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Extraordinary General Assembly

1. Role of President and EVP

The General Assembly in Berlin 2009 has asked for a more normal division of tasks between the President and the Executive Vice President.
The following changes are proposed in the statutes:
The president of the FMJD will lead the Executive Board meetings and the General Assembly and will set the dates for the Executive Board meetings, instead of the Executive Vice President

a. **Role of president and EVP in the Executive Board meeting,** article 2.1,

Proposed text:
The President presides, ~~opens and closes the Executive Board but the Executive Vice-President~~ convenes and conducts the meeting. The representative of the European Confederation, as first vice-president, replaces the Executive Vice-President when needed. He in turn, when needed, is replaced by the representative of the 64 squares Russian/Brazilian Section (second vice-president).

Alternative text to also change the role of the vice presidents of Europe and 64, because in practice these vice presidents never wanted to lead the Executive Board meeting:

The President presides, ~~opens and closes the Executive Board but the Executive Vice-President~~ convenes and conducts the meeting. ~~The representative of the European Confederation, as first vice-president, replaces the Executive Vice-President when needed. He in turn, when needed, is replaced by the representative of the 64 squares Russian/Brazilian Section (second vice-president).~~ . The Executive Vice President or one of the other elected board members (general secretary, treasurer, tournament director) replaces the president when needed.

b. **Dates of meeting of the Executive Board,** article 2.4

Current text:
The Board meets four times a year, at least twice with full attendance, at dates decided by the Executive Vice-President, or at the instigation of a third of the members.
Proposed text:
The Board meets four times a year, at least twice with full attendance, at dates decided by the ~~Executive Vice-~~President, or at the instigation of a third of the members.

c. **Role of president and EVP in the General Assembly**, article 2.8
Current text: The Assembly is presided over by the President of the FMJD, but conducted by the Executive Vice-President.
Proposed text: The Assembly is presided over and conducted by the President of the FMJD~~, but conducted by the Executive Vice-President.~~

d. Deletion of phrase in article 2.8 because nobody knows what it means
Proposal to delete the text: "The office of the Executive Vice-President is that of the Board."

2. **Introduction Main Board and Executive Board**
The proposal is withdrawn by the Executive Board

3. **No more membership of Executive Board for committee chairmen**

Since 2003 the Presidents of the Technical Committee and the Composers committee CPI are members of the Executive Board. The presidents of the new committees created in 2007, the Ethics committee and the medical committee, are not member of the Executive Board.
Because of the costs involved the Executive Board should not be too big so the Executive Board proposes that the committee presidents are no longer member of the Executive Board.
Article 2.1 composition of the Executive Board, the **following text will be deleted**:

- The representatives of the Problemism Committee and the Technical Committee;

4. **Role of the English and French language in the statutes of the FMJD.**

"The original statutes which are written in French, are juridical superior to other translations."
Proposal to change this to :
"**The statutes which are written in English, are juridical superior to other translations**. "

5. **Technical proposal to change the name GAISF into Sport Accord in the statutes**.

Some years ago the GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations) of which the FMJD is a member, changed their name into "Sport Accord". This will be changed in our statutes too in article 1.1

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General assembly

General proposals of the Executive Board

1. **Rules for speaking time in the General Assembly:**

On each point or proposal in the General Assembly a maximum speaking time of 5 minutes is set for each federation including translations.

2. **Role of president and EVP, as a consequence of the proposals for the Extraordinary General assembly: change some articles in the bye laws.**

In the bye laws there are some phrases about the role of the President and the Executive Vice President equal to those in the statutes. The executive Board proposes to change this articles in the same way as the statute changes of the Extraordinary General Assembly:
Article 4.1:
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 …..

Article 4.3
The ~~Executive Vice-~~President conducts the General Assembly ….
Article 6.1
The Executive Board is presided and conducted by the ~~Executive Vice-~~President.
Article 6.5
The ~~Executive Vice-~~President convenes and conducts the meetings of the Board and conducts the Regular and Extraordinary General Assemblies.
Article 6.10
The FMJD office is supervised by the ~~Executive Vice-~~President.

