FMJD Internal Regulations

Completely renewed Internal regulations, approved at the FMJD Extraordinary General Assembly 11 October 2015 in Didim, Turkey

The Internal Regulations, formerly called Bye Laws, apply to the FMJD Statutes and refer, where necessary, to the articles of the Statutes.

Ad Article 1.1
FMJD, Fédération Mondiale du Jeu de Dames, was founded on September 16, 1947

Ad Article 2
The official FMJD website
FMJD shall have its own website: www.fmjd.org It contains amongst other things:

- General information on draughts such as the precise regulations
- News and official decisions of the FMJD General Assembly and the FMJD council
- Names, addresses including email and where applicable websites of the member federations and council members
- The results of official FMJD competitions including World Championships
- The results of championships and tournaments organised by member Federations
- A technical section with, but not limited to, analyses of games, compositions
- The FMJD ratings

The FMJD rating

The FMJD rating list is the official rating list of the FMJD published four times per annum at the beginning of each quarter. It contains:

- The results of all official FMJD competitions, national championships and international tournaments
- Ratings of all players
- Mathematical calculations of individual performances of players in tournaments and the development over the years of ratings of individual players
- Organisers of tournaments that want FMJD recognition may have to pay a fee to obtain recognition

Regulation of tournaments

Tournament regulations are edited by the General Secretary and the Tournament Directors. They are accountable to the General Assembly through the Council.

Further regulations

FMJD regulations contain:

- Official rules for International Draughts on 100 squares
- Official regulations for FMJD competitions
- Official regulations for the organisation of FMJD competitions
- Regulations for referees
- Regulations for the so called Swiss System

- Regulation of rapid games
- Regulations of blitz games
- Regulations of the rating system
- Regulations of International and FMJD titles
- Recognitions of records and special performances

Ad Article 6 (Members)

The Council of FMJD officially deals with national Federations, continental Confederations, Sections and official representatives of the players organisations.
The Council also deals with players directly in the communication via the website of the FMJD, in answering questions of players, in the organisation of open FMJD tournaments and internet competitions.

Sections of the FMJD are:

- Checkers, represented by the World Checkers and Draughts Federation WCDF
- Turkish draughts
- 64 Brazilian Draughts (international rules)
- 64 Russian Draughts, currently not active

Organisation form of sections

- The sections of Checkers is organised as an independent organisations and is represented by the World Checkers and Draughts Federation WCDF
- The section of Turkish draughts has a committee led by a president who chooses his own committee members.
- The section of Brazilian Draughts has a contact person or contact committee who works in close cooperation with the FMJD Tournament Director in the organisation of Brazilian Draughts events.
- The section 64 Russian Draughts is currently not active

The sections of Turkish Draughts and Checkers have a representative in the FMJD Council.

International Draughts on 100 squares does not have a separate section but works within the FMJD.
Its council consists of the FMJD Executive Council members: President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Directors

A national federation may be member of the FMJD and member of one or more sections.
A country may also be represented by one national federation in the FMJD and by other national federation in a section.

A player can belong to only one National Federation for each of the versions of Draughts**.** An 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 may be member of a national federation for one version of draughts and from another national federation for another version of draughts when his country does not have a national federation for that version of draughts.

A player who possesses double nationality must choose once and for all the Federation he or she wishes to represent and is not allowed to be selected by both of them.
For national team championships, the player must have the nationality of the country he plays for.

Tournaments such as World Mind Sport Games are open for all, also for players that are not a member of a National Federation.

Ad Article 6.4 and 6.5 Provisional members and candidate members

A Provisional member is a member accepted by the Executive Council which still needs to be confirmed by the General Assembly. A Provisional member may participate in all official FMJD events.

A candidate member is a new federation that wants to join FMJD in the near future. Players belonging to a candidate member may participate in international tournaments recognised by the FMJD and in continental championships.
However they cannot participate in the World Championship all categories and the World Championship women. A candidate member pays a largely reduced membership fee.
Federations participating in a continental championship are automatically considered to be candidate member.

Ad article 8 Honorary members.

The General Assembly may award the titles of Member of Honour, Eminent Member of Honour, Extraordinary Member of Honour and distinguished career prize.
The Executive Council may award the title of sponsoring member ("Membre bienfaiteur").
See the document "Regulations and procedures for special FMJD awards".

Ad article 9 Members rights

Members of sections and candidate members have the right to participate in most International Draughts 100 events, but only full members, regional members and provisional members may participate in the World Championship International Draughts all categories and the World Championship International Draughts women.
Sections may have their own rules for players rights to participate in their tournaments. If they do not have such rules then all members of FMJD have the right to participate in their tournaments.

