



Fair Play Commission

FIDE Fair Play Commission – Title Regulations

1. Requirements for Fair Play Titles^{1 2}

1.1 Fair Play Expert (FPE)

1.1.1 Basic Requirements

- The FPE must be at least 18 years old
- Attend an FPE seminar and pass the FPE exam
- 3 FPE Norms

1.1.2 Obtaining FPE Norms

1.1.2.1 To obtain an FPE Norm, the FPE Candidate must:

- have passed the FPE exam
- be appointed as Event FPE by FIDE FPL
- be assisted by an FPL Supervisor
- obtain a positive assessment from the FPL Supervisor, to be submitted to the FPL Secretary within 14 days of completion of the event.

1.1.2.2 FPE Norms can be earned at all tournaments listed under FIDE Regulations for Arbiters (effective from 1 July 2021) / B.06.3 – FIDE Regulations for the Classification of Arbiters / 1.3 Categories of Tournaments.

However, only one of the three norms can be obtained at official Rapid and Blitz tournaments.

1.2 Fair Play Officer (FPO)

1.2.1 Basic Requirements

- The FPO must be at least 21 years old
- Hold the FPE title for at least 2 years
- Attend an FPO seminar and pass the FPO exam
- 4 FPO Norms

1.2.2 Obtaining FPO Norms

1.2.2.1 To obtain an FPO Norm, the FPO Candidate must:

- have passed the FPO exam;
- be appointed as Event FPO by FIDE FPL;
- be assisted by an FPL Supervisor;
- debrief with the FPL Supervisor on a daily basis;
- prepare and submit to the FPL Supervisor a report about the event within 14 days of completion.

1 Pending adaptations at FIDE Database, FPL shall maintain a list of Fair Play Title and Norm holders.

2 All financial matters regarding norms, titles and seminars are covered in FPL Financial Regulations.

- obtain a positive assessment from the FPL Supervisor, to be submitted to the FPL Secretary within 14 days of receiving the FPO Candidate's report.

1.2.2.2 FPO Norms can be earned at Level 1 tournaments, as defined in the Fair Play Protection Measures.

1.2.2.3 An FPO norm may be awarded at an Olympiad by the CFPO in case of exceptional performance by an FPO Candidate serving as FPE.

1.3 Norm Certification

1.3.1 Upon completion of the Event, the FPL Supervisor shall fill in the FPE/FPO Norm Report, stating if the FPE/FPO Candidate successfully met the standards for obtaining an FPE/FPO norm.

1.3.2 The FPL Supervisor may obtain the Event Chief Arbiter and/or Event Organiser's opinion on the work of the FPE/FPO Candidate. This opinion can be included in the FPE/FPO Norm Report.

1.4 Title Application Procedure

1.4.1 When an FPE/FPO Candidate completes the required norms, their National Federations submit the FPE/FPO Title Application Form and Norms to FIDE Titles, who will forward it to FIDE FPL.

1.4.2 FIDE FPL will consider the applications and forward the recommendation to the FIDE Council for approval.

1.4.3 All Title Application Forms will be published on the FIDE website for at least 60 days.

1.5 FPL Seminars

1.5.1 Types of Seminars

FPL organises two types of seminars:

- FPE Seminars
- FPO Seminars

1.5.2 Scope of the Seminars

All seminars will address, at their respective levels, at least the following topics:

- Fair Play Legal Framework
- Fair Play Regulations
- Statistics
- Technical Devices
- Fair Play Theory and Practice at OTB Events

1.5.3 FPL Lecturers

All FPL Seminars will be delivered by FPL Lecturers. FPL maintains a list of FPL lecturers selected by the Chairperson of FPL.

1.5.4 Exams

All seminars will be followed by an exam, according to the seminar level. Attendees who fail an exam may take a single new exam within one year without attending a new seminar. The new exam can only be taken at the end of a regular seminar.

1.5.5 FPE/FPO Licenses

The FPE/FPO License will be valid for life, on the condition the FPE/FPO remains active and will be in effect from the day after FIDE has received the fee.

A Fair Play specialist is said to be active when they serve in at least one event every four years.

Regardless of the active status, every six years, all title holders are required to attend a new FPL training/refreshment seminar.

Licence Fees are dealt with in the FPL Financial Regulations.

