

AGENDA

for the FIDE ARBITERS' COMMISSION MEETING of 87th FIDE Congress

Baku, 6 September 2016

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LECTURES ON INTERNET

about Anti cheating regulations and guidelines

for Arbiters

REPORT

The FIDE Arbiters' Commission, in cooperation with the FIDE Anti Cheating Committee, organized four (4) lectures on Internet, in English, Russian, Spanish and Arabic languages, in order to present the Anti cheating regulations and the Anti cheating guidelines for Arbiters that are in effect from 1 January 2014.

The participation was free for all Arbiters.

The lecture in English was held in 23 February and the Lecturers were IA Takis Nikolopoulos (GRE), Chairman of the FIDE Arbiters' Commission and IO Yuri Garrett (ITA), Secretary of the FIDE Anti Cheating Committee. The Technical Organizer was IA Mihail Prevenios (GRE).

In total seventy five (75) Arbiters from sixty five (65) Federations participated in the lecture. Thirty five (35) of them attended the lecture live, while forty (40) more followed the recordings of the lecture.

Additionally a forum had been created to answer possible questions from participants, which was followed by fifty seven (57) of the Arbiters who participated in the lecture (live or through recordings).

You can see the lists of the participants in the FIDE Arbiters' Commission website.

The lecture in Russian was held in 25 March and the Lecturers were IA Ashot Vardapetyan (ARM), Chairman of the FIDE Rules Commission and GM, FST Konstantin Landa (RUS), Member of the FIDE Anti Cheating Committee. IA Mihail Prevenios (GRE) was the Technical Organizer of the Lecture.

In total, twenty eight (28) Arbiters from nine (9) federations took part in the Lecture.

You can see the list of the participants in the FIDE Arbiters' Commission website.

The lecture in Spanish was held in 19 April and the Lecturer was IA Jesus Mena (ESP), Councilor of the FIDE Arbiters' Commission. IA Mihail Prevenios (GRE) was the Technical Organizer of the Lecture.

In total, twenty four (24) Arbiters from eight (8) federations took part in the Lecture.

You can see the list of the participants in the FIDE Arbiters' Commission website.

The lecture in Arabic was held in 4 June and the Lecturer was IA Mahdi Abdulrahim (UAE), Councilor of the FIDE Arbiters' Commission. IA Mihail Prevenios (GRE) was the Technical Organizer of the Lecture.

In total, sixty eight (68) Arbiters from twenty (20) federations took part in the Lecture.

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The participants of all Lectures showed high interest and were very active during the discussions.

Due to the extremely high number of applicants, it was decided the lectures to be recorded and those Arbiters, who could not had the chance to attend them live, to get the possibility to follow the recordings of the lecture. The recordings are available to any Arbiter per request to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission.

As the issue of Anti cheating is considered very important and the training of the Arbiters of high priority, the FIDE Arbiters' Commission, in cooperation with the FIDE Anti cheating Committee, will continue organizing on Internet Anti cheating lectures for Arbiters in official FIDE languages, covering any updates will come in effect after 2016 Baku FIDE Congress on anti cheating issues.

Takis Nikolopoulos

Chairman

FIDE Arbiters' Commission

06. Regulations for the Titles of Arbiters

As approved by GA 1982, amended by GA 1984 to 2016.

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 four 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 Arbiter 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 a number of experts, decided by the Chairman in consultation with the President,** 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 Assemblies, **and before Presidential Boards and Executive Boards.**
- 1.1.9 In exceptional circumstances, the Commission may recommend a title by correspondence voting.
- 1.1.10 National federations may register their Arbiters of National level(s) with FIDE after approval by the FIDE Arbiters Commission.**

2. General Regulations

- 2.1.1 Format: Swiss, Round Robin or other
Level: World, Continental, National championships
Type: Individual or 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
All kind	World	any kind	no limit	no limit
All kind	Continental	any kind	no limit	no limit
Swiss	International	any kind	1 per 50 players	no limit
Round Robin	International	any kind	maximum 2	no limit
Swiss	National Championships	Individual / Team (adult)	1 per 50 players	maximum 2
Round Robin	National Championship	Individual / Team (adult)	maximum 2	maximum 2
Rapid Chess	World / Continental	any kind	no limit	maximum 1

- 2.1.2 An arbiter 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 ten teams;
3. at least 60% of the players are FIDE rated;
4. at least five 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 in case that at least one (1) of them is an 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.
- 2.1.5 Arbiters of national Level must be at least 16 years old.**

3. Requirements for the title of FIDE Arbiter.

All of the following:

- 3.1 Thorough knowledge of the Laws of Chess, the FIDE Regulations for chess competitions and the Swiss Pairing Systems.
- 3.2 Absolute objectivity, demonstrated at all times during his activity as an arbiter.
- 3.3 Sufficient knowledge of the at least one official FIDE language.
- 3.4 Skills to operate electronic clocks of different types and for different systems.
- 3.5 Experience as 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 up 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 the FIDE Arbiter for each of the IBCA, ICSC, 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 or 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 passing an examination set by the Arbiters' Commission.