Ad article 16 Committees

FMJD will have several committees:

Committees supporting the General Assembly

- The finance committee that looks after financial regulations within FMJD and comes with suggestions for contributions, penalties etc.
  The finance committee checks the financial report and gives advice to the General Assembly about accepting the financial report.
- The ethics committee that deals with ethical issues such as fraud and with appeals against decisions taken by FMJD officials and FMJD bodies
  Depending on the seriousness of the breach of ethics these may be treated by the Executive Council or by the ethics committee. All rules are given in the ethics code. See the appendix "FMJD code of ethics and ethics committee"

The committees that support the General Assembly consist of 3 members minimum. The ethics committee consists of 5 members minimum

Committees supporting the Council

- The technical committee which looks after the rules of the game and the regulations for tournaments and matches, rules for referees and calculation of rating and titles.
- The committee for Problem Composers which deals with problems and end games made by composers for the game of draughts; see the document "CPI statutes"
- The medical committee that defines rules for anti-doping in FMJD in coordination with the World Anti-doping organisation WADA; see the document "anti-doping rules for FMJD"

The committees report to the General Assembly and come where necessary with proposals. In the case of ethical issues, the ethics committee comes with a report and suggests, where thought necessary actions against members or individuals.
New committees may be formed whenever the General Assembly or the Executive Board consider it necessary

Ad article 18 General Assembly

The relation between the General Assembly, the Council and the ethics committee:

1. The General Assembly makes judgements about the activities and decisions of the Council since the previous General Assembly.
2. The ethics committee may only make judgements about decisions of the Council when there is an urgent matter at hand
3. After approval by the General Assembly of the decisions by the Council the ethics committee has no power to make judgements about decisions already approved by the General Assembly, unless important circumstances become known which were not known at the time of the General Assembly.

Ad Article 29 Council Meetings

The annual Full Council Meetings are not open to the general public but can be attended, if they wish to do so, by

- A representative of each section that does not have a representative in the Full Council
- A representative of each Committee that supports the work of the Council

These persons may advise the Council Meeting but have no voting right.

The Full Council Meeting is convened by the Executive Council at least 2 months before the date of the meeting. The invitation for the meeting will be accompanied by a concept agenda.
Documents, reports and proposals to be treated at the Full Council meeting may be sent to the General Secretary ultimately one month before the meeting. The final agenda including all documents will be distributed by the General Secretary at least two weeks week before the Full Council Meeting.

The work meetings of Council members for international draughts on 100 squares are not open to the public

<u>Duties of the Treasurer</u>

The treasurer performs the regular bookkeeping of FMJD and presents the budget to the Council that in its turn will present the budget to the General Assembly.
Every three months he shall provide a quarterly report to the council members.

The treasurer also pays outstanding bills except bills larger than 1,000 Euro which are to be signed off by another Executive council member.

Duties of the Tournament Directors

The tournament directors handle the organisation of all competitions in accordance with the planning approved by the General Assembly. They receive and check the applications, ensure all competitions conform the regulations and record the results.

Duties of the Vice President

The Vice President substitutes for the President in case of absence or illness. He then assumes full authority. Furthermore the Vice President assumes tasks in agreement with the other Executive Council members.

Duties of the General Secretary

The Secretary draws up the minutes of the Council meetings and the General Assemblies. The short report of the Council 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 of diplomas.

Duties of the representative of each of the sections

The representatives of the sections have the following duties:

- Coordinating the activity of their version of draughts all over the world
- Distributing information coming from the Council
- Establishing contacts with the countries developing their version of draughts.
- Facilitating communication and strengthening of relations between these countries and the FMJD

Duties of confederations and their presidents

In principle, a Confederation may be established for each continent. For a continent only one confederation should be established. Confederations should consist of minimum 5 FMJD Full Members. Any Full Member on the respective continent as defined by FMJD is considered a member of the confederation. A Full Member of FMJD cannot be in more than 1 Confederation . The General Assembly of the FMJD can grant a continent Member the right to be in another Continental Confederation. In case of resignation, revisions in membership statute, suspension or expulsion of membership in FMJD, the member of Confederation automatically has the same status in the Confederation.
Each confederation may have their own general assembly, finances, and elections. Each Confederation may choose its own board and elect its Confederation President. For its own finances, the confederation may impose its own subscription fees.

The Confederation has as its aims:

- To be responsible for the organisation of Continental championships under the auspices of FMJD and in collaboration with the FMJD Tournament Directors
- To organise qualifications of the continental players for the World title competitions
- To organise other competitions between Federations on the continent
- To develop and promote the game on the continent
- To establish contacts and recruit new countries for FMJD.

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

- Co-ordinating continent-wide activities
- Distributing information coming from the Council of FMJD and Board of the Confederation
- Gathering information and subscriptions to international competitions in order to help the Office or the Tournament Directors
- Surveying the countries where the game is played
- Establishing contacts with the countries
- Facilitating communication between countries and the FMJD Council

Ad Article 36 Financial regulations of FMJD

Resources

The resources of FMJD comprise but are not limited to:

- Annual subscription fees of Full Members
- Annual subscription fees of sections
- Enrolment fees paid by National Federations for their participation in official competitions
- Enrolment and recognition fees for official FMJD competitions
- Organisation fees
- Donations and other incidental sources of incidental income

The annual subscription fee

The annual subscription fee as referred to in Article 36.1 shall be set at €120 for Full Members, €30 for a section for each of its members who is not already full member of FMJD.

A candidate member pays a reduced fee of 25 euro for a maximum period of 2 years.

