting him/herself to the ban imposed, or to have his or her case decided on its merits by EDC in a single-person composition.

7. FPL Titles

7.1 FPL shall be responsible for awarding the following FPL titles:

7.1.1 FPL Lecturer (lectures aspiring FPE/FPOs)

7.1.2 Fair Play Officer (FPO - can chair FPP or act as FPO)

7.1.3 Fair Play Expert (FPE - can be a part of FPPs)

7.2 FPL Titles are awarded by FPL according to the following criteria:

7.2.1 Initial titles will be awarded by FPL on an expertise basis.

7.2.2 After the expiry of a transitional period on 30/06/2023 titles will be subject to any or a combination of the following requirements: attending seminars, passing exams, fulfilling norm requirements.

8. Training of Fair Play Officials

8.1 The FPL is responsible for the training of officials called to deal with fair play measures (FPEs/FPOs). The FPL will offer regular training for this purpose.

8.2 For this purpose, FPL will establish and maintain a list of lecturers.

8.3 The trainings shall comprise at least six hours and cover the following topics: Measures to fight against fair play breaches, Investigative measures, Dealing with allegations of fair play violations, Statistical evidence, Procedural rules. FPL reserves the right to conduct a final examination.

8.4 After the expiry of a transitional period on 30/06/2023, only those holding a FPE or FPO title may be nominated for an FPP.

9. Fair Play Regulations

9.1 According to Article 37.3 FIDE Charter, further details of FPL's work will be governed by FIDE Fair Play Regulations.