

Participation in FIDE Competitions

1. Entries

1.1 Entries for participation in FIDE official individual and team competitions shall be made by Federations save as provided in 1.2.

1.2 Where a player has qualified from one FIDE individual competition for another FIDE individual competition or is qualified for a FIDE individual competition by virtue of a personal right (such as FIDE Rating), he or she may in the absence of an entry by a Federation enter himself or herself directly into such competition but shall then be personally responsible for the financial obligations to FIDE in respect of such entry.

2. Eligibility for participation in official FIDE competitions

2.1 For all official FIDE competitions on the world level the following eligibility rules shall apply to the registration of players representing Federations.

Other chess competitions organized at the continental level shall be played according to regulations as approved by the Continental Assembly or by the Continental President in consultation with the Continental Board.

2.2 The players representing a Federation must be qualified by citizenship or naturalization to represent that Federation, save as otherwise provided below.

2.3.1 A player who has resided for at least three years in a country of which he or she is not a citizen after the date on which FIDE shall have received notification of change of Federation pursuant to 5.2 may become a registered player of a Federation after a thorough examination and clearance of the case by the FIDE President.

2.3.2 Provided that a player did not participate in a FIDE competition including continental individual and team events 5 years prior to the date of notification, the period of residence shall be reduced to one year in his new Federation before he can play for his Federation.

2.3.3 Players who are up to and under the age of 14 years prior to the day of notification shall have their period of residence reduced to one year in his new Federation before he can play for this Federation.

3. Transfer from one Federation to another.

3.1 A player may at any time transfer from one Federation to another Federation with the consent of the Federation to which he or she wishes to transfer.

3.2 The notification of change of Federation shall be the responsibility of the new Federation and must be accompanied by a Notification Fee of SFr 200 and supported by evidence of residence signed by the player and certified by his or her new Federation. Notification of change of Federation shall be submitted on the prescribed form in Annex A.

3.3 Upon receipt of notification of change of Federation, FIDE shall inform the old federation and publish such notification on its website. If there is no objection received in writing to FIDE

within three months from the date of publication on the FIDE website, the notification of change of Federation is approved.

3.4 Any protest submitted to the FIDE Secretariat must be accompanied with a protest fee of SFr 500, which shall be refundable, if the protest is upheld. The Presidential Board shall decide upon all protests.

4. Additional eligibility for participation in official FIDE competitions.

4.1 A player with dual citizenship may only represent one Federation and is eligible by citizenship to participate in a FIDE competition on condition that he or she has not represented any other Federation in any FIDE competition at any time in the preceding year.

| FIDE Title/Rating | Residence in new Federation for a period between | | |
|-------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | 10 to 16 months | 16 to 24 months | 24 to 36 months |
| GM | SFr 5,000 | SFr 3,000 | SFr 2,000 |
| IM | SFr 2,500 | SFr 1,500 | SFr 1,000 |
| FM or rated above 2300 | SFr 1,250 | SFr 750 | SFr 500 |
| WGM | SFr 2,000 | SFr 1,200 | SFr 800 |
| WIM | SFr 1,000 | SFr 600 | SFr 400 |
| WFM or rated above 2100 | SFr 500 | SFr 300 | SFr 200 |
| Others | SFr 500 | SFr 300 | SFr 200 |

4.2.1 In addition to all other criteria in 2 and 3, Federations may apply to register new players subject to such players having supported evidence of residence often months and if the following Transfer Fee is paid to FIDE.

4.2.2 Transfer Fee Structure

4.2.3 The rating of the player in 4.2.2 shall be that as published on the last FIDE Rating List before the date of receipt of notification of change of Federation by the FIDE Secretariat.

5. Penalties

5.1 A penalty shall be imposed if it is found that a player has played for another Federation in which notification of change of Federation had not been approved by FIDE.

5.2 Penalties shall be imposed as follow:

5.2.1 Individual competition: Results of the offending player shall be annulled and the opponents shall be awarded the maximum score. The offending player loses the right to any qualification as well as claim to any prize.

5.2.2 Team competition: Results of the matches in which the offending player had played shall be annulled and the opposing teams shall be awarded the maximum score. The offending team loses the right to any qualification as well as claim to any prize.

5.2.3 For any offence in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2, the Federation which registered the offending player shall be imposed with a penalty fee of SFr 5,000.

5.3 In 5.2.1 and 5.2.2, the results are annulled but the games played shall be rated. In addition, the results of the games played are valid for title application only for the opponents of the offending player.

6. These regulations shall apply with effect from 1 July 2004.

ANNEX A: Form for Notification of Change of Federation

Name of Player:

Date & Place of Birth (attach evidence):

Current Citizenship (attach evidence):

Player's Rating ID Number:

Last Published Rating:

FIDE Title:

List of Previous Federations:

Name and Date of last official FIDE competition participated in:

Name of new Federation:

Duration of Residence in new country (attach evidence):