2. Classification of FPOs

2.1 General

The Fair Play Commission shall have the responsibility for classifying FPOs in the following Categories:

- Category A
- Category B
- Category C

2.2 Classification

2.2.3 Category A

Category A is the highest level of FPO's classification.

To be classified in Category A, FPOs shall fulfil all of the following criteria:

- They have been classified in Category B for at least two (2) years
- Their FPO status is "active" and they have acted as FPO in the last five (5) years:
 - a) in at least three (3) Category A Tournaments; or
 - b) in at least two (2) Category A Tournaments and three (3) Category B Tournaments.
- They have shown excellent knowledge of the Fair Play Regulations and no disciplinary sanctions have been imposed on them as a result of their activities as FPOs in the past five (5) years.

2.2.2 Category B

Category B is the second highest level of FPO's classification. To be classified in Category B, FPOs shall fulfil all of the following criteria:

- They hold the FPO title for at least three (3) years
- Their FPO status is "active", and they have acted as FPO in the last three years in at least three (3) Category B Tournaments.
- They have shown good knowledge of the Fair Play Regulations and no disciplinary sanctions have been imposed on them as a result of their activities as FPOs in the past three (3) years.

2.2.1 Category C

Category C is assigned by default to all new FPOs.

3. Appointment of FPEs, FPOs, and Fair Play Teams (FPTs)

- 3.1 FPE/FPO/FPT assignments are mandatory for all tournament categories A, B, and C except the following: 1.3.2.3 (Top-level Events) and 1.3.3.2 (Strong International Events), as listed in FIDE Regulations for Arbiters (effective from 1st July 2021) / B.06.3 – FIDE Regulations for the Classification of Arbiters
- 3.2 Event FPOs acting at the tournaments are appointed by the FIDE President at the suggestion of the FPL Chairperson and in consultation with the responsible Board Member, according to the FPL Appointment Regulations.
- 3.3 Event FPEs acting at the tournaments are appointed by the FPL Chairperson.
- 3.4 All financial matters pertaining to the appointment of FPEs, FPOs and FPTs are dealt with in the FPL Financial Regulations.

4. Inactivity and revocation of titles

- 4.1 FPE/FPO Titleholders are considered inactive if, in a period of four (4) years, they have never acted as an FPE/FPO in any event listed in FIDE Regulations for Arbiters (effective from 1st July 2021) / B.06.3 – FIDE Regulations for the Classification of Arbiters / 1.3. Categories of Tournaments
- 4.2 In case of inactivity, FPE/FPO Titleholders must attend an FPL Seminar before they can be appointed again and will need to renew their Licence.
- 4.3 FPL can revoke the FPE/FPO Title in case of violations of the Code of Ethics or severe mistakes. Violations will be judged by an ad-hoc Disciplinary Subcommittee of FPL.

5. National Fair Play Specialists (NFS)

- 5.1 National Federations are encouraged to form their own National Fair Play Specialists.

5.2 FIDE FPL will deliver online seminars for National Fair Play Specialists and award attendance certificates.

5.3 Fees for National Seminars and Licences are considered in the Financial Regulations.

5.4 National Federations are responsible for devising the national qualification system of National Fair Play Specialists.

6. “Konstantin Landa” Award

The “Konstantin Landa” award will be presented biannually at the Chess Olympiad to the most outstanding performance by an FPE/FPO. FIDE FPL devises the regulations and coordinates the awards.

7. Temporary provisions

7.1 These temporary provisions apply until 30 June 2026 and may be renewed thereafter upon a decision of Council.

7.2 Given the shortage of FPOs and Candidate FPOs, the Fair Play Commission reserves the right to appoint an FPE who has not yet passed the FPO seminar test as Event FPO under very strict supervision. In this case, the appointed Event FPO may receive an FPO norm, depending on the FPL Supervisor’s assessment.

7.3 Given the shortage of FPEs/FPOs and Candidate FPEs/FPOs, the Fair Play Commission reserves the right, in exceptional circumstances, to appoint an FPE Candidate as Event FPO, under very strict supervision. In this case, the appointed Event FPO may receive a double FPE norm, depending on the FPL Supervisor’s assessment.

7.4 FPE and FPO Titles and Categories may be awarded by the FPL Commission on motivated and discretionary grounds.