

Proposal made by Nouredine Tabbane, FIDE General Secretary

To change article A.01 - 8.2.(C) of FIDE Statutes

Concern: World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC)

REASONS:

1. Except for CACDEC, FIDE doesn't have any regulation concerning its Commissions and sub-Committees. **This is a great lack which needs to be repaired as soon as possible.**
2. The actual article A.01 - 8.2 (C) of FIDE Statutes treats about World Championship Cycle Committee which was replaced, without any General Assembly decision, by the World Chess Championship Committee. **FIDE Statutes must be changed accordingly.**

ANALYSES :

1. The World Chess Championship is the most important FIDE Event. Its organisation belongs to the whole chess world. All Continents must be allowed to express their player's interest, which can be very specific from one continent to another.

The four Continents are entitled to have a representative as member of the World Chess Championship Committee.

2. As sub-committee of the Event Commission, the World Chess Championship Committee must always act under the authority and the control of the Chairman of this commission.
3. Rules for the election of the World Chess Championship Committee members must be clearly specified in the FIDE Regulations. It is necessary to fix the rules according to filling and acceptance of nominations and candidacies and according to the way elections should be conducted.
4. Actually there is no rules concerning the quorum meeting for this Committee.
5. In order to guarantee the inexistence of any conflict of interests.

A/ Members of the World Chess Championship Committee cannot be in charge of any other function or mission in FIDE except to be member of the Executive Board. They cannot be nominated as member of any other FIDE Commission or Committee or member of any FIDE event appeal Committee

B/ Players participating to FIDE individual events must not be allowed to be member of this committee.

The acceptance of this proposal needs the amendment of the article A.01- 8.2 (c) of FIDE Statutes.

Actual Article 8.2.(c) :

Permanent FIDE Commissions and their (sub) committees:

Chess Events Commission

World Championship Cycle Committee

Youth and Junior Events Committee

Organizers Committee (FIDE Calendar Committee) (GA '95)

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(c) Chess Events Commission

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World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC)

8.2. (c) –1 : The World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC) ensures the organization of the individual world championship.

If necessary, the World Chess Championship Committee proposes to the Presidential Board, the Executive Board, and to the General Assembly Regulations draft for the individual world championship.

The World Chess Championship Committee gives an opinion on any problem raised by a player or a fide member federation, which is relating to the organization of the individual world championship.

The World Chess Championship Committee acts under the authority and the control of the FIDE Events Commission Chairman

8.2. (c) –2 : The World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC) consists of four (4) members plus a Chairman.

The four (4) members are elected for a four (4) years period by the Continental General Assemblies of Africa, America, Asia and Europe at a rate of one per continent.

According to art 8.5 A.01 of FIDE statutes; the new FIDE Events Commission Chairman will nominate the Chairman of the World Chess Championship Committee who needs the written and prior agreement of his federation.

This agreement must be recorded in the FIDE secretariat before the appointment of the candidate.

FIDE President must approve the nomination of this Committee's Chairman.

8.2. (c) –3 : Except for the chairman of this committee, the candidatures to be member of the World Chess Championship Committee, must reach the FIDE secretariat, three (3) months before the date of the opening of the elective general assembly.

The federation of the candidate shall send the letter of candidature to FIDE Secretariat by fax, email or registered mail.

FIDE secretariat shall confirm receipt of this letter.

8.2. (c) –4 : The election procedure for the World Chess Championship Committee will be the same as described under article 15 (AO4) of FIDE Electoral regulations

In case of absence of candidature or failure of the election for one of the four (4) Continental members, the Continental assembly is authorized to reopen the register of the candidatures or to authorize the new Continental President to nominate the representative of the continent at this committee.

To be elected or nominated, the candidate must have the written and prior agreement of its national federation. This agreement must be recorded in the FIDE secretariat before the election or the appointment of the candidate.

8.2. (c) –5 : The regularity and the validity of the election or the nomination of one candidate is controlled by the FIDE Constitutional Council who will take the appropriate decision about confirmation or cancellation of the contested election or nomination.

8.2. (c) –6 : In the event of any vacancy is occurring on the World Chess Championship Committee, the Continental President shall nominate the new representative of the continent for the remaining period.

8.2. (c) –7: In order to guarantee the inexistence of any conflict of interests, members of the World Chess Championship Committee cannot be in charge of any other function or mission in FIDE except to be member of the Executive Board.

They cannot be nominated as member of any other FIDE Commission or Committee or member of any FIDE event appeal Committee.

Players are not allowed to be members of the World Chess Championship Committee.

However their candidacy can be accepted if they don't participate as players to one of FIDE Individual Events. They must provide with their candidature an engagement of non-participation to these tournaments for all the period of their membership in the World Chess Championship Committee.

8.2. (c) –8 : To be valid the World Chess Championship Committee meeting needs a quorum of 51 %.

Members of the World Chess Championship Committee meet as many times as it is necessary upon convocation of the Chairman of this committee and the agreement of the President of the Event Commission.

Between their meetings it is recommended to the World Chess Championship Committee members, to consult each other by fax, email or telephone in order to avoid the useless expenses.

8.2. (c) -9 : The expenses inherent to these meetings will be refunded by FIDE if they have been approved before the meeting by the FIDE Treasurer and the FIDE President or the FIDE General Secretary.

8.2. (c) -10 : An annual meeting will take place before the meeting of the General Assembly or the Executive Board and that of the FIDE Event Commission.