Present:
Members of the FMJD council:
Janek Mäggi - President, **Harry Otten -** Director International Relations, **Jacek Pawlicki -**Tournament Director also presenting Poland, **Aare Harak -** Treasurer, **Yuriy Chertok -** General Secretary, **Carlo Bordini -** President of the European Confederation, Vice President of the Checkers Federation representing the FMJD Checkers Section**, Clifton Agata -** President of the Pan-American Confederation, **Abraham Douah Cissoko –** President the African Confederation, **Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj** – President of the Asian Confederation.

Members of committees and sections:
Ibrahim Ismailov - contact person for the FMJD section 64 Brazilian Draughts and Turkish Draughts, **Oumar Thiero -** Chairman of the Medical Committee, **Jan Zioltkowski -** President of the Financial Committee**, Anatoly Nikitin –** President of 64 (Russian) Section also presenting the Russian Federation.

Representatives of federations:

Vital Aniska for Belarus, **Ge Feng** for China, **Hensley Rondei** for Curacao, **Tarmo Tulva** for Estonia, **Jan Zioltkowski** for Germany, **Romualda Shidlauskiene** for Lithuania, **Manlai Ravjir** for Mongolia, **Manuela Flüggen** for the Netherlands, **Anatoli Yatsenko** for Ukraine, **Dagva Enkhtsetseg** with a mandate for Japan, **Drissa Coulibaly** for Mali, **Alla Chuprik** for Kazakhstan, **Ephrame Demissie** for Ethiopia, **Nelius Codrington** for Surinam, **Ouedraogo Abdoulaye** for Burkina Faso**, Dr. Renato Capurro** for Italy, **Johan Demasure** for Belgium, **Volkan Cetin** for Turkey.

Assistants:
Ms. Sun Junnan (China) also translator English-Chinese, Yulia Ryngach –secretary (Kazakhstan).

The translators and the voting machine services were provided by the Turkish Draughts Federation.

1. Accreditation and voting rights

The President names the new provisional members: Bahrain, Chinese Taipei, and Guinea-Bissau.

The federations present or represented are:
Belarus, China, Curacao, Estonia, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Mongolia, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, Turkey, Mali, Ukraine, Belgium, Japan, Ethiopia, Surinam, Burkina Faso.
A total of 18 federations are present and 2 more have given a mandate.

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19 of these 20 federations have fulfilled their financial obligations so 19 have voting right. 1 federation is present without voting right (Ethiopia).

2. Opening and Welcome

At 10:10 a.m. the FMJD President opens the meeting with the FMJD anthem and a short speech, after which he hands out little presents to the participants of the General Assembly. The President thanks them for participating in the Assembly and for their work.

3. **Asking for additional items on the agenda or changing the order of the agenda**

Request from Chinese Draughts Association to consider the point about the new members during the second half of the Assembly due to the fact that some formal confirmations were to be received.

4. **Asking for approval minutes General Assembly 2017 Tallinn, Estonia**

There is a vote with 19 in favor and 0 against and the report of the General Assembly 2017 is accepted without changes.

5. Request for IOC recognition

Mr. President reports that the IOC recognition process goes well at this moment. "We are really close to obtaining the IOC recognition. We have big hopes for the next year".

6. Reports on finances:

a. The report of Treasurer Aare Harak is accepted with general agreement and without remarks. Request from the treasurer: "When making payments, please provide at least some explanation for the payments (information for what you are paying). There are cases when money is transferred, but it is not clear for what exactly".

b. Report financial committee Jan Zioltkowski: "We received all the documents from the FMJD already one month ago, since nowadays absolutely all payments go via the FMJD. We went through all the documents, and they were all right. Thanks to IMSA and China because most of the money comes from there, when FMJD fees provide much less".

Request from Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj about the FMJD total revenue and how many percent in FMJD income came from IMSA/China and how many came from other sources (from FMJD fees etc). Mr.Harak answers that it is approximately half-and-half. We have all the information and reports distributed, and it may be found there.

c. Proposal budget: "The budget really depends on different things. There is no ready proposal on how the funds should be distributed; to one country or another. We are open, and all the funds will be directed for draughts development".

7. **Reports on activities, planning for coming period**

a. President's report:

Mr.Maggi reports about his activity for the period. At the end of his speech he congratulates the recently appointed EDC President, Mr.Carlo Bordini.

1) Question from the Mongolian Federation concerning the incident, which occurred during the World Championship in the Ivory Coast, when Mongolian team missed the flight because of the actions of the hotel administration.

Mr.Maggi reported that he was aware of what had happened there and promised that this situation would be solved and the losses of Mongolian team would be compensated for;

2) Question from the Belarusian Federation about the current situation in Draughts-64, where several championships are held in one year. And what the FMJD plans to do about this situation. In addition, Mr.Aniska asked to comment on the statement that without solving the conflict between FMJD and IDF, the IOC recognition will not be received.

Mr.Maggi answers: "The first thing - there is only one draughts federation, which is recognized by all major sport organizations, such as GAISF, IMSA, AIMS, WADA etc., and this is FMJD, the second thing is that Russian draughts are very important for us. The situation is very complicated due to many reasons, but we are working on it".

Mr.Otten adds that he had conversation with President of 64 (Russian draughts) Mr.Nikitin who would come with very good proposals. He also adds "We do not have to overestimate the importance of Mr.Langin; he will be in a serious difficulty and, of course, we want to unify draughts, and draughts should be clean of doping, clean of money laundering, clean of other illegal things and that is very important" - which is applauded by Mr. Nikitin and other attendees;

3) Question from President of the Asian Confederation Mr. Chimeddorj about IOC recognition, which will possibly be received next year: "What guaranties does the FMJD have?" Mr.Maggi informs that we do not have guaranties, but we have received this information from the IOC, and we have big hopes for the next year.

c. Director International Relations report:

Mr.Otten reports about his activities and the recommendations that he had. He speaks in more detail about "Match fixing" during the World Championship 2019 in Yamoussoukro. It was clear that during the championship at least one game (between Atse and Aka) was lost deliberately. We need to consider suspending player Aka from participation in the official FMJD tournaments for a period of two years for this dishonor for draughts.

