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**for the FIDE ARBITERS' COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tallinn, 2 October 2013**

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# FIDE ARBITERS' COMMISSION MEETING

Athens, 21-23 June 2013

## Minutes

**Present:** Takis Nikolopoulos (chairman),  
Dirk De Ridder (secretary),  
Mahdi Abdulrahim,  
Klaus Deventer,  
Werner Stubenvoll (councillors)

### 1. IA and FA Tas.

The submitted IA and FA title applications will be checked by the subcommittee (T. Nikolopoulos, D. De Ridder, W. Stubenvoll). Up to now only a small number of applications were received.

It was decided that the deadline for submitting applications should be consistent with that for other commissions (e.g. QC) and this must be in effect both for Congresses and Presidential Board meetings.

### 2. FA titles and norms from FIDE Arbiters' Seminars.

Statistics will be presented at the Tallinn FIDE Congress.

The list of upcoming FIDE Arbiters' Seminars was briefly commented.

A budget of 12000 \$ is available for organizing seminars at major events, thanks to the IOC-ARISF-FIDE programme.

It was decided a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar to be organized in Al Ain (UAE) during the World Youth Chess Championships 2013 in December, with Werner Stubenvoll as the Lecturer.

### 3. Internet based FIDE Arbiters' Seminars.

The number of participants for this type of seminars is increasing.

The Arbiters' Commission is planning to organise internet based seminars in all official FIDE languages. All these Seminars will be free of charge for the participants.

Chairman introduces IA Michalis Prevenios (GRE), who was the Technical organizer in several FIDE Arbiters' Seminars on Internet and who gives a report and an analysis about the method of organizing the Seminars by using a conference platform.

### 4. Amendments of the Regulations.

According to the Baku FIDE Presidential Board decision, each FIDE commission shall be responsible for rewriting the relevant chapter with its regulations in the FIDE Handbook. A lot of FA title applications are received with only round robin tournaments or with only Swiss tournaments with less than 100 participants. In order to avoid this confusion a new article 2.1.3 (two different types of tournaments) will be introduced and the current 2.1.3 shall be renumbered into 2.1.4. The title of B.06.2 will be changed into "General Regulations".

The age limit is not changed.

The number of experts in 1.1.6 might be increased to 13 (i.e. chairman + secretary + 3 councillors + 4 members + 4 continental representatives + 2 women)

Regulations for the classification of the arbiters: only two proposals were received by David Sedgwick and Egmont Poenisch. Only the proposal to include round robin tournaments with an average rating above 2600 is accepted.

The Sport Accord World Mind Games is included in the Minor World Events (B Category).

The World Chess Championship for Disabled is added to the Minor World Events.

The Continental Individual and Team Senior championship is added to 3.4.3.

The Zonals are also included to 3.4.3 (explicitly excluding sub-Zonals).

Add to 3.3.3.: all World events included in the FIDE Calendar.

Add to 3.4.3.: all Continental events included in the FIDE Calendar.

3.2.3 and 3.2.4, respectively 3.3.3 and 3.3.4 should be changed into 3.2.3 a) or b), respectively 3.3.3 a) or b).

Regulations for the training of the chess arbiters: the Baku Presidential Board requested to delete 2.2 of the current regulations. However, translation of the lectures into other languages can be approved by the Arbiters' Commission.

Article 2.2 is proposed to change to: "The lectures of a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar and the evaluation test shall be in one of the official FIDE languages however translation of the lectures into other languages can be approved by the Arbiters' Commission".

## 5. Update of the List of Lecturers.

In order to be included in the list of FIDE Lecturers any candidate should be assistant-lecturer in at least 3 FIDE Arbiter Seminars, as per regulations.

The applications of IA M. Prevenios (GRE) and IA Al Radj Naji Mohammed (UAE) to be included in the list of FIDE Lecturers were accepted, according to the regulations.

It was decided to be proposed that only licensed arbiters can be included in the list of lecturers.

## 6. Classification of the Arbiters.

Federations are sending applications continuously. Initially it was decided to publish the list only after each Olympiad. It is proposed to publish the list after each Congress. Deadline for applications is one month before the start of the Congress.

## 7. License for Arbiters.

About 5100 licensed Arbiters are in the list, coming from 132 federations.

Starting 1<sup>st</sup> of July all arbiters in a tournament should be licensed before the start of a tournament.

