

Bye-Laws of the FMJD

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The original bye-laws which are written in French, are juridical superior to other translations, unless modifications have been made and no French text is yet accepted and available. Each federation has the duty to provide his members with these bye-laws and updates, systematically or on demand, eventually translated in her proper language.

Preamble

The Bye-Laws are meant to apply the FMJD Statutes.

Chapter 1. Chapter I: Aims and composition of the FMJD

Ad article 1.1. of Statutes

Article 1.1. Name, headquarters, duration and official language.

The Federation has as its official name "Fédération Mondiale du Jeu de Dames" (FMJD), was founded on 16 September 1947, for an unlimited time. Its seat is in Utrecht. Its legal languages are French and English. Its other official language is Russian.

Ad Article 1.4 of Statutes

Article 1.2. Aims:

The FMJD tries to promote:

- The organisation of a national, affiliated federation in countries without a federation, where the game is played.
- To cultivate mutual respect among the member federations, without racial, religious, political or other discrimination between persons or countries, on the penalty of corrective measures of suspensions of the association, member or person.
- The membership of each national federation, irrespective of the variant of the game practised.
- The promotion of the international - 100 squares - game in all countries. The promotion of local and regional versions of draughts such as the 64 squares game.
- The organisation of continental confederations wherever the game is played.

Ad Article 1.6 of Statutes

Article 1.3. Members

The Executive Board of the FMJD officially only deals with national federations, continental confederations, and official representatives of the players organisations. The FMJD only incidentally deals with players who are member of a national federation, as well as with immigrants, refugees or players without nationality.

A player can belong to only one national federation. Exception can be made for a player who moves to another country and becomes a member of a new federation. In that case, whenever such a player wants to participate in an official FMJD competition, the latter federation has to prove that the player has lived for over one year in the new country of residence.

A player who possesses the double nationality must choose once for all the federation he or she wishes to represent without being allowed to be selected by both of them.

For national team championships, the player must have the nationality of the country he plays for.

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Article 1.4. New Federations

Recently organised new federations will be granted more time for their internal organisation and development.

Chapter 2. Membership

Ad 1.6 of Statutes

Article 2.1. Admission and refusal.

The FMJD accepts the membership of all national federations complying with Article 1.3 of the Statutes. Any national federation applying for membership, sends a written request to the Executive Board, with the signatures of its president and general secretary, and two copies of the statutes of the federation. The General Assembly will decide on the membership. Excluded are alternative or dissident national federations; secondary organisations who represent a fraction of the nation, without national coverage; federations outside their proper territory.

There should be only one (umbrella) Draughts federation per country. The Checkers section can have its own rules for admission of federations.

Federations whose application has not yet been approved can participate in the FMJD competitions as organised by national federations or continental confederations, but cannot obtain individual or team qualifications. This status of provisional membership can last only two years.

Article 2.2. Reasons for refusal

The FMJD may refuse membership of a national federation but has to make the reasons public.

If the Board of a national federation, once consulted, refuses to study the international game and the apply for membership to the FMJD, the latter will nevertheless proceed to a further inquiry as soon as it is informed of the election of a new Board.

Article 2.3. Regaining membership

In the absence of a written request for withdrawal, the FMJD membership of each national federation will be reinstated each year automatically, at the 1st of January for the ensuing year, and subscription for that period will have to be paid.

Chapter 3. Subscriptions

Ad 1.7 of the Statutes

Article 3.1. Subscriptions from the federations

This article is in the Financial Regulations of the FMJD.

Article 3.2. Enrolment fees.

This article is in the Financial Regulations of the FMJD.

Article 3.3. Organisation fees

This article is in the Financial Regulations of the FMJD.

Chapter 4. : General Assemblies

Ad 2.8 of the Statutes

Article 4.1. Calling meetings and making arrangements.

The General Assembly is the highest legislative body of the FMJD. It is held during World Championships Seniors or other FMJD competitions, once every two years, or on the initiative of the Executive Board, or at the request of more than half of the member federations. The Extraordinary General Assemblies can only be convened when definitely needed, be it at the request of the Executive Board or at the written request of more than half of the member federations.

The General Assembly is presided over by the FMJD President, or in his absence, by one of the Vice Presidents, or in their absence, by a member of the Executive Board elected to preside over the General Assemblies.

The General Assembly is conducted by the Executive Vice-President.

The Executive Vice-President can delegate the chairmanship of (part of) the General Assembly to a Vice-President if conditions make this productive but the President, if present, has to open and close the General Assembly himself.