Concerning the incidents, which took place during the WC 2019, Mr.Otten says: "We are ashamed of what had happened in Yamoussoukro". It was not only

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disgrace for the hotel, Yamoussoukro, the Ivory Coast but also disgrace for all Africa, and I do not agree with that. I see it my task to prevent such things in the future. Due to these incidents it will be very difficult to organize World Championships in Africa in the next 10 years".

We have lots of conversations with the IOC. We are a member of AIMS (organization for sports that are not yet recognized by the IOC), and AIMS itself will be recognized by the IOC next week. Therefore, we have good chances be the first sport to be officially recognized.

Comments from representatives from Africa Abraham Douah Cissoko and Oumar Thiero about the difficulties met during the organization of the WC 2019.

Mr.Otten replies: "Africa is my continent, and I love it, but when you love somebody etc. you can be very direct and say things in a direct way. I personally will take care that what happened this time in Yamoussoukro not precipitate down on all African continent because that would be totally wrong". We have to do new things in Africa; not the World Championship, of course, but we have to give Africa chances. I have been to so many African countries, and some of them proved themselves as very good organizers. We had very good World Cups there, and we have to do it in the future again.

Recommendation from Mr. Clifton Agata: "it is important how we say things to each other. People may do things wrong, but we are all on our way to become better".

Question from President of the Asian Confederation Mr. Chimeddorj about the prize money of the World Championship 2019 (where the money came from). Mr.Otten answers that one half of it was from the FMJD, and the other half was his personal money.

<u>Accepted initiatives of Mr.Otten proposed in his report</u>:

- A course for new arbiters for a week in Africa (Dakar?);
- Financial aid of €4,000 every two years for the African Championship;
- €15 from every subscription into a World Cup tournament played in Africa.

"I believe we can be supportive of these wishes. Certainly, more federations in developing draughts countries will come with requests to us. We should consider all of them seriously and choose the ones that will promote draughts the most".

<u>d. General Secretary</u>

General Secretary reports about his activities.
There are no remarks or comments.

e. Tournament Director:

General remarks of Mr.Pawlicki:

- We should be realistic. It is not so easy to find an organizer for a big event. It is not like we have a lot of propositions, and we choose the bad one. On the contrary, we are asking potential organizers to organize events, and some of them accept to do something;
- Cooperation with the Players Committee (PC) is very important, and I think we are growing up in this direction. For the first time ever the chairman of the PC took part in the FMJD Council meeting in Rome, and that was very productive. What I am talking about is a little bit connected with the letter of Guntis Valneris, which was also sent to me. And my reaction was very clear: thank you, Guntis, very much; I resent your letter to the Players Committee. I am very open for comments of players, and I am trying to be as much active as possible; and I am always open to ideas of players. It does not mean that all ideas are accepted automatically, of course, but nowadays we have the Players Committee. With full respect to the letter of Guntis, this should be directed to the PC first as well as the other requests from players.
- World Championship 2019. Many things went wrong, but we should move on, maybe create new or update already existing in the FMJD regulating documents, where all the requirements should be clearly indicated. But what had happened in Yamoussoukro should not affect all Africa.
  Mr.Pawlicki provides an example of organizational mistakes in a tournament in the Netherlands and highlights that such things could happen everywhere because of few people who try to promote their own personal ideas.

f. Tournament Director Youth:

The report/presentation of Mr.Macali was shown to the participants. Mr.Pawlicki gave comments on it.

The report was accepted without further remarks or comments.

12:00 – 12:30 Coffee break.

g. Checkers:

Mr.Bordini reports about his activities.

Question from Mr. Chimeddorj about the status of the Draughts Federation of Turkmenistan in the Checkers Federation (WCDF). Mr.Bordini provides his explanations. “The rules of the WCDF allow having different confederations from one country, and we know that this is not correct, it should be just one. For now there are 2 confederations from Turkmenistan, which take part in the tournaments and championships, and there is no solution which one of the two should be the only member of the WCDF. In future we will have to change the rules and make them more precise”.

h. Turkish draughts

i. 64 Brazilian draughts

Mr.Ismaylov reports about his activities in 64 Brazilian draughts and thanks the official representatives for their work and participation. He speaks about plans for 2020. In plans – to organize the World Championship in Antalya (20-30 September). There are also plans for 2020 to organize the European Championship in Brazilian draughts. The negotiations about the venue of this event are being held.

Questions from Mr. Chimeddorj:
1) What about Turkish draughts?
2) When there will be a system of rating and titles?

- Championships in Turkish draughts on behalf of the FMJD are held in Arab countries because they are popular there, and for now we do not participate in them; but since we have a new member federation from Bahrain, we hope that collaboration with Arab countries will develop.
- The work on the system of rating and titles with the help of the invited experts is being carried out at the moment. We expect to have it ready very soon.

j. Russian Draughts:

The report is accepted without comments or remarks.

k. Confederations:

1) Africa (Abraham Douah Cissoko)

2) Asia (Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj)

The reports are accepted without comments or remarks

13:00 -14:00 Lunch break, picture taking.

3) European Draughts Confederation

Comment from Mr.Ismaylov: “First of all, I would like to thank Mr.Bordini for his having agreed to lead the EDC. I would like to offer the EDC my support and propose to the EDC to hold tender when choosing the place for European events. And taking the opportunity I propose the Turkish Draughts Federation to be considered as a potential organizer for the European championship in 2020”.