The following table gives the overview according to the different arbiter classes:

A		B		C		D		NA	inactive		titled	titled
lic	no lic	lic	no lic	lic	no lic	lic	no lic	lic	no lic	sum	lic	no lic (+inactive)
48	5	63	14	263	75	1345	562	3381	496	6252	1719	1152

## 8. FIDE Arbiters' Commission's website.

The website is open for any type of publication.

Arbiters and FIDE Officials are invited to send any contribution to be published on the Arbiters' Commission website.

### **9. Arbiters' Manual.**

The project started in 2011. The parts regarding the Laws of Chess will be sent to the councillor members by Werner. Comments should be sent by each councillor to all other councillors by July 14<sup>th</sup>. It will be presented in the Tallinn FIDE Congress

### **10. FIDE Arbiters' Commission's Budget for 2013-2014.**

Any proposal should be sent to the chairman.

The budget will be finalised between the chairman and the treasurer before the Tallinn Congress.

### **11. Bangkok FIDE Meeting – Minutes.**

There were discussed the main points of the meeting concerning the Arbiters Commission.

### **12. Disciplinary Regulations for Arbiters.**

Chairman proposes that a number of federations to be contacted to find out which kind of disciplinary actions they have in their regulations to be taken for arbiters.

A subcommittee will be established in Tallinn FIDE Congress Arbiters' Commission Meeting to work for creating such regulations and present them for approval in the next FIDE General Assembly.

### **13. Others.**

- Rajkovic case: The decision of the Maribor 2012 Appeals Committee and the letters received from Mr. Rajkovic, from members of the Commission and from the President of the Serbian Chess Federation were discussed.  
During the discussion of the issue there were a number of unclear matters in the case. Next to this and taking into consideration that IA Radisa Rajkovic had never been involved in such incidents in the past, the Commission decided to send him a letter of warning, asking him to take care to avoid any such situations in future.
- Training of the Arbiters: The FIDE Executive Director mentioned that IOC requests for other sports that arbiters are doing a test on a regular basis in order to ensure that they are up to date with the rules. Arbiters Commission should study in which way such an examination can be done. Therefore re-training of arbiters is an absolute necessity.

THE CHAIRMAN

IA TAKIS NIKOLOPOULOS

THE SECRETARY

IA DIRK DE RIDDER

Athens, June 22<sup>nd</sup>

## 06. Regulations for the Titles of Arbiters

As approved by GA 1982, amended by GA 1984 to 2013.

### 1. Introduction

1.1 The following regulations can only be altered by the General Assembly following recommendation by the Arbiters' Commission.

1.1.1 Changes to the regulations shall only be made every fourth year, commencing from 2004 (unless the Commission agrees urgent action is required).

1.1.2 Any such changes shall take effect from 1 July of the year following the decision by the General Assembly.

1.1.3 The titles for award are International Arbiter (IA) and FIDE Arbiter (FA).

1.1.4 The titles are valid for life from the date awarded or registered.

1.1.5 The judging unit is the FIDE Arbiters' Commission.

1.1.6 The Arbiters' Commission is appointed by the General Assembly for the same period of office as the FIDE President. The Commission shall include a chairman, appointed by the FIDE President, a Secretary, appointed by the Chairman in consultation with the FIDE President and not more than **13** experts, who shall have voting rights in the Commission. No Federation shall have more than one representative in the Commission.

1.1.7 The Presidential Board or Executive Board may confirm the titles under 1.1.3 in clear cases only, after consultation with the Arbiters' Commission chairman.

1.1.8 The Commission usually makes its decisions in the sessions immediately preceding the opening of the General Assembly.

1.1.9 In exceptional circumstances, the Commission may recommend a title by correspondence voting.

### 2. General Regulations

2.1.1 Format: Swiss, Round Robin or other

Level: World, Continental, Open, National

Type: Individual, Team

Certificates: number of norm certificates to be issued

Norms: number of norms that can be used in application

Format	Level of Event	Type	Certificates	Norms
=	World	=	No limit	=
=	Continental	=	No limit	=
Swiss	International	=	1 per 50 players	No limit
Swiss	National Championships	Individual (adult)	Maximum 2	Maximum 2
Swiss	National Championships	Team	Maximum 2	Maximum 2
Rapid Chess	World / Continental/National	=	=	Maximum 2

2.1.2 An arbiter norm in the highest division of the National Team Championship, whereby the following requirements are met:

1. A minimum of four boards per team;
2. A minimum of 10 teams;
3. At least 60% of the players are FIDE rated.
4. At least 5 rounds.