4. Requirements for the title of International Arbiter.

All of the following:

- 4.1 Thorough knowledge of the Laws of Chess, the FIDE Regulations for chess competitions, the Swiss Pairing Systems, the FIDE Regulations regarding achievement of title norms and the FIDE Rating System.
- 4.2 Absolute objectivity, demonstrated at all times during his activity as an arbiter.
- 4.3 Obligatory knowledge of English language, minimum at conversation level; and of chess terms in other official FIDE languages.
- 4.4 Minimum skills at user level to work on a personal computer. Knowledge of pairing programs endorsed by the FIDE, Word, Excel and E-mail.
- 4.5 Skills to operate electronic clocks of different types and for different systems.
- 4.6 Experience as Arbiter in at least four (4) FIDE rated events such as the following:
 - a) The final of the National Individual (adult) Championship (maximum two norms).
 - b) All official FIDE tournaments and matches.
 - c) International tournaments where FIDE title norms for players are possible.
 - d) International FIDE rated chess events with at least 100 players, at least 30% FIDE rated players, and at least seven rounds (maximum one norm).
 - e) All official World and Continental Rapid and Blitz Championships for adult and juniors (maximum one (1) norm).
- 4.7 The title of the International Arbiter for each of the IBCA, ICSC, IPCA shall each be equivalent to one IA norm.
- 4.8 Being a match arbiter in an Olympiad is equivalent to one IA norm. No more than one such norm will be considered for the title.
- 4.9 The title of International Arbiter can be awarded only to applicants who have already been awarded the 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 has 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.

5.2 For the FIDE Arbiter title the norms must include tournaments (according to 3.5) with at least seven (7) rounds. Only one (1) tournament with at least five (5) rounds shall be accepted.
For the International Arbiter title the norms must include tournaments (according to 4.6) with at least nine (9) rounds. Only one (1) tournament with at least seven (7) rounds shall be accepted.
In case of norms from Team Tournaments the number of rounds where the applicant was an Arbiter must be at least five (5) and it must be indicated in the FA1/IA1 form.

All the certificates have to be signed by the Chief Arbiter and the federation responsible for the tournament.
In case the applicant is the Chief Arbiter of the event, then the Organizer or the Federation Official may sign the certificate.
If the Chief Arbiter is Arbiter of National Level, he cannot sign any certificate for International Arbiter title.

5.3 All norms included in the applications must have been 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.

5.4 Applications must be submitted to the FIDE Secretariat by the federation of the applicant. The National federation is responsible for the fee. If the applicant's federation refuses to apply, the applicant can bring his case to the Arbiters' Commission, who will investigate it. If it is found that there is no sufficient reason for the refusal, the applicant can appeal to FIDE and apply (and pay) for the title himself.

5.5 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.

5.6 All applications together with full details must be posted on the FIDE website for a minimum of 60 days prior to finalization. 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 Arbiters of National levels working in a FIDE rated tournament shall be charged with a "license fee".

6.2.1 The license 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 license fee for Arbiters of National levels is valid for life.

6.2.3 If an Arbiter of National level is awarded the title of "FIDE Arbiter" the license 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 fees 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 license 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 €
	FAs 120 €
d) for D' Category Arbiters:	IAs 100 €
	FAs 80 €

e) for Arbiters of National Levels (NA): 20 €

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

6.5 The Arbiters' license 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 any more.

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

6.8 If the article 6.6 is not fulfilled, the tournaments shall not be rated **and any Arbiters' norms shall not be accepted.**

6.9 From 01. 01. 2013 the license fee will be charged together with the application fee for all 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.](#)
6. [FIDE Lecturer norm report FL1.](#)
7. [Application form for FIDE Lecturer FL2.](#)

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

Annex 1a: [Regulations for the Organization Internet Based FIDE Arbiters' Seminars.](#)

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

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Annex 2:

REGULATIONS FOR THE CLASSIFICATION OF THE CHESS ARBITERS

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 (IA and FA) 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 international chess event, according to the Article 4.6 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 IA and FA 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 acting as an Arbiter in at least two (2) respective chess events (international events for IA and FIDE rated events for FA) 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 IA and FA 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 IA who fulfil 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 as Chief Arbiter or Deputy Chief Arbiter:
- a) in at least one (1) major World event (Olympiad, World Individual Championship tournaments and matches, for Men and Women, World Cup, World Team Championships for Men and Women, World Youth, Cadets and Junior Championships) in the period of the last five (5) years, 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 IA 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),

or

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, at least three (3) of them have to be International tournaments with a minimum of five (5) titled players participating) 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, including the lists of their Active 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

Arbiter/Event	Major WE	other WE	Major CE	other CE
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'

Annex 1:

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 one 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 three 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 an 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 propose any IA who has served as an Assistant in at least three seminars for the Arbiters, to be added to the list, following the final approval by FIDE.
The applicant shall submit to the FIDE Arbiters' Commission the FL1 (one per Seminar) and FL2 forms, signed by the main Lecturer of the Seminar and the official of his Federation.
- 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 (2) 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) FIDE Competition Rules and standards of chess equipment
 - c) System of Games, tie breaks.
 - d) Swiss system and 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.
 - h) Anti cheating guidelines for Arbiters.