After his closure, the General Assembly is ended and all subsequent meetings cannot be considered as General Assembly nor having the power of decision of a General Assembly.

If due to circumstances, the agenda of the General Assembly is not fully treated, the President has to indicate how and when the remaining items will be dealt with. Any new General Assembly dealing with these items – and new ones – will have to be convened with the proper procedures as outlined in this Chapter.

The member federation who wishes to organise the Assembly has to guarantee to make all necessary arrangements, including arrangements to have visas issued, and to ascertain free participation of the Assembly for the delegates of the member federations.

Article 4.2. The Agenda.

The agenda is drawn up by the General Secretary and approved by the President and the Executive Vice-President. It is distributed in due time to all national federations, and to all persons mentioned in Article 4.3. below. For a regular General Assembly the agenda should contain:

- the presentation of reports of the president, executive vice-president, general secretary, the treasurer and the tournament director(s) of the 100 squares Section, the presidents of the confederations, the representative of the FMJD sponsor bureau, the representatives of players, the commissions and sections.
- An overview of the tournament agenda up to the next General Assembly
- Various proposals by the federations, the Executive Board, the Technical Committee and the Committee for Problemism
- Various questions whose discussion has been requested

The national federations have to send in their proposals, written, to the FMJD office. The agenda of an Extraordinary General Assembly comprises only those items that have generated the meeting.

Article 4.3. Attending the General Assembly

Only the following persons can attend the General Assembly:

- Members of the Executive Board
- Representatives of the committees and sections of the FMJD
- Founder members, at the invitation of the President or the Executive Vice-President
- The accredited representatives of the national member federations (who may have voting rights), possibly with one or two consultants, who may not vote nor intervene.
- Representatives of continental confederations, who may not vote.
- Interpreters facilitating the communication at the Assembly
- Press representatives
- Representatives of player organisations, at the invitation of the President or the Executive Vice-President

The representatives of provisional member federations may attend as observers, in order to contact the FMJD and other national federations, and as a preparation for eventual membership. Though French and English are the legal FMJD languages, all Assemblies may be conducted in three languages: French, English and Russian, with simultaneous translation. Before the start of the Assembly, the participants list has to be completed and signed. The General Secretary, assisted by two assessors chosen from the audience, checks the accreditations and draws up the final list. The President of the FMJD presides, opens and closes the meetings. The Executive Vice-President conducts the General Assembly and, following Article 6.5 of the Bye-Laws, may terminate the discussion of an item if he deems the subject adequately covered.

Motions put forward during the General Assembly and signed by at least two federations with a right to vote, have to be discussed point by point and, if needed and possible, put to a deciding vote. Only after a vote by the General Assembly, they have the status of a decision, irrespective of the number of federations signing the motion.

In the case of a vote of no-confidence, the conducting and the chairing president cannot lead the Assembly for the time of the discussion nor the voting.

Ad 2.7 of the Statutes

Article 4.4. Voting rights.

Only those national member federations who have fulfilled their financial obligations and are correctly represented at the General Assembly may vote. Votes per delegation are possible in that one Federation present can be mandated by one absent federation to vote on behalf and in delegation of that absent federation. This mandate has to be in writing, by letter or by fax. Each member country, whatever its importance, through its proper representative, has one vote. The General Secretary organises the voting, counts the votes, ascertains the results, which are publicly announced by the President.

Article 4.5. Voting.

In the cases mentioned in Article 7.1 of the present regulations, the national federation in transgression, can offer explanations before the General Assembly, but only the national member federations involved may vote on the matter. Voting is by majority by raising hands, or if demanded (to be decided upon by the raising of hands) by secret ballot. In the latter case, the Secretary checks the number of votes with the number of accredited voters. For the election of persons the vote has to be by secret ballot. During the General Assembly the election is won by the greatest number of votes, whatever the total of federations present. In case of a tie in voting, the President decides. In exceptional cases, or when circumstances force a quick decision, the Executive Board can issue a vote by correspondence among the member federations. For such a vote, the national federations need at least a month for internal consultation before answering. The decision has to be ratified at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Ad 2.10 of the Statutes**Article 4.6. Discharge.**

After presentation, the reports of the President, the Executive Vice-President, the General Secretary, the Tournament Director(s), the Vice Presidents and the Continental Co-ordinators, the financial report, the reports of the commissions and sections and before any election or re-election of the Executive Board, the Assembly has the right to see the documents relative to the approval and discharge of the Executive Board, to nominate a financial committee of three of its members, to convince itself of the orderly procedures and administration. Preferably one of the members of the financial committee should be a financial expert. Those investigations have to be done during the General Assembly. Then the Assembly discharges the sitting Executive board. Any comments or observations, as well as the discharge itself, have to be included in the minutes of the General Assembly.