**2.1.3 Two (2) different formats of tournaments shall be included as norms for the applications for both FA and IA title (i.e. Swiss or Round Robin or Team Tournaments). Only Swiss System Tournaments may be accepted only in case that at least one (1) of them is International FIDE rated chess event with at least 100 players, at least 30% FIDE rated players, and at least 7 rounds.**

2.1.4 Applicants for the title of IA/FA must be at least 21 years old.

### **3. Requirements for the title of FIDE Arbiter (FA).**

All of the following:

- 3.1 Thorough knowledge of the Laws of Chess, the FIDE Regulations for chess competitions, the Swiss Pairing Systems.
- 3.2 Absolute objectivity, demonstrated at all times during his activity as an arbiter.
- 3.3 Sufficient knowledge of at least one official FIDE language.
- 3.4 Skills to operate electronic chess clocks of different types and for different systems.
  
- 3.5 Experience as chief or deputy arbiter in at least three (3) FIDE Rated events (these can be either national or international) and attendance of at least one (1) FIDE Arbiters' Seminar and successful passing (at least 80%) an examination test set by the Arbiters' Commission.  
FIDE rated event valid for a norm is considered any tournament with minimum 10 players in case that it is played with Round Robin system, with minimum 6 players in case that it is played with Double Round Robin system and with minimum 20 players in case that it is played with Swiss system.
- 3.6 The title of FIDE Arbiter for each of the IBCA, ICSC, and IPCA shall each be equivalent to one FA norm.
- 3.7 For a candidate, being a match arbiter in an Olympiad is equivalent to one FA norm. No more than one such norm will be considered for the title.
- 3.8 Being Chief or Deputy Arbiter in any FIDE rated Rapid and Blitz events, with minimum thirty (30) players and nine (9) rounds, shall be equivalent to one (1) FA norm. No more than one such norm from Rapid or Blitz tournaments will be considered for the title.
- 3.9 Attendance of one (1) FIDE Arbiters' Seminar and successful passing (at least 80%) an examination test set by the Arbiters' Commission, shall be equivalent to one (1) FA norm. Not more than one (1) such norm will be considered for the title.
- 3.10 Applicants from federations which are unable to organize any tournaments valid for titles or rating, may be awarded the title on successful passing an examination test (at least 80%) set by the Arbiters' Commission.

### **4. Requirements for the title of International Arbiter (IA).**

All of the following:

title of FIDE Arbiter.

4.10 All the norms for the IA title must be different from the norms already used for the FA title and must have been achieved after the FA title have been awarded.

4.11 At least two (2) of the submitted norms shall be signed by different Chief Arbiters.

## 5. Application Procedure

5.1 Application forms for the titles listed in 1.1.3 are annexed hereto. They are:

Tournament Report Form with cross-table and decisions on appeals - IT3 (one for each norm)

Arbiter Norm Report Form - IA1 or FA1 (one for each norm)

Arbiter Title Application Form - IA2 or FA2

**All the certificates have to be signed by the Chief Arbiter and the federation responsible for the tournament.**

5.2 The norm reports supporting a title application must be for at least two different formats of tournament, according to 2.1.1, or at least one international rated event according to 4.6d, and achieved in events with starting dates that fall within a six-year period. The application must be submitted not later than the second FIDE Congress after the date of the latest event listed. Norms from Seminars are valid for a period of four (4) years.

5.3 Applications must be submitted to the FIDE Secretariat by the federation of the applicant. The national federation is responsible for the fee. **If the player's federation refuses to apply, the player can appeal to FIDE and apply (and pay) for the title himself.**

**5.4 There is a 60-day deadline in order for the applications to be considered properly. There is a 50% surcharge for applications to be considered in a shorter time-scale than this. Those arriving during the Presidential Board, Executive Board or General Assembly shall be charged a 100% supplement.**

**Exception: the surcharge may be waived, if the last norm was achieved so late that the time limit could not be observed.**

5.5 All title applications together with full details must be posted on the FIDE website for a minimum of 60 days prior to finalisation. This is in order for any objections to be lodged.