4) Pan-America (Clifton Agata)

Mr.Agata reports about his activities and shows a video about draughts events organized by the Pan-American Confederation.
The report is accepted without comments or remarks.

l. Technical Committee
The report is accepted without comments or remarks.

m. Medical Committee
The report is accepted without comments or remarks.

n. Ethics Committee
Because of the absence of protests, officially received for consideration by the Ethics Committee during the reporting period, participation of the member of the Committee in the General Assembly was not planned and the report was not provided.

o. Players Committee
The report is accepted without comments or remarks.

Janek Maggi starts the voting procedure and checks the voting machines. When everything is checked he invites the participants to start voting:

New member federations
Results: 100 % in favor

Remark concerning the membership of Chinese Taipei Draughts Association (CTDA): Chinese Draughts Association (CDA) requested formal statement that CTDA would follow the Resolution of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board Nagoya, 25th October 1979 (see page 11) when participating in draughts events or organizing them. In case Chinese Taipei Draughts Association breaks the Nagoya resolution, the FMJD reserves the right to cancel its membership, of which the representatives of CTDA were informed at the General Assembly.
This formal statement was successfully received; therefore, there were no objections for Chinese Taipei to become a member of the FMJD.
The 3 federations are accepted as new full members of the FMJD.

The new FMJD logo approval
The results: 72% in favour, 17% against and 11% abstained.

Proposals from the federations:
1) KNDB Proposal «To recognize eDraughts performances and world records» (see description in appendix to this document page 12). **Voting results: 89% in favor, 6% against, 6% abstained. The proposal is accepted.**

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2) Proposals from the Draughts Federation of Russian

a. «To introduce from 2020 a new age category for children up to 8 years old at the World Championships Youth».
Results: 44% in favor, 50% against, 6 abstained. The proposal is not accepted;

b. «To unite the sections of Russian and Brazilian versions of draughts in order to conduct full-fledged competitions on the small board».
Results: 56% in favor, 11% against, 33 abstained. The proposal is accepted;

c. «To establish a "World Draughts Day"; as a variant on the 20th of August».
Results: 94% in favor, 0% against, 6 abstained;
Additional voting on the date of the "World Draughts Day":
for the 20th of August – 94%, for another date – 6%. The proposal is accepted;

3) Proposal from the Mongolian Draughts Federation «To erase differences of all continental championships in Annex 10, FMJD. And treat all continents equally».
Results: 28% in favor, 56% against, 17 abstained. The proposal is not accepted;

4) Proposals from Chinese Draughts Association (see description in appendix to this document page 13).

a. «Change the time control of FMJD official tournaments»
Voting results: 67% in favor, 22% against, 11% abstained. The proposal is accepted;

b. «Regulate rules of 64 events»
The proposal had already been voted on during the DFR's part (to unite the sections of Russian and Brazilian versions of draughts in order to conduct full-fledged competitions on the small board». **Results: 56% in favor, 11% against, 33 abstained**).

c. «Amend the conditions of automatic titles and norms»
Results: 71% in favor, 24% against, 6% abstained. The proposal is accepted

5) Proposals from the African Draughts Confederation (CAJD) (see description in appendix to this document page 14) were presented in the report. The CAJD proposals were similar with the proposals of Mr.Otten, which were considered earlier, therefore, there was no voting on it.

6) Proposals of the Technical Committee were all accepted (see description in appendix to this document pages 14-22)

1 proposal: piece on a white square;
2 proposal: endgame of 3 against 1 in Annex 1 article 6;
3 proposal: formulation of the draw game in Annex 1 article 7;
4 proposal: list of official FMJD competitions;
5 proposal: Appeal Jury (to add: the decision of the Appeal Jury is final);
6 proposal: Technical rule for Swiss system tournament;
7 proposal: Proposal 7: no drawing of lots in opening ceremony;
8 proposal: use of the words player and competitor;
9 proposal: Appeal Jury (add that for a tournament without appeal jury the player may appeal to the main referee);
10 proposal: staying too long at the side of another game;
11 proposal: role of main referee and assistant referee about sanctions;
12 proposal: procedure for irregular moves;
13 proposal: preparation of notation forms;
14 proposal: Television cameras in the playing room;
15 proposal: error in colours;
16 proposal: representatives of the press;
17 proposal: rights for a player who has ended his game;
18 proposal: games duration requirements;
19 proposal: Criteria for the norms (shorter games rate to be accepted);
20 proposal: Solkoff tie break variants.

Results: 89% in favor, 6 against, 6 abstained.

7) Proposals of the Tournament Director given in his report **were all accepted** (see description in appendix to this document pages 22-23).

Results:
1 proposal: World Championship 2021 **(88% in favor, 12% against);**
2 proposal: World Championship Women 2021 **(100% in favor);**
3 proposal: Code of Behavior **(100% in favor);**
4 proposal: World Cup prizes from 2021 **(100% in favor);**
5 proposal: World Championship Veterans **(94% in favor, 6 against);**
6 proposal: World Club Championships **(94% in favor, 6 against);**
7 proposal: World Teams Championships **(82% in favor, 12% against, 6% abstained).**

14. **Affirming Titles and approbation of World Records**

All titles were confirmed.

Voting results: 94% in favor, 6 against.

15. **Calendar of main events till 2021, asking for candidates**

- World Championship
- Women's World Championship
- World Championship Teams
- World Championship Rapid
- World Championship Blitz
- World Championship Youth
- World Championship Youth Teams
- World Championship for disabled people
- World Cup tournaments
- General Assembly 2021

Comment from Mr.Pawlicki: if your federation or any organizer from your country is interested in organization of these events, please contact the Tournament Director directly (jacek@4draughts.com) or FMJD office (office@fmjd.org). The deadline for your application is 30th of November 2019.

Additional question from the Russian Draughts Federation about FMJD opinion and attitude to draughts composition (problemism).
The General Secretary comments on it, saying that in 2017 the Composers committee (CPI) was excluded from the structure of the FMJD. The organization was not dissolved; it just could not exist under the auspices of the FMJD any longer. This decision did not mean that the FMJD permanently abandoned draughts composition. For the draughts movement it is very important. Our opinion is that draughts composition community should gather and elect new leadership, and when the FMJD sees that there are no more constant disputes and conflicts, the FMJD may consider their return. Also, this new committee should be able to take decisions and not shift this responsibility to the FMJD.