Ad 2.9 of the Statutes**Article 4.7. Re-election of the Executive Board**

The members of the Executive Board whose time on the Board has expired and who are eligible by the General Assembly, can be re-elected without the procedure for renewed candidacy. The candidates for functions on the Board have to be nominated in writing to the Office of the FMJD, two months before the General Assembly except force majeure. Each candidate has to be a member of the member federation which nominates him. The candidate has to acknowledge by letter to the FMJD office his intent to fulfil the post in question. Each nomination by a member Federation or the FMJD has to be seconded by another member Federation in writing. Nominations can only be made by the national federations or by the Executive Board of the FMJD. Candidates can be nominated for any vacancy. A candidate for the Presidency may also - if not elected - be proposed for another eligible post in the Executive Board or for a Committee. Before the opening of the first session of the General Assembly, the federation proposing a candidate may, if needed, put another member of its federation in his place.

Article 4.8. Minutes of the General Assembly.

The minutes of the General Assembly are drawn up by the General Secretary for the members of the Executive Board and the national federations three months after the General Assembly, and are specifically published for this reason.

Article 4.9. Expenses for General Assemblies

Owing to its modest resources, the FMJD is obliged to pay only a part of the costs invoked by the participation in the General Assemblies (like a joint meal), in accordance with its means. The national federations have, in accordance with their means, to contribute to the travel costs of their representatives on the Executive Board.

Chapter 5. Committees and Sections.**Article 5.1. Committees.**

The committees are:

- The Technical Committee.
- The Finance Committee.
- The Medical Committee.
- The Committee for Problemism (CPI).
- The Ethics Committee.

Article 5.2. The Sections.

The sections are:

- The 100 Squares Section.
- The 64 Squares Russian/Brazilian Section
- The Checkers Section

Chapter 6. The Executive Board.

Ad 2.2 of the Statutes.

Article 6.1. Composition of the Executive Board

The Executive Board is the leading body of the FMJD. It consists of ten to twenty persons. They are mandated to perform the various functions of the FMJD.

The Executive Board is presided and conducted by the Executive Vice-President.

One Vice-President is the President (or the representative) of the 64 squares Russian/Brazilian Section, another is President (or the representative) of the Checkers Section. The other Vice-Presidents are the presidents (or the representatives) of continental confederations. The President (or the representative) of the European Confederation replaces the Executive Vice-President if needed. He in turn when needed is replaced by the President (or the representative) of the 64 squares Russian/Brazilian Section. Vice-presidents may accumulate various functions, but not that of President, Executive Vice-President, Treasurer or Secretary. They are accountable to the Executive Board and the General Assembly.

Article 6.2. Duration of mandate

The Executive Board (exception for vice-presidents who are elected by their confederation) is elected for a period of four years.

The Board, at a meeting after the General Assembly, has to attribute a priority order on all Vice-Presidents, by time of entry and availability.

Article 6.3. Vacancies

In case of vacancies during the mandate of members of the Executive Board, the Board members can provisionally replace the vacancy from their own Board or from one of the member federations, with approval of the member federations concerned. This provisional replacement has to be put on the agenda of the General Assembly for approval. The term of office of the replacement ends with the term of the original functionary.

Article 6.4. Duties of the members of the Executive Board

No member of the Executive Board should be idle. They should all participate in the current business of the FMJD.

Article 6.5. Duties of the President and the Executive Vice-President

The President, in a close collaboration with the Executive Vice-President, leads the Federation. He represents the FMJD in all circumstances, especially at FMJD competitions organised by member federations and in international sports forums. He represents the FMJD in judicial matters as well as in public and political functions. He takes care of propaganda, sponsoring and external financing of FMJD. He presides over Assemblies and Board Meetings and co-ordinates the presidential office. He convenes the meetings of the Regular and Extraordinary General Assemblies.

If the President is not able to do his job, the Executive Vice-President takes care of his responsibilities.

The Executive Vice-President convenes and conducts the meetings of the Board and conducts the Regular and Extraordinary General Assemblies.

The president assures co-ordination between members of the Board (especially between tournament directors and Technical Committee). He sees to the strict application of Statutes and Bye-Laws. He co-ordinates the FMJD office for daily affairs.