## 6. Arbiters' Licence.

6.1 A titled active Arbiter (International Arbiter or FIDE Arbiter) and an **active** National Arbiter working in a FIDE rated tournament shall be charged with a "licence fee".

6.2.1 The licence will be valid for life, on the condition the arbiter remains an active arbiter, and will be in effect from the day after FIDE has received the fee.

6.2.2 The licence fee for National Arbiters is valid for life.

6.2.3 If a National Arbiter is awarded the title of "FIDE Arbiter" the licence fee for this title has to be paid to FIDE.

6.2.4 If an arbiter upgrades his/her category only the difference between the category fee has to be paid to FIDE.

6.2.5 If a "FIDE Arbiter" achieves the title of "International Arbiter", the fee for the new title has to be paid to FIDE.

6.3 The licence fee will be:

a) for A' Category Arbiters (only IAs): 300 €

b) for B' Category Arbiters (only IAs): 200 €

c) for C' Category Arbiters: IAs 160 €

FAAs 120 €

d) for D' Category Arbiters: IAs 100 €

FAAs 80 €

e) for National Arbiters

20 €

6.4 Failure to pay the licence fee will lead to exclusion from the FIDE Arbiters' list.

6.5 The Arbiters' licence will come into effect from 01. 01. 2013.

6.6 From 01. 01. 2013 all arbiters of FIDE rated tournaments shall be licensed.

6.7.1 An arbiter who has become inactive (see annex 2, articles 1.3 and 1.4) is considered not to be licensed anymore and will be transferred to the list of inactive arbiters.

6.7.2 In order to be active again the inactive arbiter has to pay for a new licence, according to 6.3

6.8 If the article 6.6 is not fulfilled, the tournaments shall not be rated.

6.9 From 01. 01. 2013 the licence fee will be charged together with the application fee for all new awarded arbiter titles.

**7. List of Application Forms:**

1. [Tournament report form IT3.](#)
2. [International Arbiter norm report form IA1.](#)
3. [Application for award of the title of International Arbiter IA2.](#)
4. [FIDE Arbiter norm report form FA1.](#)
5. [Application for award of the title of FIDE Arbiter FA2.](#)

**8. Annex 1:** Regulations for the training of the chess arbiters.

**Annex 1a:** Regulations for the Organization Internet Based FIDE Arbiters' Seminars.

**Annex 1b:** List of Lecturers for the FIDE Arbiters Seminars.

**9. Annex 2:** Regulations for the classification of the arbiters.

**Annex 2a:** A' Category Arbiters.

**Annex 2b:** B' Category Arbiters.

**Annex 2c:** C' Category Arbiters.

**Annex 2d:** D' Category Arbiters.

**Annex 2e:** National Arbiters.

**Annex 2f:** Inactive Arbiters.

**10. Annex 3:** List of Licensed Arbiters.



# **REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE ARBITERS (Annex 2)**

## **1. General**

1.1 These regulations comprise all the aspects concerning the classification of the Chess Arbiters (IA and FA).

1.2 The Chess Arbiters (IAs and FAs) are classified into two (2) general categories: Active (a) and Inactive (i) Arbiters.

1.3 An International Arbiter (IA) is considered to be Inactive if in a period of two (2) years he has never acted as an Arbiter in any FIDE rated chess event, according to the Article 3.5 of the Regulations for the Titles of the Arbiters.

1.4 A FIDE Arbiter (FA) is considered to be Inactive if in a period of two (2) years he has never acted as an Arbiter in any FIDE rated chess event, according to the Article 3.5 of the Regulations for the Titles of the Arbiters.

## **2. Inactive IA and FA**

2.1 The Inactive IAs and FAs are listed in a separate list (List of Inactive Arbiters), which is issued every two (2) years by the Arbiters Commission (AC), in cooperation with the Federations and after the approval of the FIDE General Assembly.

2.2 An Inactive IA or FA can be considered as Active again, only after paying the Arbiter's license fees and after acting as an Arbiter in at least two (2) respective FIDE rated chess events and after approval by the AC. The Federation the Arbiter belongs to, shall send an application to the AC, verifying this.