The General Assembly is closed by the president at 17:00.

Appendix to the minutes

Resolution of the International Olympic Committee Executive Board Nagoya, 25th October 1979

RESOLUTION DE LA COMMISSION EXECUTIVE DU COMITE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIQUE

Nagoya, le 25 octobre 1979

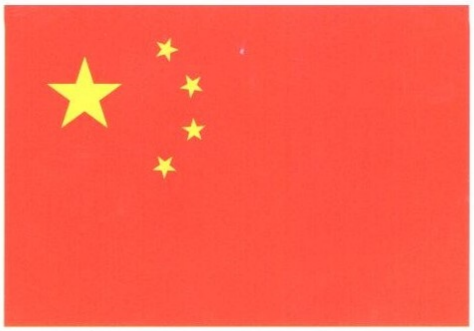
République Populaire de Chine
Nom:Comité olympique chinois
Hymne,drapeau et emblème du CNO: le drapeau et l'hymne de la République Populaire de Chine et l'emblème du CNO soumis à et approuvés par la Commission Exécutive.
Statuts:Conformes.
Comité situé à Taipei
Nom: Comité olympique de Taipei de Chine
Hymne,drapeau et emblème du CNO: un drapeau,un hymne et un emblème du CNO autres que ceux utilisés actuellement et qui devront être approuvés par la Commission Exécutive du CIO.
Statuts: doivent être amendés avant le ler janvier 1980 afin d'être en conformité avec la Charte Olympique.

RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Nagoya, 25th October 1979

The People's Republic of China
Name:Chinese Olympic Committee
NOC anthem, flag and emblem: flag and anthem of the People's Republic of China
The emblem submitted to and approved by the Executive Board.
Constitution: In order.
Committee based in Taipei:
Name: Chinese Taipei Olympic Committee
NOC anthem,flag and emblem: Other than that used at present and which must be approved by the Executive Board of the IOC.
Constitution: to be amended in conformity with IOC rules by lst January 1980.

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Proposals from federations:

1. Proposal of the KNDB

To recognize eDraughts performances and world records

The Dutch federation proposes to introduce a new type of performance: the "online simultaneous games", including the possibility to set a World Record. This includes normal simultaneous games and clock simultaneous games.
In an "eDraughts clock simultaneous match" the expert makes his moves on a computer which presents to him the positions in the games of his opponents in a certain order. The opponents also make their moves on a computer and may be all present at one location or at several locations. At all locations a referee or assistant referee should be present.
The software to be used for such a performance should have different possibilities for presenting the games to the expert: in the normal order from one board to the next, in general only boards at which the expert has to play, boards on which the expert has the least time at his disposal or other options which are considered to be useful by the expert. These should be orders only dependent on the number of pieces on the board, the number of moves made and/or the time still available for the expert. The software should also be able to present a number of boards simultaneously to the expert from which the expert may select a board to make a move. The software should also have to present the intermediate score to the expert.
It is preferred that the software decides on a draw game when the game is drawn according to the FMJD regulations Annex 1, article 6.
The software should also have a referee view where the referee may see at which board the expert plays, what the current score of the event is and where the referee has the opportunity to end the game if it should be ended according to the rules and regulations of the FMJD.
The time schedule for such an event will be the standard FMJD Fischer time schedule of 1 hour 20 minutes plus 1 minute per move.
The rules to set a World Record in an "eDraughts clock simultaneous match" will be the same as for a normal clock simultaneous match.
To set a World Record the software to be used has to be recognized by the FMJD.
The Dutch federation proposes that the first event will be held in the Netherlands and the FMJD Technical committee will define the detailed rules in cooperation with the Dutch organizing committee.

2) Proposals from the Russian Draughts Federation

1. To introduce from 2020 a new age category for children up to 8 years old at the World Championships Youth;
2. To unite the sections of Russian and Brazilian versions of draughts in order to conduct full-fledged competitions on the small board;
3. To establish a "World Draughts Day"; as a variant, on the 20th of August.

3) Proposal from the Mongolian Draughts Federation

To erase differences of all continental championships in Annex 10, FMJD. And treat all continents equally.

4) Proposals from Chinese Draughts Association

1. According to FMJD_Annexes_2018, FMJD official tournaments should play with 80 minutes plus 60 seconds per move. We propose to change the time control to 80

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minutes plus 30 seconds per move. It will be more practical and useful for organizers and players, especially when players need to play two rounds in one day. In FMJD's rating system, if players not playing minimum 4 hours total for both players for the first 60 moves, there will be a discount in players' rating and affect players' entrance to some important tournaments, such as IMSA Elite Mind Games and IMSA Masters Championships.

2. The rule (Brazilian/Russian) of 64 events played in World Championship, World Youth Championship and continental Championships are proposed to be unified. The unification of rules would be a guide for national association to make regulations for its national championship. And we also suggest to publish detailed regulation of 64 events at least one year ahead of schedule, then both national associations could organize qualification trials accordingly and players could also prepare with certain rule in advance. Besides, the rules of classic, rapid and blitz are also proposed to be unified if they are played in the same championship.
3. According to FMJD_Annex_10, players can get automatic titles through following tournaments.
   To attract more players and enlarge draughts market, we propose to amend [table X-1] as follow:

