FMJD GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 03rd June 2021- TALLINN (ESTONIA).

REPORT OF PLAYERS COMMITTEE
Period / March 2018 - Mai 2021.

MAIN Objectives and Missions of Players Committee.

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The Players Committee (**PC**) was created by executive board of FMJD according to New Statutes and Rules of FMJD in accordance with International Olympic Committee recommendation.
The **PC** main's objective and mission is to defend and protect
Rights of Players in the World, and also to advice and assist executive board in its decisions and actions in favor of promotion of Draughts sport around the world.
PC has effectively started functioning in September 2018 after its composition done in March 2018 through elections conducted by General Secretary of FMJD.
Members of **PC** been elected by International Grand Masters and International Masters active around the world.

Members of FMJD elected for 4 years. Period 2018 - 2022. **World Champions are automatically included.**
Parity of gender is well respected within PC. 4 members Men and 4 Members Women.

- **Alexey Chizhov (**World Champion & elected)
- **Alexander Shwarzman (**World Champion)
- **Yuriy Anikeev (**Proposed by FMJD EB)

- **Tamara Tansykkuzhina (**World Champion)
- **Natalia Sadowska (**WorlChampion elected)
- **Viktoriya Motrichko (**elected)
- **Vitalia Doumesh** (Proposed by FMJD General Secretary - after World Champion Zoja Golubeva refused to join the Committee)
- **Ndjofang Jean Marc (**elected)

World Champions Alexander Georgiev and Roel Boomstra were invited but did not juged necessary to join the Committee to bring their contribution and expertise.

Jean Marc Ndjofang has been elected by members of **PC** as **Chairman of PC.** In order to represent **PC and Players within FMJD Council.**

Activities of Players Committee since its creation.

Since its creation **PC** is doing its best to function and the players' committee seeks its place and tries to exist .As a new "baby" it is not so easy to find its place and role within FMJD new structures In order to assist and advice FMJD board council for a good and efficient management of Draughts sport worldwide.
Therefore, **PC** is learning and it's actions are not always visible and efficient due to its role of simple technical advisor.
The Advices of PC to FMJD Council are not obligatory and can be taken into consideration or not by its destinator.
PC members in 3 years time were not able to meet physically to held a formal meeting.This is due to several reasons.
FMJD executive board is responsible to guarantee such a meeting by providing all necessary conditions.

Main activities:

- Discussion with FMJD TD for creation of New official Rate time for official Tournaments. **1h 30 minutes for the first 45 Moves and 30 min +30 Secondes increment for the rest of the Game.**This new Rate was recommended in order to make our Draughts more aytactive and spectacular with more Wins as percentage of draw are too much high between elite and strong players.

Unfortunately, this new rate is not applied in majority of tournaments or even never.

- Cooperation with FMJD TD to respect rights of Players and ameliorate their conditions during Tournaments and FMJD events.
- Recommendation to FMJD executive board in order to ameliorate organization's conditions and standad of World Cup's events.
- Discussions and debates within the Committee about various subjects and technical Draughts issues like: **Rules and Regulations of International's tournaments; conditions and registration's fees ; minimum prize fund amount for World Championships and World Cup's events.**
- Defense and Protection of Player's Rights in all events and circumstances.
- Creation of Players Committee Facebook Page for Officail **PC publication 's , announcements and various informations.**

- **Creation of the Global reserve list and elaboration of Rules of the qualification to** World Championships.(Before we had qualification to WC by country rating . For instance, some countries because of their high ratings , got direct qualified places to WC. **This Rule was modified with cooperation of PC).**

- **PC succeeded in cooperation with FMJD Executive Board, to obtain the payment of the prizes debt to Players regarding World Cup Tournament Abidjan 2019. Total amount of about 10.000 Euros.**

Reminder of official Position of Player's Committee over issue of World Title Match Men 2021 between gmi Alexander Georgiev # Gmi Roel Boomstra. Published in February 2021 on **PC Facebook page.**

To the Attention of All.

Members of Fmjd's Players Committee composed by GMI Alexey Tchizov, GMI Alexander Schwarzman, GMI Yuriy Anikeev, MIF Vitalia Doumesh, GMIF Natalia Sadowska , GMIF Viktoriya Motrichko, GMIF Tamara Tansikkuzhina and GMI Jean Marc Ndjofang,
Regarding the Issue of the World Title Match Men 2020 , have unanimously expressed their Opinion in favour of strict respect the Rules and Regulations of FMJD.
That in case, GMI Roel Boomstra cannot play against GMI Georgiev or GMI Pan Yiming (Vice World Champion 2019) for various reasons, Right to play the match should go GMI Guntis Valneris who was third in World Champpionship 2019.
This is the official and clear position of Players Committee expressed within Fmjd's Executive Board by Representative of Players Committee (PC).
The last decision will be taken by FMJD's EB members trough a Vote regarding this issue.