## **3. Active IA and FA**

3.1 The Active IAs and FAs are classified to the following categories:

3.1.1. A' Category

3.1.2. B' Category

3.1.3. C' Category

3.1.4. D' Category

3.2. In the A' Category are classified only IAs who fulfill all the following criteria:

3.2.1. They have been Active International Arbiters during the last five (5) years.

3.2.2. They have shown excellent knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the Tournament Regulations and no punishments have been imposed to them during their activities as Arbiters.

3.2.3. They have acted in the period of the last five (5) years as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter:

(a). in at least one (1) of the major World events such as Olympiad, World Individual Championship tournaments and matches for Men and Women, World Cup, World Team Championships for Men and Women, World Youth and Junior Championships, or

(b). in at least five (5) of the events mentioned in 3.3.3. (with at least two different types of tournaments) .

3.3. In the B' Category are classified only IAs who fulfill all the following criteria:

3.3.1. They have been Active International Arbiters during the last five (5) years.

3.3.2. They have shown excellent knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the Tournament Regulations and no punishments have been imposed to them during their activities as Arbiters.

3.3.3. They have acted in a period of the last five (5) years as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter in at least two (2) of the following :

(a). the major Continental events such as Continental Individual Championship tournaments for Men and Women, Continental Team Championships for Men and Women, Continental Youth and Junior Championships, Continental Club Cup Tournaments.

**(b). all the other World events included in the FIDE Calendar**

**(c). Round Robin Tournaments with at least ten (10) participants ( 6 in a Double Round Robin , with an average rating above 2600 (2400 for a women only event).**

3.3.4. They have acted as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter in at least five (5) of the events mentioned in 3.4.3. (with at least two different types of tournaments) in the period of the last five (5) years.

3.4. In the C' Category are classified IA and FA who fulfill all the following criteria:

3.4.1. They have been Active International or FIDE Arbiters during the last five (5) years.

3.4.2. They have shown excellent knowledge of the Laws of Chess and the Tournament Regulations and no punishments have been imposed to them during their activities as an Arbiter.

3.4.3. They have acted in the period of the last five (5) years as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter in at least two (2) of the following :

**(a). all the other Continental events included in the FIDE Calendar.**

**(b).Team Tournaments or Swiss System Tournaments with more than 150 participants,**

3.5. In the D' Category are classified all the others IA and FA.

#### **4. Procedure for the classification of IA and FA**

4.1. The Arbiters Commission shall have the responsibility for the classification of the Active IA and FA in the above mentioned Categories, according to the proposals of the Federations, the Tournament Reports and the Reports of the Chief Arbiters.

4.2. The Federations must send to the Arbiters Commission their proposals and Inactive IA and FA, four (4) months before the announced date of the FIDE Congress.

In each Federation's list of the Active Arbiters, the IA and FA must be classified according to the mentioned Categories (A', B', C' and D'). If an Arbiter is proposed to change his previous Category, then it shall be justified in full detail, according to these regulations.

4.3. The AC shall issue the lists which will include the Arbiters of each Category (A', B' and C') and submit them to the FIDE General Assembly for final approval. The lists will be valid for a period of two (2) years.

#### **5. Appointment of the IA and FA, according to their Categories**

5.1. Only IA belonging to the A' or B' Category shall be appointed as Chief Arbiters in all major World events, as described in 3.2.3.

5.2. The following table indicates the appointments of the IA and FA, depending on their Categories and the event:

A', B', C', D': Categories of the IA and FA

Major WE : major World events, according to 3.2.3

**Other WE : all the other World events, included in the FIDE Calendar, according to 3.3.3**

Major CE : major Continental events, according to 3.3.3

**Other CE : all the other Continental events, included in the FIDE Calendar, according to 3.4.3**

<b>Arbiter/Event</b>	<b>Major WE</b>	<b>Other WE</b>	<b>Major CE</b>	<b>Other CE</b>
Chief Arbiter	A', B'	A', B'	A, B'	A', B', C'
Deputy Chief Arbiter	A', B'	A', B', C'	A', B', C'	A', B', C', D'
Arbiter	A', B', C'	A', B', C', D'	A', B', C', D'	A', B', C', D'
Assistant Arbiter	B', C', D'	B', C', D'	B', C', D'	B', C', D'

## REGULATIONS FOR THE TRAINING OF THE CHESS ARBITERS

### 1. General.

1.1. These regulations comprise all the aspects concerning the training of the Arbiters and the Seminars that are organized all over the world.