Tournament	gmi/gmif	mi/mif	mf/mff	cmf/cmff
World Championship (*)	1-3	4-6 (+1 gmi/gmif norm)	7-9 +1 mi/mif norm	10-… +1 mf/mff norm
European Championship with 20 players minimum				
World Championship women / European Championship women with 14 players minimum	1-2	3-4 +1 gmi/gmif norm	5-6 +1 mi/mif norm	
World Championship / European Championship / African Championship with 16 players minimum	1-2	3-4 +1 gmi/gmif norm	5-6 +1 mi/mif norm	
Continental Championship America, Asia with 16 players minimum	1	2 +1 gmi/gmif norm	3 +1 mi/mif norm	4-6 +1 mf/mff norm
World Championship and European championship junior boys / girls and youth until 23 (section 64)	-	1 If already MF/MFF	1-2-3 +1 mi/mif norm	
Continental Championship juniors Africa, America, Asia			1 +1 mi/mif norm	2-3 +1 mf/mff norm
World Championship / European Championship cadets			1 +1 mi/mif norm	2-3 +1 mf/mff norm
Continental Championship Cadets Africa, America, Asia				1-3 +1 mf/mff norm
World championship and Continental Championship Mini-Cadets				1-2 +1 mf/mff norm
World championship and Continental Championship Hopes				1 +1 mf/mff norm

5) Proposals from the African Draughts Confederation (CAJD)
(Translated from French)

The CAJD has made recommendations concerning organizational issues and increasing financial resources allocated to the CAJD in order to organize any kind of international events under the auspices of the FMJD in Africa (World Cup, World Championship, African Championship, etc…):

1- The organizational aspect:
- The terms (technical conditions) for conducting the above-mentioned international event must be necessarily approved by the CAJD, sealed with CAJD stamp and signed by the Tournament Director; or otherwise, by the President or the General Secretary;
- The CAJD can participate (though not necessarily) in issuing invitation letters in case if they are requested by the participating federations, in collaboration with the organization;
- The CAJD will send an official in order to support technical organization or arbitration (a member of the Appeal Jury, for example), wherever it is considered necessary or advisable.

2- Increasing the financial resources:
- Instead of collecting the full amount of the registration fee for the international events organized in Africa under the auspices of the FMJD and the CAJD, the FMJD should offer the CAJD the right of a 10 euro discount per participant if the registration fee is less or equal to 50 euros, and a 20 euro discount per participant if the registration fee exceeds 50 euros;
- For conducting international events in Africa under the auspices of the FMJD and the CAJD, the FMJD must provide the CAJD a subvention of at least 2 000 – 4 000 Euros, to make it possible for the CAJD to guarantee the prizes for the African Championships participants and with a view to provide the financial and material support for the qualifier player for the year-end World Mind Games in China or elsewhere.

At least 2 000 Euros for organization of the World Cups in Africa;
And at least 4 000 Euros for organization of African Championship.
3–In addition to these new requests, all former arrangements on support and capacity development assistance from the FMJD to the CAJD should be maintained and strengthened. (Such as referee courses during African Championship, etc…).

6) Proposals of the Technical Committee

Introduction:

The FMJD Technical Committee has carefully studied all our Annexes with regulations of games and competitions and found a number of details which may need a change. A number of details are just wrong words, “typo’s” or unclear formulations. These details will be changed by FMJD and distributed to the federations and published on the FMJD website.
In this document a number of small changes are presented to make articles more clear, to make some articles correct where they are not, sometimes giving a small change in meaning or a clearer explanation.
About other details the Technical Committee has not yet found a common opinion and these will be presented to a next General Assembly after further discussion within the Technical Committee.
At the end of this document 2 new proposals are added about ratings and titles.

Details

Annex 1

Proposal 1: piece on a white square

Annex 1, article 5.3 "*Each piece on a white square is inactive. It can be put into action, following the conditions of article 5.4. below*."

The text is not clear; the Technical committee proposes to change it into :

Annex 1 article 5.3. Each piece on a white square is inactive. It can be put into action only with the permission of the opponent**.**

Proposal 2: endgame of 3 against 1 in Annex 1 article 6

The current article 6.3 in Annex 1 appears to be unclear and is interpreted in several ways.

Current rule: 6.3 "*If only three kings remain, two king plus a man, one king and two men, against one king, the game shall be considered a draw when the players have each played another sixteen moves maximum."*

Several questions are asked:

Question 1: what happens if after 14 or 15 moves one piece is given by the player with 3 pieces? Can an additional 5 moves be played, like it is written in article 6.4 about the endgame of 2 against 1 or is the maximum of 16 moves still valid ?

Answer Technical Committee: the maximum of 16 moves remains valid

Question 2: If, after both players have played 16 moves the player to make the next move cannot play anymore because his pieces are blocked or because his opponent has taken all his pieces from the board with move 16, what takes precedence?

a. According to Annex 1, article 7.2.2 and 7.2.3 a player has lost when all his pieces are taken or blocked so he cannot move.

   or

b. according to Annex 1, article 6.3 both players have made 16 moves so it is a draw

Answer of the Technical Committee: point a takes precedence, the game is lost for the player who cannot make a move anymore, even when 16 moves have been played.

The proposed new text:

Annex 1, article 6.3: If only three kings remain, two king plus a man, one king and two men, against one king, both players may play another 16 moves maximum. When during these 16 moves a piece is taken the maximum of 16 moves remains valid. After these 16 moves the game shall be considered a draw with exception for the following situation:

with the last move of these 16 moves the position on the board is changed into a position which is lost for the opponent according to article 7.2.2 or 7.2.3 : he cannot move because all his pieces are blocked or because he has no more pieces; in that case this will take precedence and the game will be declared lost for the opponent.

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Proposal 3: formulation of the draw game in Annex 1 article 7

Annex 1 article 7.3.3 the result of the game ….

