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

GENERAL REGULATIONS

1. SCOPE

A. Governing Body of the 1st FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD for people with disabilities (hereinafter referred to as Olympiad) is the International Chess Federation (FIDE).

B. FIDE Disabled Commission (hereinafter referred to as DIS) is in charge for preparing Regulations, communicating with the participants.

C. The body responsible for adopting and changing these Regulations is the FIDE Council, upon recommendation by DIS.

D. At any time, any circumstance or unforeseen situation not covered in these Regulations shall be referred to the FIDE President for the final decision.

2. FORMAT & TIME CONTROL

A. 1st FIDE ONLINE CHESS OLYMPIAD for people with disabilities is a team competition.

B. Only Fide member federations can participate.

C. FIDE member federations can be presented either by one or by maximum 4 teams (see articles 2D, 2E, 2F).

D. If Fide member federation have registered from 50 to 75 disabled players on FIDE DIS website (https://dis.fide.com/) by 31 of October 2020, this federation is entitled to have 2 National teams with any disabled composition in full compliance with article 3A.

E. If Fide member federation have registered from 76 to 100 disabled players on FIDE DIS website (https://dis.fide.com/) by 31 of October 2020, this federation is entitled to have 3 National teams with any disabled composition in full compliance with article 3A.

F. If Fide member federation have registered 101 or more disabled players on FIDE DIS website (https://dis.fide.com/) by 31 of October 2020, this federation is entitled to have 4 National teams with any disabled composition in full compliance with article 3A.

G. First stage of the Olympiad will be played by the Swiss System with 7 rounds.

H. 1 – 4 teams (winners) of first stage of the Olympiad will be qualified to the second stage of the Olympiad.

I. 4 qualified teams will play a knock – out tournament with 2 semi-finals according to the schedule
In the first semi-final, the winner of stage one will play with the team placed 4 at stage one. (1-4)

In the second semi-final, the team placed 2 will play with the team placed 3 at stage one. (2-3)

The winners of semi-finals will play for the first place in final match and the teams that lose in the semi-finals will play for the 3rd place.

Time control: all stages – 25 minutes + 10 second.

3. TEAM COMPOSITION & PAIRINGS

A. The teams are made up of 4 players (3 men and at least one woman). Each team may have up to 4 reserved players.

B. The teams have to play according to the ranking communicated at the registration. Whenever it happens that one or more reserves play, the reserves play in the last boards, according to the initial ranking, and the regular boards escalate to the upper boards. In case a team composition is communicated in the wrong order, the CA will change it to the right one and communicate it to the captain of the team. The team is not allowed to change its composition after the CA has reordered it according to the initial ranking.

C. The teams are encouraged to have players under 20.

D. At least one woman from each team must play in each round.

E. The mixed teams may be made up from players with communication (hearing) impairment, physical disability and visually impairment.

F. The mixed teams may consist of any number of the mentioned three disabled categories.

G. Each team must have a captain and members of the team must be registered on FIDE DIS Commission website (www.fide.dis.com)

H. The pairings for the first round are announced at least 48 hours before the start. Any team has to submit the composition at least 24 hours before the start.

I. The pairings for the next rounds are announced at least 20 hours before the start (7:00 PM CEST).

J. Every team has to submit the composition for a specific round, except the first, not later than 3 hours before the start of the round (12:00 AM CEST).

K. The composition of the teams is submitted via online system.

L. In case a team fails to submit its composition, it will play with the standard composition of the four regular players.

M. Every participating federation has to provide an official document for every team player to certify players disability – scan of the document should be provided upon registration. Providing forged documents can result in strict punishment. Original document should be provided before the registration deadline to the Olympiad Classification Committee. Upon recommendation by the classification committee, the FIDE DIS Commission makes a decision based on the validity of the players disability.
4. REGISTRATION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINE

A. The registration should be done via the FIDE member federation representative, individual applications will not be accepted.

B. FIDE member federations must fully complete the official registration form (see on the official website www.dis.fide.com) and send it back to the contact person before the registration deadline. Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

C. The deadline for the registration is 31 of October 2020.

D. Any registration after 31 of October 2020 will be considered as late registration.

E. The organizer has the right to reject the late registration.

5. SCHEDULE

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6. RANKING of FIRST STAGE

A. The team which scores more board points in a match than its opponents, receives 2 match points. In the case match ends with equal sum of the board points, each team receives 1 match point, a loss – 0 points.