1.2. Seminars that are not organized according to these Regulations will not be recognized by FIDE and will not be in a position to provide norms for the Arbiters' titles.

### 2. Organization.

2.1. Seminars for the Arbiters shall be organized by a respective Chess Federation or a Chess Academy or any other chess organization which belongs to this respective National Federation, following the permission and approval by FIDE. There should be an Organizing Committee of the Seminar, consisting of 3 members as follows:

- a) A member appointed by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission.
- b) A member appointed by the host Federation, or Academy or chess organization.
- c) A member appointed by the host Federation's Arbiters' Commission.

2.2. The lectures of a FIDE Arbiters' Seminar and the evaluation test shall be in one of the official FIDE languages. However translation of the lectures into other languages can be approved by the Arbiters' Commission

2.3. In order to organize a Seminar, the host Federation (or Chess Academy or another chess organization belonging to this Federation), shall send an application to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission, at least 4 months before the proposed start of the Seminar. The application shall include:

- a) The organizer, the dates, the venue and the schedule.
- b) The participants (a number of the people, their Federations etc).
- c) The topics that will be discussed during the course.
- d) The proposed members for the Seminar's Organizing Committee.
- e) The proposed lecturer of the Seminar (who should be approved by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission) and his Assistant, who shall come from the host Federation.

f) Other matters in respect of the Seminar, such as the language of the lectures, any fees for the participants, the accommodation conditions etc.

2.4. The Organizing Committee member who is proposed by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission shall act as the Observer. The Observer shall ensure the due application of the present Regulations in the course of the Seminar. After the end of the Seminar, the Observer shall submit a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission within 1 month after the Seminar's end.

2.5. Within one week after the end of the Seminar, the Organizing Committee shall provide the results of the examination and submit a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission.

2.6. On receipt of this report, the FIDE Arbiters' Commission shall check the report, announce the results and forward the report to FIDE for the final approval, within a period of one month.

### 3. Lecturers.

3.1. The FIDE Arbiters' Commission shall issue the list of the proposed Lecturers for the Arbiters' Seminars, before the present Regulations come into force, for the approval of FIDE. This list will comprise all the International Arbiters that have served as Lecturers in at least one International Seminar for FIDE or International Arbiters, during the last 3 years.

3.2. In every seminar, the course will be given by one lecturer, who shall have the title of the IA, and one assistant, also a IA title holder. The lecturer will be proposed by the host Federation and shall be approved by the FIDE Arbiters' Commission. The Assistant will be appointed by the host Federation.

3.3. The list of the Lecturers shall be progressive. The FIDE Arbiters' Commission shall proposed any IA who has served as an Assistant in at least 3 seminars for the Arbiters, to be added to the list, following the final approval by FIDE.

3.4. Lecturers who are inactive, i.e. they had not given any lecture for any FIDE Arbiters' Seminar for four (4) consecutive years, will be excluded from the list of lecturers, by decision of Arbiters' Commission.

An inactive lecturer will be again active, if he will be Assistant Lecturer in two FIDE Arbiters' Seminars.

### 4. Topics of the Seminars.

4.1. The following list of the topics is recommended to the courses for the Arbiters' Seminars:

a) Laws of Chess (including Rapid, Blitz, etc)

b) Tournament Rules

c) Type of tournaments, tie breaks.

- d) Swiss system, Pairing rules.
- e) Regulations for the rating and the over-the-board titles.
- f) Regulations for the titles of the Arbiters.
- g) Use of the electronic clocks.

4.2. The proposed minimum for the duration of the Seminar is 15 hours, with each session consisting of 3 hours.

4.3. All the participants of the Seminar will be provided with the materials for the course, including all the topics to be discussed.

## 5. Evaluation test.

5.1. After the end of the each course, the participants of the Seminar can take part in the written examination.

5.2. The participants who will achieve 80% and above of the total number of points, will be considered as achieved one norm for the title of FIDE Arbiter. Only one such norm shall be used for the awarding of the title of FIDE Arbiter.

5.3. The Organizing Committee of the Seminar will prepare the examination tests, assess the written documents and send a full report to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission after the end of the seminar.

5.4. After the end of the Seminar, all the participants will receive certificates of attendance provided by the Organizers.

## 6. Fees.

6.1 Examination fees will be 20 euro per person.

The organizing Federation shall be invoiced on the basis of the number of participants.