… *7.3. A draw is obtained when:*

7.3.1. both players agree to a draw by mutual consent;

7.3.2. the rules for draws in article 6 apply;

7.3.3. neither player can win

Technical committee: the text 7.3.3. has no clear meaning in this context; we propose to change this article into

7.3. A draw is obtained when neither player can win or:

7.3.1. both players agree to a draw by mutual consent;

7.3.2. the rules for draws in article 6 apply;

~~7.3.3. neither player can win.~~

Annex 2

Proposal 4: list of official FMJD competitions

- Remove article 1.1.3 Candidate tournament and candidate tournament women, as these tournaments are not held anymore
- Add the World Championship for disabled persons to article 1.1.1
- Define that for 64 the same competitions are official FMJD competitions as for 100 by changing article 1.3 into: "For 64 the same competitions as for 100 are official FMJD competitions, as given in article 1.1 and 1.2"

Proposal 5 Appeal Jury

Annex 2 article 2.11 *Appeal Jury*

Every organizing federation should install an appeal jury

Remark Technical Committee: In practice for the World Championships it is done by FMJD

Proposal a: Change this article into:

For World Championships the council of FMJD installs an appeal jury of at least three members, at least one from the Council of the FMJD.

For continental championships it is a task of the continental confederation to install an Appeal Jury

Proposal b to add to this article: The decision of the Appeal Jury is final.

Proposal 6: Technical rule for Swiss system tournament

Annex 2, 3b technical rules:

Players of the same federation have to encounter each other

- in a round robin tournament, in the first half
- in a Swiss tournament, in the rounds of the first half for those players of the same group of points; then this obligation has priority over the usual criteria for pairing from the second round onwards.

Comment of the Technical Committee: This part for the Swiss system has not be used for many years and is not a practical rule as it may mean that in the first half of a large international tournament players cannot play against players of other countries but only against players of their own country, and that is not what an international tournament is for.

Proposal: delete the part about the Swiss system so that the text of this article 3b becomes:

In a round robin tournament players of the same federation have to encounter each other in the first half of the tournament.

Proposal 7: no drawing of lots in opening ceremony
Annex 2 article 2.12: Protocol of opening ceremony
2.12d Drawing of lots, or its equivalent, by the main referee
Proposal: remove this article as it is (almost) never done during the opening ceremony

Annex 3

Proposal 8 : use of the words player and competitor
Annex 3 article 2.2 and other articles:
The words player and competitor are used meaning the same.
Proposal: everywhere in Annex 3 use only the word player.

Proposal 9: Appeal Jury

Annex 3 article 2.2 the Appeal Jury: the players have the right to ….

2.2.5 to appeal – non suspensive – to the Appeal Jury, in writing, in French or English, with a copy to the Main Referee, against a sanction or a decision of the latter.

Comment of the Technical committee: In Annex 3 we have general regulations for competitions but in practice only official FMJD do have an appeal jury. It looks as if the players have the right to appeal at every tournament…? Do they have this right ?

Proposal: add that for a tournament without appeal jury the player may appeal to the main referee.
New text:

2.2.5 to appeal – non suspensive – to the Appeal Jury or the main referee , in writing, in French or English, with a copy to the Main Referee, against a sanction or a decision of a referee. If there is an appeal Jury their decision is final. If there is no appeal jury in the tournament the appeal should be directed to the main referee who will decide, if necessary after consultation with the organisers of the tournament and/or with external specialists. His decision is final.

Proposal 10 : staying too long at the side of another game
Annex 3 article 2.4 the players are, during the competition, forbidden to
2.4.12 stay **for a time** at the side of a game in progress
Comment Technical Committee: This is not clear what is meant. The meaning of the article is that a player will not be standing too long looking at another game, possibly informing the player at that game that there is something the matter.
Proposal change into "stay **too long** at the side of a game in progress"

Proposal 11 : role of main referee and assistant referee about sanctions
Annex 3, article 2.5 sanctions ;
Comment Technical committee: it is not clear which sanctions may be given by an assistant referee and which only by the main referee.
Proposal for updated text:
All infringements of regulations must be sanctioned by the referee:
a. with a verbal comment which may also be given by an assistant referee

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The following sanctions should only be given by the main referee, according to his judgment on the seriousness of the infringement.

b. with a written official warning which is also publicized
c. with a time penalty and/or some extra time for the opponent who may be disturbed by a players behaviour
d. with loss of the game (if necessary for both players)
e. with disqualification from the competition

Proposal 12 : procedure for irregular moves

Annex 3 article 2.5a *Procedure for irregular moves*

In case a player makes an irregular or illegal move the preferred action of his opponent is to call the referee for assistance. Because the referee cannot be at his board immediately the players have the right to stop both clocks.

Proposal of the Technical committee: make it more clear about the different possibilities a player may have:

In case a player makes an irregular or illegal move his opponent has the following possibilities:

- accept the irregularity and go on with the game
- not accept the irregularity but immediately push his clock and demand correction from the opponent
- the preferred action of his opponent is to call the referee for assistance. Because the referee cannot be at his board immediately the players have the right to stop both clocks.

When the referee is at the board he will ask both players what happened and then decide what should be done.

Proposal 13 : preparation of notation forms

Annex 3 article 3.10 These notation forms must meet the following criteria:

3.10.1 be prepared in advance for each competitor

Remark: it is nice if it is done but this is far from common practice

Proposal: delete the article

Proposal 14 Television cameras in the playing room

Annex 3 article 4.2 *Photographs, television*

During the preparation period and for a maximum of 10 minutes into the official game time, flash photography is permitted.

An official television company may receive permission to operate, under the following conditions:

- The equipment should be in place before the start of the game;
- This should be done in such a way to generate a minimum amount of disturbance;

Comment Technical committee: this is not current practice and this is not practical; a player might demand removal of the TV equipment based on this article; they should be able to enter after the start of the game. TV broadcasting of the tournament is too important not to accept it.

Proposal: combine these two rules into one:

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The equipment should be placed in such a way to generate a minimum amount of disturbance for the players

Proposal 15: error in colours

Annex 3 article 4.6 *Error in colours*.

If after the start of a game it is discovered that the players have played with the wrong colours the game must continue. The result of the game stands.