3. Confirmation of the result of two e-votes

3a. **World Championship women UFA**
Text of the proposal:
After the cancellation of the World Championship 2009/2010 in Brazil the Executive Board has been searching for possibilities to organize the World Championship women in 2010 somewhere else.
We received a very good proposal from the Russian federation to have this World Championship with very good conditions for our top players in the month October 2010 in Ufa.
In the General Assembly in Berlin in 2009 a proposal of Belarus was accepted that changes in regulations for the World Championship and the World Championship women should be proposed to and accepted by the General Assembly.
Because it is not possible to have a tournament with 14 players in Ufa and the tournament in Ufa will be held with only the six top players it is necessary to get the opinion of the federations about this. Since there is no General Assembly this year the Executive Board of the FMJD invites all federations to give their vote by e-mail.
The executive board proposes to accept the tournament in Ufa as a World Championship women with all rights normally belonging to a World Championship.
Result of the voting: (24 federations may vote, others with debt may not vote):
In favour: 5 votes from Brazil, Netherlands, Kazakhstan, Belgium, Japan
Against: 4 votes from Lithuania, Poland, Belarus, Israel

e-vote confirmed by the General Assembly

3b. **Financial compensation Brazil**:
In the month December 2010 the Executive Board has issued a vote by correspondence among the member federations of the FMJD. **The Executive Board has proposed that the financial damages of the federations and the players by the cancellation of the world Championship in Brazil should be paid by the FMJD.** The basis of the financial damages is the list with claims made by the federations in the months October and November 2009. If necessary the president Mr. Otten will give a loan to the FMJD.
At the moment of the voting 27 federations have paid their membership fee over 2010 and are without other debts to the FMJD. The following 16 member federations with voting right have voted in favor of the proposal: Belarus, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Mali, Mongolia, Netherlands, Poland, Slovenia, Trinidad & Tobago, Uganda, USA. The other federations did not use their right to vote. There were no votes against the proposal.
So the proposal was accepted by a majority of 16 against 0

e-vote confirmed by the General Assembly

4. In a vote by correspondence only votes made are counted.

In relation with the two votes by correspondence there has been discussion if federations which did not vote should be counted as positive voters or not be counted.
bye laws article 7.1 says: *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.*
The Belarus federation protested against this statement.
Because this protest makes sense the Executive Board proposes to change the bye laws on this point: In a vote by correspondence only the votes actually made are counted. (bye law article 4.5)

The proposed new text of the last part of this article 4.5 is: (underlined the added text)
The vote is by the majority of the votes actually cast. The decision has to be ratified at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

5. Right to ask for a vote

Not every proposal is voted for at the General Assembly because many times it is clear that the proposal is supported by (almost) all federations or not supported at all, and the President decides that it is not necessary to vote.
However:
Every federation has the right to ask for a vote about a proposal at the General Assembly, even when it may seem clear what the outcome of such a vote may be.

6. Role of the English and French language in the FMJD.

See also a corresponding proposal for the extraordinary general assembly about the statutes.
Since 2000 the English language has been assigned as first working language of the FMJD. All proposals on General assemblies and all reports are written in English because it is the most practical international language. Most international sport federations use English as their first language.
Proposal:
In all documents of the FMJD English will be mentioned as first language of the FMJD. In case of differences between versions in English, French and Russian the English version will be leading.
In the bye laws English and French will remain the two legal languages of the FMJD and Russian will remain the third official language

PROPOSALS ON FINANCES AND MEMBERSHIP

1.Proposal to give the Executive Board the right to ask for a financial guarantee from an organizing federation for the organisation of a World Championship. (for the main World Championship 25.000, for other WC less)

At the moment there is an amount of guarantee fund 250 euro in our bye laws financial regulations 2.5. Also the amount of damage for the FMJD to be paid by the organization is maximum 250 euro.
Proposal to change article 2.5:

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.
The amount of the guarantee fund depends on the competition and has a maximum of 25.000 euro.
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.
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~~ the given guarantee. A remaining amount will be returned to the organising federation.

2. Better description role/task/responsibility financial committee.

The current description in the bye laws article 4.6 is not clear and not according to the way we work.
Proposal to change this text by

- adding that: The Financial Commission monitors prior to the GA the books and the financial statements and during the GA the financial commission reports and advises on the granting of discharge of the board.
- deleting the text that the investigations have to be done during the General Assembly.

New text of article :
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.
The Financial Commission monitors prior to the General Assembly the books and the financial statements to convince itself of the orderly procedures and administration. During the General Assembly the financial commission reports and advises on the granting of discharge of the board.
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.
Then the General Assembly nominates a new financial committee of three of its members. Preferably one of the members of the financial committee should be a financial expert.

3. **Proposal to make suspension and expelling of federations easier (now 2 times decision of GA).** Proposal withdrawn by the Executive Board.

4. How and when to change from A membership to B membership

In the year 2010 Ukraine decided to change from A member to B member somewhere at the start of a 64 tournament in May. Do we want to accept these kind of things or do we want to make rules for this? Proposal: inform the Executive Board of the FMJD preferably before January 1, but in any case before 31-3 (same date as the date on which the membership fee has to be paid). If no message is received then the membership is the same as the year before.