On behalf. of Players Committee,
Jean Marc Ndjofang, The Chair.

PROPOSALS OF PLAYERS COMMITTEE (PC) TO FMJD GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

1- Internal Rules of PC.Compositon & Members of PC

- For a beter representation worldwide of Players into PC , we propose to adopt new Rules with a new system of voting members of PC.

Therefore, PC should represent all active draughts Fans continents. Each continent should have a quota of members with at least 1 member voted by players from its continent. As for world champions it seems logical that only reigning world champion should automatically be added/removed to PC.

- Definition of a clear and fixed number of members of PC.
- FMJD Council should at less gurarantee 1 physical meeting per year of PC members by providing all necessary conditions..Hopefully,

PC will held a formal meeting before the end of current mandate of its members in 2022.

- A better coopration between PC and FMJD Executive Board and also with other FMJD Committees.In particular,,FMJD TD and Technical Committee regarding all technical issues, conditions and Rights of Players and all FMJD Events and Tounaments.
- Measures to strengthen the Role and missions of PC , in order for FMJD Council to take more into consideration Remarks, advices and Proposals of PC.

Rules and Regulations of World Titles Championships Matches.

The current rules regarding this issue need to be clarified/ changed and to be completed.

A proprer and formal World Title Match is between Reigning World Champion against a challenger.

Therefore, all measures and conditions must be fulfilled in order to guarantee paricipation of Reigning World Champion to the Match.

- 1- **About Reigning World Champion taking part to the Match:** If the World champion cannot play, the World Title Match cannot take place

- 2- **About Reigning World Champion taking part to the World Championship:**. In this case, If World Champion cannot play the World Championship, then he loses his right to play the next World Title Match .

  More clearly:
- **If the reigning world champion can not play the match for serious reason(s)** proved , **then the match should be cacanceled.**

Consequently, the reigning world champion keeps his title until the next World Championship.But he loses the right to defend the title after the WC.

- If the reigning World Champion refuses or cannot play the World Championship for personal reasons altough all measures and conditions are judged acceptable and reasonable, then he loses his right for the next Match and he can be replaced by next player on the list according to places 2 and 3 only and not furthemore.

Thereby, after next WC places 1, 2 will have the right to play the match.

- If **the challenger can not play the match, then he can be replaced by next player according the last** WC **classification: 2, 3, and so on.hh**

Official New time Control.

In other to stimulate more wins between strong PLAYERS and to reduce drastically percentage of draw game in draughts, PC strongly recommends to adopt New time control as official time Rate in all FMJD events and Tournaments.
1hour + 30minutes for the first 45 Moves.
Then after 30 Minutes + 30 secondes Increment for the rest of the Game.
However, this new time control.
It is not used because there is a reason.
It is (almost?) not possible to program clocks in a proper way.
A. Clock should show ending of 1st time control and beginning of the 2nd, also according to FMJD rules.

B. The 2nd time control till now is set by Referees, the system to set it automatically is not found yet.

So, our proposal is to evaluate this time control from tournaments where it was used. And to find the solution of clocks functioning automatically after the first Time control without intervention of the Referee in the process of time changing.

Ratings & World Cup's events.

PC recommends a more adaptable system of calculating Ratings , according to realities of nowadays in Draughts worldwide.
PC is in favor to encourage the strengthening System of World Cup's events with at less **1 Event** in each Continent.All this with clear guarantee of optimal and reasonable conditions for Players by organizers noticed in Rules & Regulations of the Event.

All this proposals and recommendations are seeked to the attention of FMJD GA in cooperation with FMJD Council.
It can only be effective if **FMJD GA adopted it and wiith approval/ execution of FMJD Executive Board.**

We wish to all participants and delegates to FMJD GA, a warm atmosphere during the debates and works, and a successful General Assembly Meeting for the glory and prosperity of our Draughts sport.
Never forget that , the Motto in Draughts/ FMJD is : " **Unity makes our strengh"** .
Therefore, our dream and wish **it is to see all the variants of the Draughts Games and Checkers under the same roof and umbrella.**

On behalf of **Players Committee,**
With Kind Regards,
Ndjofang Jean Marc/-.