The President, the Executive Vice-President and the General Secretary or the Treasurer sign all important documents.

President and Executive Vice-President look after the interests of the FMJD and take all decisions for the general well-being of the Federation.

Article 6.6. Duties of the Vice Presidents

The First Vice President substitutes for the President or the Executive Vice-President in case of absence or illness. He then assumes full authority. According to their availability, the other Vice-Presidents, in order of seniority may substitute for him if needed. One Vice-President is the President (or the representative) of the 64 squares Section, another is the President (or the representative) of the Checkers Section. The other Vice-Presidents are the presidents (or representatives) of continental confederations. They are also responsible for publicity for the FMJD in their region, and for the promotion of draughts among the youth, in addition to the duties described in Article 6.11. They perform this function in their Continental Confederation. They also submit a report of their activities to the Board.

Article 6.7. Duties of the General Secretary

The Secretary draws up the minutes of the Board meetings and the General Assemblies. The short report of the Board meeting is presented in the three official languages of the FMJD as soon as possible after the meeting. In the office he occupies himself with current business and correspondence of the Federation. He prepares the agenda and the documents for the General Assembly. He is in charge of the regulations of the Federation. He organises the voting during the General Assemblies. He takes care for diplomas.

Article 6.8. Duties of the Treasurer

The Treasurer checks all sums transferred to the Federation, in accordance with Article 4.6. He pays all dues according to the budget presented before and approved by the General Assembly, as well as those payments approved by the President and deemed beneficial and necessary for the well-being of the Federation. He occupies himself with the outstanding debts. He keeps accounts of all financial transactions and presents a financial report at each Board meeting. At each General Assembly he presents a general financial report as well as a budget for further projects.

Article 6.9. Duties of the Tournament Director

In the Office, the Tournament Director of the 100 squares section handles the organisation of all competitions played under the international rules, in accordance with the planning approved by the General Assembly. He or she receives and checks the applications, ensures all competitions conform to the regulations of the Federation, and records the results.

Article 6.10. the FMJD office

The FMJD office is purely administrative and has no power of decision. The office centralises the correspondence of the FMJD. It monitors that part of the current correspondence which does not require decisions of Board members. The office sends copies of correspondence to all Board members concerned. All general correspondence, agendas of meetings, minutes of Board and General Assembly meetings and all documents relevant to the federations are sent to the federations. It keeps track of the new affiliations and of the addresses of all federations. The FMJD office is supervised by the Executive Vice-President.

Article 6.11. Duties of confederations and their presidents.

The presidents of continental confederations have the following functions for the federations of their continent:

- co-ordinating continent-wide activities
- distributing information coming from the Board
- gathering information and subscriptions to international competitions in order to help the Office or the Tournament Director - surveying the countries where the game is played
- establishing contacts with that country
- facilitating communication between those countries and the FMJD Board

In principle, for each continent a Confederation may be established. Each Confederation may draw up its own statutes and regulations, to be approved by the General Assembly. Each confederation may choose its own board and elect its president. For the FMJD the latter is the representative of the confederation on the Executive Board, but confederations can opt for another representative.

The Confederation has as its aims:

- To organise continental championships in the various variants of the game, in co-ordination with the Tournament Director
- To organise qualifications of the continental players for the world title competitions
- To organise other competitions between federations on the continent
- To promote the game on the continent
- To recruit new countries to the FMJD,
- To establish contacts with those countries.

For its own finances, the continental confederation may impose its own subscription fees (see Financial Regulations, article 2.4).

Article 6.12. Members of Honour

The General Assembly may award the titles of Member of Honour and Eminent Member of Honour. The Member of Honour receives a badge and the Eminent Member of Honour receives a medal.

The title of member of honour can be awarded to the following persons:

- Member of the Executive Board of the FMJD for at least 4 years, provided the person has achieved an outstanding contribution
- Continental Co-ordinator or Member the Board of a Continental Confederation for at least 8 years, provided the person has achieved an outstanding contribution and has also actively taken part to the action of the FMJD

- Member of a Section or a Commission for at least 12 years, provided the person has achieved an outstanding contribution and has also actively taken part to the action of the FMJD
- Any other person who has achieved an outstanding contribution and has actively taken part to the action of the FMJD, but who does not respect any of the previous conditions.

The title of Eminent Member of Honour can be awarded to the following persons:

- Member of the Executive Board of the FMJD for at least 8 years
- Continental Co-ordinator or Member the Board of a Continental Confederation for at least 12 years, provided the person has actively taken part to the action of the FMJD
- Member of a Section or a Commission for at least 20 years, provided the person has actively taken part to the action of the FMJD
- Any other person who has achieved a particularly outstanding contribution and has shown a great involvement in the action of the FMJD, but who does not respect any of the previous conditions.