5. **How to accommodate for players from a country where there is no federation**?

Proposal : a player from a country where there is no federation may participate in an official FMJD tournament if he pays the membership fee for the current year, apart from the participation fee.

PROPOSALS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR YOUTH

1. Proposal to have an official WC cadets girls

At the moment we have official world Championships for junior boys, junior girls and cadets (boys and girls together). The proposal is to have a separate World Championship cadets girls.
If an organization is willing to organize it the FMJD will agree to have this as an official World Championship, but not with the obligation to try to organize it every year.

2. Proposal to have an official WC mini cadets boys and girls together or apart if an organizing federation wants to organize such a tournament.

This proposal is to have world championships also for the age category of mini cadets (age until 13 years). The European Confederation has, with great success, organized European championships for mini cadets boys and girls and even for the younger category until 10 years ("European hopes").
If an organization is willing to organize it the FMJD will agree to have this as an official World Championship, but not with the obligation to try to organize it every year.

PROPOSALS TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

3. Continental championships official FMJD tournaments or not ?

a. A continental confederation is more or less independent. They have the right to organize a continental championship as they like it.

b. Only if the continental championship is organized following the rules and regulations of the FMJD there is a right for automatic titles and for title norms.

c. A qualification tournament for the World Championship has to be organized following the rules and regulations of the FMJD.

4. Assignment of referees in a World Championship; contradiction between practice and some of our regulations.

In practice the FMJD Executive Board decides about the main referee of the official FMJD tournaments; this is written in Annex 4 the referee, article 3.
Also this is done after communication with the organizing federation. The FMJD also pays for the travel costs of the main referee to make it possible to freely choose a main referee without the organization having to pay for his or her travel costs.
The other referees are assigned by the national federation, in cooperation with the FMJD; this is also written in Annex 4.
The text in the bye laws and Annex 2 is not according to this practice:
Bye laws current text: Article 6.13 other duties for the Executive Board:
- Chooses the referees for the official FMJD competitions

Proposal to change this to the practical situation:
- Chooses the main referee for each official FMJD competition

Annex 2, article 2.8a current text : the organizing federation pays for the following items:

a. Meals and lodging, as well as travel costs (round trip) to the competition venue, of the main arbiter and his assistants.

Proposal to change this to the practical situation:

a. Meals and lodging of the main arbiter and his assistants as well as travel costs (round trip) to the competition venue for the referee assistants.

5. Regulations about organization place, sponsor place and "make even" place.

5a. organization place and sponsor place

New article Annex 2, Article 2.1a Organization place, sponsor place and make even place.
For each official FMJD tournament the organizing federation has the right for an extra place called the organization place and an extra place called the sponsor place. The organization place will be assigned by the federation. The sponsor place will be assigned by the sponsor of the event in cooperation with the federation and the organization committee with the restriction that it has to be a player who can play at the level of the competition. Preferably the sponsor should minimally pay the prize money for the tournament, but at least 50 % of the prize money to have this right.

5b. Proposal to regulate the make-even place (this is the actual situation):

Add to Annex 2:
For each official FMJD youth tournament the organizing federation has the right for a make even place if at the start of the tournament the number of participants is odd.

6. **Proposal form of World Title Match women like Match men of 2010,**

The form in which the title match 2010 between Shvartzman and Georgiev was played was decided together with the players and proved to be a success with a lot of publicity for draughts and many spectators on the internet.
The current World Champion women Zoja Golubjeva is also in favour of this system for the World Title match women.
The Executive Board proposes that this system will be the standard system for both (man&women) title matches system like last match:

(a) 12 regular games
(a) After 12 games winner need to have at least 3 victory on his account
(b) If not – we continue till one of the players gets 3rd victory in total:
  i. 3 games 20'+10"
  ii. 3 games 10'+5"
  iii. G-L system 10'+2"

if all previous games finished with draw – we need maximum 5 G-L games

This will be the standard system but with the possibility for the tournament director for flexibility for another form of the match to be decided with the players in cooperation with the organisation, only if both players agree.

7. Proposal for changing the criteria to be on the official FMJD A rating list.

Among our top players there is a lot of criticism about the system of the official FMJD rating list because playing only a very limited number of games in a period of 3 years is enough to stay on the official FMJD rating list A.
The last years many GMI's complained about the current system and that is a good reason to change.

Proposal of the Executive Board to have:

a. The official FMJD rating list will be formed from players who are active, i.e. having played at least 30 games counting for rating in the last 2 years.
b. The full FMJD rating list consisting of all players with a valid rating

8. **Proposal for coming too late for a game (0-60 minutes)**

In important tournaments players should not be permitted to come (much) too late for a game. The organisation and sponsors do not like it, nor does the Executive Board of the FMJD. The international Chess federation has accepted the rule for their main tournaments that a player arriving in the playing hall after the start of the game immediately loses his game !