Remark Technical Committee: This is too quick! The game is started when the referee starts the clock.

Proposal: If after both players have made a move it is discovered that the players have played with the wrong colours the game must continue

Proposal 16: representatives of the press

Annex 3 article The organisers must give complete and up to date information to the press who share the same rights and obligations as any other member of the public. *Representatives of the press must be officially approved by the organizers and by their federations*.

Proposal: delete the second part of this article as it is never used

Proposal 17: rights for a player who has ended his game

Annex 3 article 8.3 and 8.6 :

Comment Technical committee: it is not clear enough that a player who has ended his game is not allowed any more to walk in the playing area. This gives problems now and then and it should be made more clear in the regulations.

Now we have only : "The playing area is where the action is"

Proposal: add the text in article 8.3 : a player who has ended his game has the same rights as a spectator.

Annex 9

Proposal 18: games duration requirements

Not all games can be included into our rating system. The idea is to be open for ALL games.

Situation now:

Up to 30' per player	-	rapid/blitz rating
Up to 1h per player	-	out of any ratings
From 1h to 2h per player	-	classic rating with 50% counted, not valid for title norms
Minimum 2h per player	-	classic ratings both (black and red) norms possible

Proposition:

15' or less per players	-	rapid/blitz rating 100%
Below 30' per player	-	rapid/blitz rating 50%
From 30' but below 1h per player	-	rating (classic) 20% not for titles
From 1h' but below 1h30'per player	-	rating (classic) 40% not for titles
From 1h30' but below 2h per player	-	rating (classic) 60%, black norms possible
From 2h per player	-	rating (classic) 100%, black and red norms possible

Annex 9 current text:

1.2.2. Additional conditions for the competitions:

1.2.2.1. Time control minimum 4 hours total for both players for the first 60 moves.

1.2.2.2. Other time controls are also possible, but such competitions are not calculated for titles and the development factor is reduced by:

(a) 50% for time control minimum 3h 30' total for both players for the first 60 moves

(b) 25% for time control minimum 2h total for both players for the first 60 moves.

1.2.2.3. Games played as rapid – blitz or superblitz are counted for separate rating list "rapid-blitz".

Annex 9 text proposed:

1.2.2. Additional conditions for the competitions:

1.2.2.1. All games with time control minimum 30' (1h total for both players) for the first 60 moves are countable for ratings. Development factor is reduced by:

(a) 100% (not reduced) for time control minimum 2h per player (4h total for both players) for the first 60 moves

(b) 60% for time control minimum 1h30' per player (3h total for both players) for the first 60 moves.

(c) 40% for time control minimum 1h per player (2h total for both players) for the first 60 moves.

(d) 20% for time control minimum 30' per player (1h total for both players) for the first 60 moves.

1.2.2.2. Games played as rapid – blitz or superblitz are counted for separate rating list "rapid-blitz". This is the games with time control below 30' (1h total for both players) for the first 60 moves. Development factor is:

(a) 100% (not reduced) for time control maximum 15' per player (30' total for both players) for the first 60 moves

(b) 50% for time control above 15' but less than 30' per player (above 30' and less then 1h total for both players) for the first 60 moves.

Annex 10

Proposal 19: Criteria for the norms (shorter games rate to be accepted)

This is a consequence of changes proposed for Annex 9. This gives chance for RED norm even in tournaments with 4h per round total for the two players for the first 60 moves. For the BLACK norm even 3h per round will be possible

Annex 10 text proposed: (underlined is the new text)

4.4. Criteria for black and red norms

The difference between a black norm and a red norm depends on the strength of the group of opponents a player has met in a tournament. It does not depend on the strength of the whole tournament. The result of a player in a Swiss tournament will be counted in the same way as if he had played a round robin tournament with his group of opponents. For the red norm the game rate should be at the level possible for 100% of the developing factor (see Annex 9 p.1.2.2.1). For the black norms 60% of the developing factor is also acceptable.

Proposal 20: Solkoff tie break variants

With our current solkoff tie break methods there are too many possibilities of players ending with equal scores and equal tie break score. We want to introduce some methods which give more distinction between players. These methods do not only take into account the opponents scores but also their Solkoff total. The idea is that two opponents may have equal scores but an opponent with a higher Solkoff may be considered to be stronger (or having performed better in the tournament) than an opponent with a lower Solkoff.

The Technical Committee and Tournament Director propose to introduce the following variations on the Solkoff tie break method for the Swiss system:

- Solkoff truncated (new definition): the largest total score of opponents played, not counting the weakest
- Full solkoff truncated: the largest total score of opponents played, not counting the weakest, if needed also not counting the second weakest etc.
- Solkoff Baliakin: the largest sum of the opponents scores multiplied by their Solkoff
- Solkoff plus: the largest sum of the opponents Solkoff

As combined possibilities we propose the following:

- Solkoff truncated, if equal followed by solkoff Baliakin
- Solkoff truncated, if equal followed by Solkoff plus

For the World Cup tournaments, to be as surer as possible that players do not end with equal scores we propose the following combined tie break method:

- Solkoff truncated
- Solkoff plus
- Solkoff Baliakin
- Full Solkoff truncated

The Technical committee proposes to update the FMJD annexes, especially Annex 3 and Annex 5, accordingly.

Changes necessary (missed conditions for cmff)

p. 3.11.4
current text: Continental championships / World cup events: place above 3 players with GMI/MI title or 5 with MF/MI/GMI title
proposition: Continental championships / World cup events: place above 3 players with GMI(f)/MI(f) title or 5 with MF(f)/MI(f)/GMI(f) title

p. 3.11.5
current text: Rating on list a minimum 2120
proposition: Rating on list a minimum 2120 for cmf or 2020 for cmff

point 3 Automatic title
The idea is – give automatic title for any player who scored in most important events above 5 players with title requested
Proposed text for next (new) point 3.12:

3.12 Automatic title is available in all official World and Continental individual championship played under conditions valid for the title. This will be given to the player who finished above 5 players with title requested or higher.

