PROGRAM

Candidate List for the Governing Bodies of the Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts Section of the FMJD

The Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts Section of the FMJD is being created at a particularly important moment for the discipline. For the first time, there is a dedicated international structure within the FMJD, with approved Statutes, regulations, and official rules, aimed at promoting, organizing, and developing the Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts variant worldwide.

Our candidacy sees this new stage not as a mere formal act, but as a historic opportunity to consolidate the discipline institutionally, expand its international presence, strengthen cooperation among countries, and create conditions for the sustainable growth of the game over the coming decades.

Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts represent a distinct historical and technical tradition within the world of draughts, possessing specific rules, a consolidated competitive heritage, characteristic terminology, and a unique strategic identity that must be preserved, studied, and internationally promoted.

The Section should establish itself as a structure that is:

- open.
- plural.
- international.
- technically credible.
- organizationally serious.
- financially prudent.
- culturally inclusive.

Our commitment is to work in a constructive spirit, in coordination with the FMJD, the Portuguese Draughts Federation, national federations, clubs, associations, players, and independent organizers, while respecting the diversity of traditions surrounding this historic draughts variant.

I — ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONAL CONSOLIDATION

We intend to:

- ensure the regular functioning of the Section's governing bodies.
- hold annual General Assemblies, preferably associated with the World Championship.
- establish clear and transparent administrative procedures.
- create complementary regulations necessary for the functioning of the Section.
- develop simple and effective procedures for the admission of members.
- encourage the affiliation of clubs, associations, and national entities.

- promote an institutional culture based on cooperation, mutual respect, and stability.

II — INTERNATIONAL PROMOTION OF PORTUGUESE (SPANISH) DRAUGHTS

We intend to:

- strengthen the presence of Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts within the FMJD framework.
- increase the number of countries participating in international competitions.
- encourage the creation of organized national communities devoted to the discipline in new countries.
- support local organizers interested in developing regular activities.
- foster institutional relations among players, clubs, and federations.
- promote technical and competitive exchange among different traditions of the discipline.
- consolidate an active and cooperative international community.

III — INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

We intend to:

- ensure the regular organization of the World Championship.
- encourage the creation of other official international events.
- promote modern, balanced, and attractive competition formats.
- encourage both over-the-board and, where appropriate, online competitions.
- establish stable international calendars.
- develop transparent ranking and classification systems.
- value both the classic format and the rapid formats (Rapid and Blitz).
- promote high standards of technical organization and arbitration.

IV — RULES, ARBITRATION, AND TECHNICAL QUALITY

We intend to:

- consolidate and internationally disseminate the official rules.
- promote official multilingual versions of regulations.
- encourage the training of arbiters and tournament directors.
- harmonize arbitration criteria.
- progressively establish an international body of arbiters.
- standardize essential technical procedures.
- encourage serious and well-founded technical debate.
- preserve the historical and strategic principles of the discipline.
- promote regulatory updates only when technically justified.

V — YOUTH, EDUCATION, AND SOCIAL EXPANSION

We intend to:

- bring the game closer to schools and universities.
- encourage youth programs.
- support educational initiatives.
- promote accessible teaching materials.
- encourage introductory activities.
- promote international youth tournaments.
- emphasize the educational, intellectual, and cultural role of the game of draughts.

VI — PUBLICITY, COMMUNICATION, AND HISTORICAL MEMORY

We intend to:

- develop a regular and organized digital presence.
- publicize news, results, and activities.
- create historical and documentary archives.
- honor former players, officials, and organizers.
- support editorial and audiovisual projects.
- promote multilingual content.
- improve communication with the FMJD.
- encourage digital broadcasting of competitions.
- support the systematic recording and archiving of games.

VII — TECHNOLOGY, DATABASES, AND DIGITAL DEVELOPMENT

We intend to:

- encourage the development of game databases.
- promote notation systems and digital archives.
- support computational analysis projects.
- encourage the development of playing and study platforms.
- promote digital transmission of games and competitions.
- support technological tools for arbitration and organization.

VIII — STUDY, DOCUMENTATION, AND TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENT

We intend to:

- support the production of technical literature.
- encourage historical research on Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts.
- promote multilingual technical documentation.
- preserve and systematize the theoretical heritage of the discipline.
- support studies on openings, endgames, and competition systems.
- develop technical training for arbiters, organizers, and players.
- encourage the preparation of manuals, regulations, and educational materials.
- stimulate cooperation among experienced players, researchers, and authors.

IX — PARTNERSHIPS AND SUSTAINABILITY

We intend to:

- seek institutional support and sponsorships.
- establish cultural and sports partnerships.
- cooperate with municipalities, federations, and international organizations.
- support local organizers in obtaining funding.
- ensure rigorous and transparent management of available resources.

X — STRATEGIC VISION

Our vision for the Section is based on five fundamental ideas:

- Institutionally consolidate the discipline within the FMJD framework.
- Strengthen the international dimension of Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts.
- Ensure technical and organizational credibility.

- Attract new generations of players.
- Build a stable, plural, and cooperative international community.

We intend for the Section to contribute toward establishing Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts as a major international draughts tradition, technically respected, culturally valued, and organizationally solid, capable of uniting different communities around a shared heritage.

We believe that, in the coming years, this Section can become an international reference for organization, technical quality, and a spirit of cooperation.

With seriousness, openness, and persistent work, it will be possible to strengthen and internationally project Portuguese (Spanish) Draughts into a new stage of their history.