

Accessibility for totally/heavily blind and unable to move chess players in online platforms

Given the situation in all online chess platforms today, we believe that there is no such a platform in the world to provide full accessibility for totally/heavily blind and unable to move chess players and at the same time fair play and antichecking policy enough to be sure that that we can organize World Championships under the FIDE auspices

DIS commission clearly states that the only possible way to be sure that all totally blind and unable to move chess players can participate equally in a World Championship or Olympiad is with the help of online assistants, trained and provided by DIS, one assistant per totally or heavily blind or unable to move chess player

After successful tests with totally blind chess players playing a game online using an assistant, we proceed in the upcoming Olympiad for people with Disabilities with the following regulations:

**1st FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD for PEOPLE with DISABILITIES
20 NOVEMBER – 3 DECEMBER 2020**

REGULATIONS TOTALLY BLIND AND UNABLE TO MOVE PLAYERS USING ASSISTANTS

1. DIS will appoint one assistant for every totally/heavily blind or unable to move player in the Online Olympiad for people with disabilities
2. Assistants are responsible to invite and connect in Zoom with their players 20 min. before the start of the game
3. Players that using assistants must stay 1 to 1,5 meter away from the Zoom camera with their own chessboard fully visible from their assistant
4. When the game start and during the full period of the game, only the assistant is responsible to connect in the platform, play the announced moves and announce the opponent's moves to his player
5. The player must be sure that he can hear the assistant loud and clear
6. The announcement of the moves must be in full spelling (for example: pawn from e2 to e4) and in English language or, if is possible, to any other language absolutely convenient for both
7. The assistant will create a new account in the platform only for the purpose and the period of the Olympiad and only for his player

8. The player have the right to ask for the remaining time in his clock and the time of his opponent at any moment during the game
9. The player have the right to ask for a draw, or accept a draw offer from his opponent at any time
10. No further communication is allowed between the assistant and the player, in any unforeseen situation the assistant receive orders by the tournament director or the chief arbiter
11. Is forbidden for the player to leave the room during the game
12. For any unforeseen situation, the decision is up to the tournament director in cooperation with the chief arbiter