Examples: score above 2 GMI and 3 MI, give rights to automatic MI title, score above 5 GMI gives rights to GMI title, score above 4 GMI and 1 MF gives rights to MF title etc.

7) Proposals of the Tournament Director (taken from the GA report of TD)

1. World Championship 2021
According to the Annex 17 this is the time for 40 participants. Appendix A says about formula for 40 players. Current text needs to be upgraded. My proposition is in the attachment III to this report. The main ideas:

- *Make it like Appendix A.*
- *Resignation from the tournament called "Challenger".*
- *Inclusion of a Global Reserve List*

2. Women's World Championship 2021
Keep current text of Annex 12 - Appendix A, just change years in the text accordingly

3. Code of behavior
Accept document "Code of behavior" (to follow by all parties) as valid for all official events. Final text can be discussed inside EB and PC and should be announced as a next Annex. (text valid for world cup – attachment I).

4.World Cup prizes from 2021
1. Cancel one-star events
2. Include new level – 7* and raise up the level of prize money (Attachment II)

5.World Championship 50+ (Veterans)
A question to the GA – do we like this event or not? So far it was organized once (Riga 2013). If yes – would we like to make another age limit 55 or 60 or 65?
(Remark: at the GA2019 has accepted age 60+)

6. World Club Championships
A question to the GA – do we like this event or not? If so – my ideas are presented in the Attachment IV.

7. World Teams Championships
It seems impossible to find organizers.
A question to the GA – do we like this event with a condition that participating teams have to pay all the hotel costs themselves?

Attachment I

Code of behavior to follow by all parties

1. Opening and closing ceremonies are the integral part of the event and each player must be present as well as the chief referee.

2. Attending the ceremonies means staying from the beginning to the end.

3. During opening the FMJD anthem must be played. For the closing ceremony – FMJD anthem should close the event.

4. Ceremonies should be held on the same day as the first and the last round. In exceptional circumstances it can be changed, but only after agreement with FMJD-TD.

5. During the ceremony's players must be dressed accordingly.

6. Opening ceremony should not be longer than 45'. If the ceremony is longer, players need minimum 2 hours break before their first game.

7. For the last 3 rounds it is strictly forbidden to start any game against the schedule. Only in the special cases connected with accidents, medical reasons etc this can be changed. The purchased ticket cannot be the reason!

8. Closing ceremony: a. should not be longer than 1h.

b. The organiser must prepare a diploma for each player and a diploma should be given to each player from the bottom of the classification.

c. Top three should be presented in front of the public. The winner in the middle, the second player on his right and the third on the left. With the three presented, the National anthem of the winner should be played. All this separately for men and women (if both categories played).

9. The player who will not attend the closing ceremony:

a. Loses any rights to the financial prizes.
b. His score for World Cup from this tournament will be reduced to zero.

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Attachment II World Cup prize money since 2021

Current situation:

	*		3*		5*		7*	
	open	women	open	women	open	women	open	women
I	500 €	300 €	1 000 €	500 €	2 000 €	1 000 €	6 000 €	2 500 €
II	300 €	150 €	800 €	300 €	1 400 €	700 €	4 000 €	2 000 €
III	200 €	100 €	700 €	200 €	1 000 €	500 €	2 500 €	1 500 €
IV	200 €		500 €		700 €	300 €	1 500 €	1 000 €
V	150 €		400 €		600 €	200 €	1 100 €	800 €
VI	100 €		300 €		500 €	100 €	1 000 €	700 €
VII			200 €		400 €		900 €	550 €
VIII			100 €		300 €		800 €	400 €
IX					200 €		700 €	300 €
X					100 €		600 €	250 €
XI							500 €	
XII							400 €	
	1 450 €	550 €	4 000 €	1 000 €	7 200 €	2 800 €	20 000 €	10 000 €
	2 000 €		**5 000 €**		**10 000 €**		**30 000 €**	

Proposition for new system from 2021

3*		5*		7*		9*	
open	women	open	women	open	women	open	women
1 200 €	600 €	2 000 €	1 000 €	3 000 €	1 400 €	6 000 €	2 500 €
900 €	400 €	1 400 €	700 €	2 400 €	1 100 €	4 000 €	2 000 €
800 €	300 €	1 000 €	500 €	2 000 €	800 €	2 500 €	1 500 €
600 €		700 €	300 €	1 500 €	700 €	1 500 €	1 000 €
450 €		600 €	200 €	1 300 €	550 €	1 100 €	800 €
350 €		500 €	100 €	1 000 €	450 €	1 000 €	700 €
250 €		400 €		800 €	350 €	900 €	550 €
150 €		300 €		700 €	350 €	800 €	400 €
		200 €		600 €	250 €	700 €	300 €
		100 €		500 €	250 €	600 €	250 €
						500 €	
						400 €	
4 700 €	1 300 €	7 200 €	2 800 €	13 800 €	6 200 €	20 000 €	10 000 €
6 000 €		**10 000 €**		**20 000 €**		**30 000 €**	

Attachment IV World Club Championship

1. Formula

Event for 4 persons teams (unlimited number of reserve players) 5 days event

2. Who can play for the club?

a. For clubs from countries with own national team championship (NTC) played minimum past 2 years.

i. For players with rating <2150; no limits

ii. For players with rating 2150+; only if he/she played minimum 3 games for this club in NTC past 2 years.

b. For all other clubs - only players with rating 2150 or lower

3. Conditions.

This event is dedicated for the clubs, that means mostly sponsored by private people/companies. Any kind of prizes are subject of participants/winner, not organizers (FMJD).

a. Number of clubs per country not limited.

b. No free hospitality for participants (preferable free for champions of NCT)

c. Host country (club) is solely responsible for any costs associated including referee, medals.

d. No prize money (not mandatory)

e. Competitions fee 100 euro per club