

Proposal of the Online Commission for conducting over the board tournaments in FIDE Online Arena

Many Federations complain that special conditions in their country cause problems to the smooth conduct of their National Championships, especially the club leagues, because of a) the high cost of transportation for athletes and officials, and b) players' difficulty in obtaining vacation leave by their employers to participate.

The Online Commission proposes a solution to these problems by allowing Federations to conduct a limited number of tournaments of their annual program on the FIDE Online Arena (FOA), the only online gaming platform officially recognised by FIDE.

The Federations interested in taking advantage of this new facility must apply to the Online Commission and the QC, 60 days in advance of the event(s), in order to examine the reasons for the application and allow such online tournaments to be rated as standard over the board chess tournaments. The QC must reply within 2 to 3 weeks if they accept the application, allowing 30 to 40 days before the event(s) for the preparation of the online tournament(s). The Federations shall be responsible for setting up tournament parameters in FOA server and taking all necessary steps to conduct their tournaments in a smooth and undisputable way. The Federations shall be responsible to submit tournament results to FIDE for rating purposes. The Online Commission requires that all players are registered according to FIDE regulations for registration and licensing of players and that they are full members of FOA.