The enrolment fee for international draughts 100

The enrolment fee is fixed at the General Assembly on proposals from the Council. The enrolment fees have to be paid at enrolment. The relevant national federation remains liable for these fees to FMJD and cannot be reimbursed in the case of non-participation.

The enrolment fee per participating player is set at:

- World Championship seniors or challenge €200
- World Championship Rapid, Blitz or Olympiad €100
- World Cup Tournament, World Mind Sport Games €125
- World Title Match Seniors ` €300
- World Title Match Women €200
- World Championship Women €100
- World Championships Youth or Youth Olympiad € 25

The Executive council may decide to set other (higher) tariffs when the enrolment fee also includes, i.e., travel and/or hospitality.

Organisation fees for international draughts 100

For World Championship the organisation will pay an organisation fee to FMJD no later than 3 (three) months prior to the start of the event. In case of non-payment FMJD has the right to cancel the event.

The amounts are as follows:

- World Championship seniors € 5,000
- World Championship women € 5,000
- World Championship Teams € 3,000
- World Title Match Men € 1,500
- World Title Match Women € 1,500
- World Championships Youth or Youth Olympiad € 0

The executive Council of FMJD is entitled to ask a lower amount if circumstances do not allow organisers to pay more.
The organisers of the World Championship Seniors shall bear the costs of the FMJD General Assembly.

For the organisation of special events such as, but not limited to, SportAccord World Mind Games and World Mind Sport Games, FMJD may negotiate a special organisation fee.

Recognition fees for international draughts 100

The fees for recognition of tournaments organised by the Federations, such as international Title Tournaments or International Tournaments are:

- € 150 for an International Title Tournament
- € 100 for the recognition of records and special performances
- € 50 for a tournament to be recognised by FMJD

All fees must to be paid prior to the event.

Fees for confederations
For its own finances, the continental confederation may impose its own membership fees and subscription fees.

Guarantees

FMJD may negotiate a guarantee payment from organisers of major tournaments to cover costs of travel, accommodation, visa etc. for players and officials in the case of last minute cancellation of the event. In the case of cancellation FMJD will return the guarantee to the organisers minus all costs incurred by FMJD with a mark-up on costs of 15%

Expenses

General Assembly
The costs of the General Assembly are born by the organisers of the World Championship All Categories International Draughts. Due to circumstances they may not cover all costs.
On behalf of the members the following is paid:

- Travel and hospitality (hotel plus meals) for a maximum of three nights for Council Members. Travel is in Economy at the cheapest rate possible

- Hospitality as arranged for by FMJD with a maximum of three nights for one participant for each Full member who has satisfied all its financial obligations toward FMJD at the time of the meeting.

Council meetings

- Hospitality for a maximum of two nights as arranged for by FMJD
- Travel costs up to a maximum of € 250

Council

The various functions of the Council Members are non-paid. Yet, their costs may be reimbursed as far as incurred by their work for the FMJD, such as hospitality at council meetings for a maximum of 2 nights as arranged by the FMJD, travels and duties assigned to them , as far as possible given the financial position of the FMJD.

Arbiters for international draughts

FMJD main referees for international tournaments will be reimbursed € 60 per day. FMJD pays the travel costs for the main referee in an official FMJD Title Tournament when these costs cannot be covered by the organisation. The organisation pays the hospitality costs of the main referee and all costs of the assistant referee.

Gifts

FMJD may present organisers and officials of tournaments with gifts. This is left to the discretion of the FMJD President

FMJD office

In principle the FMJD office costs have to be paid by FMJD. In a situation where this is partly subsidised, FMJD will pay the shortfall. At every General Assembly the FMJD council will give an estimate of these additional costs that can be approved or disapproved by the General Assembly.

Special regulations for tournaments with participation of Sections

In situations where the FMJD participates in events and players of Sections also participate, FMJD will accommodate their participation. The enrolment fee will be collected by FMJD and handed over to Sections minus a fixed amount of €500 each.
In situations where players of Sections participate in the case of a demonstration of their game, FMJD will give its best efforts to arrange free travel and hospitality for participants and officials.
In cases where FMJD receives an organisation fee, 15% of that organisation fee minus cash costs incurred associated with the event, will be made available to the combined Sections to cover (part of) their costs. The 15% will be divided according to the number of countries the Sections represent. FMJD is free to negotiate another division of these fees with its sections.

Annexes:

Annex 1 official FMJD rules of international draughts

Annex 2 official FMJD rules for the organisation of official FMJD competitions

Annex 3 official FMJD rules for competitions

Annex 4 the referee

Annex 5 Swiss System

Annex 6 rapid and blitz games

Annex 8 simultaneous games

Annex 9 FMJD rating system

Annex 10 norms and titles

Annex 11 special achievements and records

Annex 12 World Championship Women

Annex 17 World Championship (all categories)

Further Regulations

CPI statutes

Procedures for nomination and selection of referees

FMJD code of ethics and ethics committee

Regulations and procedures for FMJD Special awards

Code of conduct on match fixing

Anti-doping rules of FMJD