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TO : FIDE SECRETARIATE

SUBJECT : PROPOSALS FOR THE UPCOMING 84th FIDE CONGRESS

1. It is found that there is no clear selection process/criteria for either Chief Arbiter or Arbiters in major Fide events. While this is the issue, current situation shows that as if there are only few qualified Arbiters around the globe despite the large list of IA / FA as well as the many new comers to the field every month from Arbiter seminars and so.

The question is how an arbiter will have the opportunity to participate in top level competition if there are no clear guidelines and sound selection process for the same? Also, how the current situation will encourage producing more names in the top ?

For that we propose that a new system to be introduced for the process of selecting the arbiters for FIDE events putting into account that fair opportunities being given to all FIDE approved arbiters , this is in fact as saying "FIDE Trusts the titles FIDE has awarded ". This should also be applicable to Olympiads, continents and zonal events as well.

2. Recently, FIDE thankfully came with the huge activity in terms of conducting Arbiter seminars. However, though it is healthy look to have large number of Arbiters, the job, we believe, should be governed by some limitations. The fact is that since everyone now is able to attend Arbiter seminar and can achieve the FA title requirement by passing the set exam (the case for some federations), we propose to introduce a set ratio (between the number of arbiters to the number of players in each federation) .This may help encouraging federations to bring more players to the game. A quota can be introduced for setting the actual and active arbiters in each federation.
3. Since everyone can attend Fide seminars and can achieve a title award, it is found that FIDE referring the national federation for title approval and fee payment. We propose that since participants are accepted on their behalf, it is useful to collect the fees on the spot. Federations should only be invoiced against those sent to attend such seminars by their national federations. (This proposal is not needed once proposal #2 stands and agreed on).

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4. Chess Academies :

We believe that chess academies play a role in the development of the game together with clubs and federations. However, since they are run on business basis, we see that granting the academies the right to conduct FIDE rated tournaments and Awarding Titles is something needs to be revised. FIDE title has a value and governed by on the board results that are open and seen by the public, unlike the academies that run their business in a closed office and governed by different body (Pure Business) than sport.

For that we propose to remove the following articles (rights) from TRG Academy Application:

- 3.2.1 , 3.2.2 and 3.2.6

Instead, Academies can run rated tournaments through national federations and rating report is handled by the federation (as per reporting procedure Article # 9 of FIDE rating regulations) itself and that the national Federation is the body that can propose for CM title award.

5. Laws of Chess :

- Article 2.3 stated clearly the initial position of the pieces on the chessboard and hence it is a must to start the game of chess with that initial position. However, Article 7.1.a, as wording say, a game may start in contrary to Article 2 and that only **IF** during a game it is found that the initial position of the pieces was incorrect, the game shall be cancelled and a new game played. And so on with 7.1.b and 7.2.

As concluded, Articles 2.1 and 2.3 deal with a game of chess while Articles 7.1.a & 7.1.b do not while 7.2 is against the pairing itself!

We propose that the word **MUST** is introduced in Articles 2.1 and 2.3 and that Articles 7.1 and 7.2 to be removed from the Laws of Chess. (It is the duty of the arbiter to let the game to start as a chess game by applying the rules. Also, technology can help in this regard)

The idea behind this proposal is to insist on introducing the game in more professional way than to start the game in a wrong way!

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