

Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts Section

The Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts Section is a structure integrated within the World Draughts Federation (FMJD), dedicated to the international promotion, organisation and development of Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts.

The Section works within the institutional framework of the FMJD and in close coordination with the Portuguese Draughts Federation, with the aim of strengthening international cooperation among players, clubs, associations, organisers and national organisations interested in this historic 64-square variant.

Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts have their own historical, technical and cultural identity, with specific rules, a consolidated competitive heritage, characteristic terminology and a distinctive strategic tradition. The Section aims to preserve, study and promote this heritage internationally.

Institutional framework

The Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts Section has its own Statutes and governing bodies, operating within the FMJD framework and respecting the general principles and decisions of the World Draughts Federation.

The main purposes of the Section are:

- to promote and develop Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts at international level;
- to establish, interpret and disseminate the rules of the game;
- to organise, coordinate or sanction international competitions;
- to award titles and rankings, in accordance with the applicable regulations;
- to foster cooperation among players, clubs, associations and organisations;
- to represent Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts within the FMJD framework.

General Assembly and elections

During the 4th World Championship of Portuguese Draughts, held in São João da Madeira, Portugal, the General Assembly of the Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts Section approved the Statutes of the Section and elected its governing bodies.

The elected list received 48 votes in favour, with one void vote and one abstention.

Elected bodies 2026–2030

Board

- Márcio Mendes, Portugal — President
- Vladislavs Vesperis, Latvia — Vice-President
- Dmitry Ganapolsky, Israel — Secretary
- Sandra Laurutiene, Lithuania — Board Member
- Said Quindar, Morocco — Board Member

General Assembly

- Mário Antão, Portugal — President
- Rui Silva, Portugal — Secretary

Advisers

- Carlos Oliveira Dias, Portugal — Refereeing Adviser
- Nuno Vieira, Portugal — International Relations Adviser

Official rules

The official Rules of Portuguese Draughts, valid since April 1, 2026, are available for consultation.

They include the basic laws of the game, competition rules, rapid and blitz regulations, and the official system of balloted openings, comprising three lists: the 2-move balloted openings list, the 3-move balloted openings list, and the unified balloted openings list.

Programme of Action 2026–2030

The Programme of Action for 2026–2030 is based on the institutional consolidation and international development of Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts.

Its main priorities are:

- regular functioning of the Section's governing bodies;
- annual General Assemblies, preferably associated with the World Championship;
- development of clear administrative and regulatory procedures;
- wider international participation in official competitions;
- regular organisation of the World Championship and other international events;
- transparent systems of classification and ranking;
- promotion of classic, rapid and blitz formats;
- dissemination of official rules and multilingual regulations;
- training of arbiters and tournament directors;
- youth development, educational initiatives and introductory activities;
- preservation of historical memory and technical literature;
- development of game databases, digital archives and online resources;

- cooperation with federations, clubs, municipalities, cultural institutions and sponsors.

> **The Section seeks to affirm Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts as an important international draughts tradition: technically respected, culturally valued and organisationally solid, capable of bringing together different communities around a shared heritage.**

Documents

The following documents are available for consultation:

- Statutes of the Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts Section of FMJD;
- Programme of Action 2026–2030;
- Official Rules of Portuguese Draughts;