Each Member of Honour and Eminent Member of Honour remains a consultant of the Board if asked.

Article 6.13. Other duties of the Executive Board. Distinctions

Among other things, the Executive Board:

- Chooses the referees for the official FMJD competitions
- Examines the requests for recognition and the reports of international tournaments
- Registers rating homologations, norm attributions and title attributions to be put before the General Assembly.
- Serves as qualification committee for the recognition of norms and titles obtained at international encounters;
- Proposes appointment of Member of Honour and Eminent Member of Honour for approval by the General Assembly;
- Proposes for approval by the General Assembly the title of Honorary Member of the FMJD for persons with outstanding contributions to FMJD competitions, or for those who have rendered other major services to the FMJD;
- Distributes the Diplomas of Honorary Members after approval by the General Assembly - Distributes diplomas of Sponsoring Members ("Membres Bienfaiteurs") or a similar trophy designated to recognise exceptional contributions of a person or an institution to the FMJD.

Article 6.14. Expenses

The various functions of the Board Members are non-paid. Yet, their costs may be reimbursed as far as incurred by their work for the FMJD, such as travels and duties assigned to them , as far as possible given the financial position of the FMJD.

Article 6.15. Obligation to third parties

The FMJD can only be under obligation to third parties by documents signed by the President, the Executive Vice-President and by the General Secretary or the Treasurer.

Chapter 7. Rights and duties of the federations

Ad 1.7 of the Statutes

Article 7.1. Duties

In order to enjoy the full benefits of membership, each national federation has to settle its debts (subscriptions, enrolment fees, organisation fees etc) for the year in question.

The Treasurer, the General Secretary and the Tournament Director monitor these debts and payments. The contribution has to be paid to the Treasurer of the FMJD in January of each year, but in any case before 31 March. A receipt from the Treasurer of the FMJD is needed in order to participate at an official competition.

The federation has to answer all legitimate questions put by the FMJD in order to further the cause of the FMJD.

A case of non response to an answer, after a given target date, will be interpreted as a positive agreement with the question or proposal.

All proposals and candidacies have to be put forward in written form, in order to be acceptable. The federation has to answer the yearly request for information on addresses, composition of the federation board, number of affiliated players, clubs, leagues and playing schedules, before the 31st of March of each year.

Article 7.2. Rights

Each federation has the right:

- To participate in official tournaments

- To vote in the General Assembly
- To nominate candidate members to represent it in the General Assembly, independently of the various federation members serving already in the Executive Board,
- To opt for the organisation of future competitions of the FMJD
- To nominate a candidate for a vacancy in the Executive Board
- To demand recognition of the international tournaments that it organises.

There is no right to participate in official competitions for the federation that has not paid the subscriptions for the last two years. Exceptions can be made by the Executive Board for youth players.

Chapter 8. Committees and Sections

Ad 2.1 of the Statutes

Article 8.1. Aims of the Committees

The Committees are responsible for addressing questions on various issues as instructed by the Executive Board. These include specialised committees (Correspondence, Problemism). These may also include, e.g., sportive, historical, administrative or financial issues. The duration of the Committees depends on the time needed to answer the questions put to them. Their contributions can be levied according to their specialisation. Their biannual report has to be joined to the financial report, for approval by the General Assembly.

Article 8.2. Duties of the Committees.

The Executive Board nominates the members of each Committee from the candidates. The Executive Board appoints a chairman. The chairman of each Committee is responsible for the work of that committee and reports to the Executive Board on the conclusions arrived at by the Committee majority. In case of a tie, the chairman takes a provisional decision and consults the Executive Board.

Ad 1.4.10 of the Statutes

Article 8.3. Sections.

The FMJD includes specialised sections concerning different sets of rules for the game. These include the 100 squares section, the 64 squares Russian/Brazilian section and the checkers section. These sections hold their own sectional assemblies and elect their own Executive Boards. Their president is their official representative on the Executive Board with voting rights. The President, Executive Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the FMJD also serve as, respectively, President, Executive Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer of the 100 squares section. Their biannual report has to be joined to the financial report, for approval by the General Assembly.