The Executive Board proposes to have some flexibility in this rule: depending on the competition it may be allowed to come too late with a maximum of 60 minutes, but for some tournaments it will not be allowed to come too late at all.

A player may not come at his board too late. If he comes at his board too late his game will be declared lost for him. The special regulations of a tournament will define what is too late.
These regulations may specify a delay time from 0 minutes to 60 minutes.
If the time is not specified then this is 60 minutes**.**

Tournament organizations have the freedom to experiment with this rule:

The Special Regulations of a tournament will mention the consequences for a player coming too late at his draughts board if the delay time is less than 60 minutes. These may be:

1. An official warning
2. A fine for the player coming too late
3. Direct loss of the game
4. Other penalties to be decided by the direction of the tournament.

Proposal 1a: special regulations about coming too late for the World Championship 2011.
The delay time is 0 minutes meaning the player has to be at his board at the scheduled starting time of the game.
The consequences will be:

1. First time: an official warning and a fine of 100 euro
2. Second time: loss of the game.

9. **Confirmation of technical change in the rating system:**

The last years there have been many tournaments with less thinking time than the standard FMJD schedules who asked for some recognition and counting for ratings. The Technical committee has agreed to accept these tournaments for the calculation of ratings if the thinking time is at least 3 hours per game. The development factor in the rating calculation is reduced to 50 % of the normal factor.

10. **In a qualification tournament for the World Championship already qualified players cannot participate**

At the European Championship 2010 there was much discussion about the players who participated and had already qualified for the World Championship 2011.

That is why the FMJD proposes that in qualification tournaments for the World Championship already qualified players cannot participate. This has as consequence that if a continental federation wants to have a championship open for all players including players already qualified for the World Championship, they have to organize a separate qualification tournament (or tournaments).

11. **Qualification for the World Championship 2013** International draughts

Sources of players

(a) [2] Champion, Challenger
(b) [3] next 3 players from WC-2011
(c) [2] Sponsor, Organisation
(d) [6] Africa
(e) [4] America
(f) [4] Asia
(g) [14] Europe
(h) [5] Challenger

This challenger tournament gives the possibility for all continents to get more places. If continental federations claim their players are so strong they should have the right for more places, they can prove it in this challenger. This tournament should be organised somewhere in Europe. Prizes are not necessary, everybody needs to pay his expense for travel and stay, so the organisation will not be too difficult!
If the organisation of this challenger proves to be impossible then the 5 places go to: All continents 1 extra player, one place for FMJD wild card.
Other conditions:
(a) Nationality limit(places a – c are not taken into account).
- Maximum 2 per country for countries who organised their national championships in 2011 and reported the results to the FMJD.
- Maximum 1 player per country for other countries.

(b) Continental qualifications. It is forbidden to have already qualified players in the qualification tournament.
(c) Federations of qualified players need to be regular member i.e. they need to have paid the membership fee for 2012. If they did not at the end of 2012 the places go to other federations.

Qualification for World Championship women 2013 International draughts

Current system (for 2011)

14 participants:
(c) [2] Champion, Challenger
(d) [3] Sponsor, Organisation, FMJD Wild-Card
(e) [3] European Championship (3 different countries)
(f) [1] Asia
(g) [1] America
(h) [1] Africa
(i) [3] best on rating list from top 3 countries on country rating

Proposition:

(a) Keep the current system

(b) Additional condition for Asia, America and Africa: Nomination of players only from a qualification tournament !
(c) Reserves - in order of rating list from countries not represented yet (*if 2 free places → 2 countries*).
(d) The qualification tournaments have to be played before the end of 2012 !!
(e) There will be a qualification tournament for the places which become free from continents that do not organize qualification tournaments. In this qualification tournament federations may participate which are not yet qualified for the World Championship but who organized and reported their national women's championship

Technical proposals from the section 64

1. **Automatic titles in Youth World Championships and European Championships age until 23.**

Normally these tournaments are stronger than the junior World Championships and European Championships so it seems reasonable to count these tournaments in the same way as junior tournaments for the recognition of automatic titles.

2. **Recognition of the personal European Championships as official FMJD tournaments**

Comment Technical committee FMJD
in Annex 2 a number of tournaments are mentioned as official FMJD tournaments, among them the continental championships international draughts 100 squares.
The section 64 proposes also to include the European Championship 64 in this list.
The consequence of such a proposal is that master and grandmaster results in such a tournament are TIT norms which are more important title norms than in other international competitions.