- 4.2 The proposed minimum for the duration of the Seminar is 18 hours, with each session consisting of three 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.

LIST OF FIDE LECTURERS

To be approved in Baku FIDE Congress

- 1. IA Lara Barnes (ENG)**
- 2. IA Anastasia Sorokina (AUS)**
- 3. IA Jose Martinez Garcia (MEX)**
- 4. IA Husan Turdialiev (UZB)**
- 5. IA Yaser Al Otaibi (KSA)**

2016 ARBITERS' AWARDS

LIST OF NOMINEES

The FIDE Arbiters' Commission has the pleasure to announce the nominees of the **2016 Arbiters' Awards**.

The requirements for the Arbiters to be awarded were:

(a). to have obtained the IA title before 1981 (35 years of service as an IA)

(b). to have worked as an Arbiter in at least three (3) FIDE Major Events (Olympiads, World Championships).

The Arbiters to be awarded are (in alphabetical order):

-DREPANIOTIS, Panagiotis (GREECE)	(IA title awarded in 1980)
-GASANOV, Faik (AZERBAIJAN)	(IA title awarded in 1980)
-GIJSSEN, Geurt (NETHERLAND)	(IA title awarded in 1979)
-KAMESWARAN, V. (INDIA)	(IA title awarded in 1980)
-LOBANOV, Yuri (RUSSIA)	(IA title awarded in 1979)
-MELIKSTET-BEK, Evgeny (GEORGIA)	(IA title awarded in 1979)
-VEGA, Jorge (GUATEMALA)	(IA title awarded in 1979)
-WELCH, David (ENGLAND)	(IA title awarded in 1977)
-ZHARIC, Borivoje (SERBIA)	(IA title awarded in 1970)

The Awards Ceremony will take place during the General Assembly of the 2016 Baku FIDE Congress and the awarded Arbiters, or their representatives, are kindly requested to be present, in order to receive their awards.

Takis Nikolopoulos
Chairman
FIDE Arbiters' Commission

Proposal for Changes to the Training of Arbiters

Currently the FIDE Arbiters Commission provides for a single training program for arbiters at the FIDE Arbiter (FA) level. National Arbiters (NA) and International Arbiters (IA) are not required for any training prior to achieving the title. Currently NA's are provided the title based on requirements set forth by their national federation.

First, the training of the NA must be taken under the auspices of the FIDE Arbiters Commission. NA's are capable of presiding over and submitting results for FIDE rated tournaments. Without uniform training, the FIDE Arbiters Commission cannot ensure that those with the NA title have appropriate exposure to all knowledge required to competently execute their duties.

National Arbiter (NA) Training

- 6 hours of recorded video training divided into 6, 1 hour videos;
- Topics to cover to include Laws of Chess, FIDE Rating Regulations (sections 1 – 7 & 9), Swiss Pairings, Tie Breaks,
- Online multiple-choice examination requiring a passing score of 80%;
- Course and examination cost to be determined by the FIDE Arbiters Commission in conjunction with the FIDE Treasurer.

FIDE Arbiter (FA) Training

- 12 hours of online or classroom training;
- Topics to cover include detailed workings of Swiss Pairings & Tie Breaks, International Title Regulations, Regulations for the Titles of Arbiters, Competition Rules, FIDE Rating Regulations (sections 8, 10-13)
- Examination which is to include calculations of titles, pairings, tie breaks, and ratings requiring a passing score of 80%.
- Examination cost to be determined by the FIDE Arbiters Commission in conjunction with the FIDE Treasurer.

International Arbiter (IA) Training

- 12 hours of online or classroom training;
- Topics to cover include case analysis of actual or hypothetical situations that can arise in events;
- Essay based examination of 6 case studies displaying the necessary competency level from an IA candidate on the application of all materials (FIDE Laws of Chess, Rating Regulations, Title Regulations, Competition Rules, Swiss Pairings and Tie Breaks) requiring a passing score of 80%;
- Course and examination cost to be determined by the FIDE Arbiters Commission in conjunction with the FIDE Treasurer.

Continuing Education for all Arbiters

All arbiters are required to attend an online or classing training to refresh their knowledge and skills. Should a NA advance to the FA level 1-year after achieving the NA title, they are exempt from the continuing education requirement for that year. Should a FA advance to the IA level 1-year after achieving the FA title, they are exempt from the continuing education requirement for that year.

- 8 hours of online or classroom training designed specifically for NA's or FA's/IA's;
- Topics to cover include case analysis of actual or hypothetical situations that can arise in events;
- Course cost to be determined by the FIDE Arbiters Commission in conjunction with the FIDE Treasurer.

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