B. The ranking will be determined according to match points, the team obtaining the highest number of match points being declared the winner of the competition.

C. The order of teams that finish with the same number of match points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) the extent required:

(a) By the number of board points won, the highest number wins;
(b) by the sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively. The highest number wins;
(c) By the sum of the board points of all team’s opponents, the highest number wins;
(d) By the sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved, the highest number wins.

7. RANKING OF PLAY – OFF STAGE
All matches in the Final Stage will be determined by the following criteria:
(a) Board Points
(b) Board count/Berlin (lower sum of Board numbers, counting won games)
(c) Board elimination/cut (bottom board is eliminated)
(d) Ranking from the Swiss stage

8. SPECIAL CONDITIONS & PLAYERS CONDUCT
A. In case of special needs (related to some players), the captains of teams are to inform Organizing Committee of Olympiad by the registration deadline. FIDE DIS Commission will consider each case.
B. The players are expected to co-operate with the media.
C. The players shall be available for the daily press conference.
D. The top three winner team representatives are obliged to attend the Closing Ceremony.

9. CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE
A. The Olympiad Classification Committee is a Committee which is mainly responsible, but not limited to, for medical report on players’ disability verification and other medical related matters. The Committee fulfils the responsibility of FIDE Medical Commission at FIDE official events.
B. Chairman of Classification Committee is appointed by FIDE President.
C. At least one more member of Classification Committee can be invited by the chairman of Classification Committee.

10. FAIR PLAY MEASURES
A. The fair-play measures are based on resources of HIP and external tools which are to be approved by DIS and follow FIDE’s fair-play guidelines.
B. DIS will nominate a fair-play panel (hereinafter referred to as FPP). The FPP consists of the Chief Arbiter, one Fair-Play expert and one member of DIS Commission.
C. The FPP works to ensure fair results for each game and suggests any additional measure that is considered necessary and sufficient in order to ensure fair-play conditions during the tournament.
D. In case third parties’ tools are used, FPP maintains regularly monitored the reports coming from such tools and promotes any necessary investigation.
E. FPP keeps the right to disqualify any player for a suspected fair-play violation during the course or after conclusion of the tournament, basing upon the results of the anti-cheating algorithm of the
HIP and/or external tools and/or other evidence deemed sufficient by the panel itself to establish a cheating incident.

F. The Chief Arbiter, in consultation with FPP, in case he finds it necessary, has the right to:
- The disqualified player may be declared lost in one or several games he/she played in the current or/and previous rounds;
- The disqualified player’s team may be disqualified.

G. In any case, the disqualified player’s team lose the right to qualify for the second stage.

H. Any decision of FPP or the Chief Arbiter on fair play matters is final and is not subject to any appeal, review or other challenge.

I. Neither FIDE, nor HIP claims that the determination of a suspected fair-play violation is proof of actual cheating or an admission of guilt of by the disqualified player. Such a determination shall not affect the ordinary status of the player for over-the-board competitions within the jurisdiction of FIDE or its members.

J. By entering into the tournament each player accepts the above-mentioned Fair-Play measures as a condition of entry in a voluntary sports event and agrees that his/her participation takes place subject to these Fair-Play measures.

11. APPEALS COMMITTEE

A. FIDE President will appoint the Chairman, the two other members and the two substitutes of the Appeals Committee, all from different Federations.

B. Any member of the Appeals Committee cannot sit in judgement in a dispute involving one player from his/her Federation. In such case the Chairman will appoint the necessary substitutes. In case the Chairman has to be replaced, the eldest member will act as the Chairman.

C. Any decision of the Chief Arbiter can be appealed, except fair-play decisions.

D. Only team captains are entitled to submit appeals. In case the appeal is rejected the complainant, Federation will be charged an amount of 200,00 USD.

E. All appeals and protests must be submitted in written form to the Appeals Committee not more than 30 minutes after the end of the relevant round by email to the recipient dis@fide.com.

F. The Appeals Committee endeavours to make a decision as quick as possible. In case it finds it necessary, the Appeals Committee may summon the complainant and/or any other people. Refusal to participate to the session of the Appeals Committee is considered for the final decision.

G. The written decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these Regulations is final.