Chapter 9. Disciplinary actions and sanctions

Ad 1.8 of the Statutes

Article 9.1. suspension, exclusion

In serious cases, or in cases where the FMJD or one of its member federations are threatened, the Executive Board will examine all rightful complaints and will invite other non-involved federations for their consultative opinion, after study of the issue, in order to reach an impartial opinion. National federations with over two years of financial arrears to the FMJD, may be suspended in the next General Assembly. Suspended federations who have not settled their debt with the FMJD may be excluded from membership at the following General Assembly.

A suspended or excluded federation cannot opt for new membership of the FMJD without settling its pre-existent debt during the first provisional year. For each suspension or exclusion the Executive Board has to write to the federation in question with a clear justification for the suspension or exclusion.

Article 9.2. Withdrawal

The withdrawal of any national federation must be in writing to the Executive Board.

Article 9.3.

Either in case of suspension or of exclusion, and whatever the date of the notification, the yearly subscription paid to the FMJD will not be refunded.

Ad 1.10 of the Statutes

Article 9.4. Breach of Ethics

The Code of Ethics shall be breached by a person or organization who directly or indirectly

- 9.4.1.** offers, or attempts to offer or accepts any consideration or bribe with a view of influencing the result in a game of draughts or election in the FMJD.
- 9.4.2.** in other respects acts contrary to this Code.
- 9.4.3.** Of particular importance in this respect are the following:
 - 9.4.3.1.** Fraud in the administration of any FMJD or national federation office. The same applies where incorrect information is given in order to obtain unwarranted advantages or gain.
 - 9.4.3.2.** Office personnel who through their behaviour no longer inspire the necessary confidence or have in other ways become unworthy of trust.
 - 9.4.3.3.** Organizers, tournament directors, referees or other officials who fail to perform their functions in an impartial and responsible manner.
 - 9.4.3.4.** Failure to comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and draughts etiquette. Misbehaviour of a personal nature which is generally unacceptable by normal social standards.
 - 9.4.3.5.** Cheating or attempts at cheating during games and tournaments. Violence, threatening or other unseemly behaviour during or in connection with a draughts event.
 - 9.4.3.6.** Players withdrawing from a tournament without valid reason or without informing the tournament arbiter.
 - 9.4.3.7.** Gross or repeated violations of approved regulations.
 - 9.4.3.8.** In any top level tournament, players, delegations or teams must comply with a high standard dress code. Delegations include both a player's seconds and any other individual who the player allows to conduct business on behalf of the players. Players are responsible for the actions of acknowledged members of their delegations.
 - 9.4.3.9.** Players or members of their delegations must not make unjustified accusations toward other players, officials or sponsors. All protests must be referred directly to the arbiter or the Technical Director of the tournament.
 - 9.4.3.10.** In addition, disciplinary action in accordance with this Code of Ethics will be taken in cases of occurrences, which cause the game of draughts, FMJD or its federations to appear in an unjustifiable unfavourable light and in this way damage its reputation.
 - 9.4.3.11.** Any conduct likely to injure or discredit the reputation of FMJD, its events, organizers, participants, sponsors or that will not enhance the goodwill which attaches to the same.

9.4.4. Breach of Ethics

The tournament officials will take all necessary steps to ensure the proper conduct of both games and tournaments according to the tournament regulations.

- 9.4.4.1.** FMJD federations, officials and affiliated organizations acting in contravention to this code can be temporarily excluded from membership or office.
- 9.4.4.2.** Anyone acting in contravention of this code can be excluded from participation in all FMJD tournaments or from specific types of tournaments for a period of up to 3 years. Weight shall be given to the type of violation and to any previous violations in deciding upon the length of the exclusion period.
- 9.4.4.3.** Tournament referees who fail to act in accordance with the code of ethics can lose their authorization or be refused the right to supervise FMJD tournaments for a period of up to 3 years. In such cases any new authorization will only be granted according to ordinary regulations.
- 9.4.4.4.** Tournament organizers, who act in contravention of the code, can be refused the right to organize FMJD events for a period of up to 3 years.
- 9.4.4.5.** In the event of a player or member of delegation creating an unreasonable disturbance or distraction relating to rules, procedures or conditions, at the direction of the Appeal Committee, a player may be fined up to 1.000 Euro and may be forfeited one or more games, depending on the disturbance.
- 9.4.4.6.** In the case of physically or verbally aggressive or intimidating conduct of a player or a member of delegation towards any other individual involved with an event, FMJD may take any or all of the following actions:
 - fine a player up to 2.000 Euro.
 - rule that a player has forfeited a game or a match.

- if the offensive act was committed by a member of the player's delegation, ask such person to leave the event. Refusal by such a person to comply may result in penalties to the player as described.

9.4.5. Administrative Procedures

- 9.4.5.1.** Breach of the regulations of this code by any Federation or FMJD official shall be reported to the FMJD Bureau.
- 9.4.5.2.** Breach of the regulations of this code by any person shall be reported to and decided by the FMJD Ethics Committee.
- 9.4.5.3.** The proceedings shall be recorded in writing. Grounds must be given for any decisions taken and these must also be in writing after the defendant must have been given sufficient grounds to defend himself in writing and orally if necessary.
- 9.4.5.4.** Appeals against a decision taken by any FMJD official can be submitted to the FMJD Ethics Commission. The appeal must be sent by registered mail together with a deposit of 100 Euro. The deposit will be returned should the appeal to all intents and purposes prove to be justified.
- 9.4.5.5.** Any decisions made by the Ethics Commission may be the object of appeal at the General Assembly of the FMJD. Any decision of the General Assembly about this may be the object of appeal arbitration proceedings in accordance with the Code of sports-related arbitration of the Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 9.4.5.6.** The time limit for appeal is twenty-one days following the communication of the decision concerning appeal. All recourse to ordinary courts is excluded.

Chapter 10. FMJD periodicals

Ad 1.4.7 of the Statutes

Article 10.1. "The official website of the FMJD" (<http://www.fmjd.org>)

The FMJD has its own website, intended for the national federations as well as for all members of those federations. The journal is issued under the name of "The official website of the FMJD". It comprises:

- The news and official decisions of the Executive Board of the FMJD
- General information on draughts
- Names and addresses of members of the Executive Board and member (con)federations
- Ratings and results of FMJD competitions, championships and tournaments organised by member federations
- A technical section with analyses of games and compositions of official competitions and championships.

Article 10.2. the FMJD rating

The **FMJD** rating is the official rating list of the FMJD, published four times yearly in January and April and July and October of each year, featuring:

- all results of FMJD competitions, national championships and all internationally recognised tournaments
- the mathematical calculation of individual performances in those tournaments
- ratings of all players.

Chapter 11. Regulations

Ad 5.2 of the Statutes

Article 11.1. Miscellaneous.

The specific tournament regulations are edited by the General Secretary and the Tournament Director, who later justify any modifications made. Proposals for changes are submitted to the Executive Board. After approval they are submitted to the national federations for approval at the next General Assembly.

The present Bye-Laws comprise Financial Regulations and separate Annexes for the following items:

Annex 1 Official FMJD regulations for the international 100 squares game

Annex IA Official FMJD regulations for the 64 square game

Annex II Official regulations on FMJD competitions

Annex III Official regulations for the organisation of competitions.

Annex IIIA Official regulations for the organisation of 64 squares competitions. Referee issues.

Annex IV Referee regulations.

Annex V Regulations of the Swiss system.

Annex VI Regulations of blitz games.

Annex VII Regulations of rapid games.

Annex VIII Regulations of simultaneous games.

Annex IX Rating system

Annex X Regulations on International and FMJD titles

Annex XI Recognition of records and special performances.

Annex XII Statutes and Bye-laws of Checkers section

Financial Regulations of the FMJD

Approved by the General Assembly of 29 and 30 November 1986

Ad 3.1 of the Statutes

Chapter 1. Expenses

Article 1.1. Expenses of Executive Board

Those expenses of the Executive Board members that are needed for their normal duties, as well as other administrative costs, are borne by the FMJD, as far as possible given the financial position of the FMJD.

Article 1.2. Travel costs of Board members: accommodation

Throughout, the Board members' costs for a General Assembly in travel, room and board are borne by the organising federation. The national federations bear the travel costs of their representatives on the Executive Board.

Article 1.3. Meals at the General Assembly

Considering its scarce resources, the FMJD only partially covers the costs incurred by the General Assembly (like the meals), according to its financial constraints.

Article 1.4. Travel costs for continental co-ordinators to continental championships

Travel expenses of continental co-ordinators to continental championships have to be met from the budget of the continental championships.

Article 1.5. Meetings of the Executive Board

The meetings of the Executive Board of the FMJD are held at or in the vicinity of its Office or Headquarters, or in the city hosting an official championship, if the organising committee has agreed to cover (part of) the travel and accommodation expenses.

Article 1.6. The FMJD and its official competitions

The FMJD has to respect its own regulations relating to prizes, medals, diplomas etc, in accordance with the regulations for each official FMJD competition.

Article 1.7. The FMJD and the organisers

The Executive Board decides what gifts and souvenirs to present to the organisers of official competitions.

Ad 3.2 of the Statutes

Chapter 2. Resources

Article 2.1. FMJD resources

The resources of the FMJD comprise:

- a. Yearly subscriptions of the member federations
- b. Gifts and other contributions by donors and international cultural organisations
- c. Enrolment fees paid by the national federations for their participants in official competitions
- d. Organisation fees for official FMJD competitions, as an integral part of the competition budget
- e. Incidental resources created with the approval of relevant authorities

Article 2.2. The yearly subscription

The yearly subscription for each federation member can be revised every two years at the regular General Assembly, in accordance with Article 7 of the Statutes. The General Assembly can fix a differentiation in subscriptions on behalf of federations with few or none participants in world tournaments. Federations are free to choose out of the fixed possibilities for a lower or higher subscription. This has consequences for the obliged enrolment fees (see article 2.4). The yearly subscription fee for an A member is 450 euro and for a B member 185 euro. New federations pay at least 50 Euro.

Article 2.3. Default of payment

The yearly subscription is due on 31st of March of each year. In case of default without any excuse or explanation from the federation member, the subscription will be increased.

Article 2.4. Enrolment fees

The enrolment fees, named in Article 2.1c, for participation in official competitions of the FMJD are fixed every two years at the regular General Assembly. If the General Assembly fixes a differentiation in subscriptions according to Article 2.2, then also a differentiation in enrolment fees must be fixed. With that, federations which are paying a lower subscription have to pay higher enrolment fees and the reverse. The enrolment fees have to be paid at the moment of enrolment. The relevant national federation remains liable for these fees to the FMJD, and after payment cannot be reimbursed in the case of non-participation. For the continental championships the continental confederation may add its proper enrolment fee up to 50% of the FMJD enrolment fee.

The enrolment fee for the different official FMJD competitions, depending on the paid yearly subscription fee is for

	A members	B members
World Championship seniors or Challenge	105	205
World Championship Blitz, Rapid, Olympiad	50	105
World Title Match seniors	260	260
World Title match women	185	185
World Championship women	50	105
World Championship Youth, Youth Olympiad	50	80

Article 2.5. Guarantee fund

Every representative of a national federation that wishes to organise a competition under the auspices of the FMJD must deposit a Guarantee Fund of € 250 with a letter of confirmation and final commitment within 3 months after their application. This sum remains the property of the FMJD, even if the competition, for whatever reason, does not take place. If the competition has taken place as planned, then the fund will be credited to the organisation fee.

If the competition does not take place then that federation must repay the FMJD for any expenses incurred by the FMJD up to a maximum of € 250.

Article 2.6. Organisation fees

Organisation fees, mentioned in Article 2.1d, for official FMJD competitions, are as given in the table below.. For each official competition the budget will be signed by the president of the organising federation and put before the FMJD before the start of the competition. Organisation fees have to be paid no later than the start of the competition. In the contrary case, the organising federation will become liable for a 10% increase in fees.

FMJD Event	Fixed amount in Euro
WC Individual (Senior)	5000
WC Women	2500
WC Teams	3000
WC Match Men	1000
WC Match Women	1000
WC Junior, Girls, Cadets	0

Article 2.7. Recognition fees

The fees for recognition of federation tournaments, such as International Title Tournaments (TIT) or International Recognised tournaments are:

- € 150: International Title Tournament
- € 50: International Recognised Tournament; from January 2011 this will be 5 euro per participant
- € 50: Recognition of records and special performances

Recognition fee procedure:

- before the tournament is played the organization of the tournament or the national federation asks for recognition by the FMJD, informing the FMJD about the important data of the tournament like the dates, the name of the tournament, the form of the tournament, contact person, website etc.
- The FMJD will publish on its website if the tournament is recognized
- Tournaments not officially recognized do not count for title norms from 1-1-2010
- Tournaments not officially recognized do not count for rating as from 1-1-2011

- Tournaments have to agree to pay a recognition fee before the tournament is held to be able to get recognition on the official fmjd website.
- Tournaments using the Swiss system on rating have to use the FMJD ratings to be officially recognized by the FMJD
- national championships and official fmjd tournaments are automatically recognized and do not pay a recognition fee.

Article 2.8. Documents of the FMJD

1. Documents of general interest about the FMJD are on sale for the member federations and for third parties.
2. Federations can buy additional copies.
3. An Almanac with the logo of the FMJD as well as complete regulations of the FMJD is on sale.