



## FIDE ARBITERS DISCIPLINARY SUB-COMMITTEE

The Arbiters Disciplinary Sub-Committee (hereafter called "the DSC"), sitting in the following composition: Chairperson: Mrs. Carolina Munoz. Members: Mrs. Genden Oyunchimeg and Mr. Pablyto Robert Baioco Ribeiro.

During an exchange of correspondence and online meetings during the period 4th June – 12 July 2025, made the following

### DECISION

#### Case No 2/2025 "Getting outside help during the exam at the --- IA Seminar"

1. The DSC notes its establishment by the DSC Chairman on 12 June 2025.
2. The DSC notes that in May 27th 2025, the Arbiter Commission (ARB) received from the Lectures of the --- IA Seminar, IA. \_\_\_ and IA. \_\_\_, of a matter concerning alleged violation of the FIDE Regulations by FA. --- (FIDE ID \_\_\_) ("the Respondent"), relating to actions during the --- Online IA Seminar from ---, 2025: *"---: Spoke to someone (other person or AI) during the exam through a second device (screenshots 1-3), submitted an answer to question 1 that made clear she was not working on her own (screenshot 4), received messages during the exam (screenshot 5)." See IA. Seminar Report.*
3. The DSC notes that the Respondent has been allowed to respond to the allegations in the report and has submitted an explanation regarding the case.
4. The DSC notes the contents of the following documents and emails received as part of the case file: Complaint by Lectures and proof, Emails answer and explanation of the Respondent on 16 June 2025; Meetings with lectures July 8th 2025.
5. The DSC notes the subject matter of the complaint and defense:
  - a. The Respondent is an FA and she was attendance in the participated in the --- Online IA Seminar.
  - b. The allegations against the Respondent in the present case relate to the use of external help/assistant during the exam.
  - c. The Respondent in her reply to the DSC did an explanation about the complaint and the proof: *"I would like to clarify that I did not receive any help from anyone during the exam. I live in a small town where no one knows anything about chess arbiter and I am the first and only FIDE arbiter in our town. This was my second time attending the international seminar (I had also attended the \_\_\_), and you may ask the course instructors about my behavior - they can confirm that I am not the type of person to cheat... Due to extreme fatigue, pressure and stress, I was talking to myself quietly during the exam and repeating the questions and answers slowly and often lip-reading. Since we could use handouts during the exam, I used the printed notes I had prepared in advance. I was confident in my performance and even sent an email to check my results... I used online translation in artificial intelligence in a few cases just to make sure the translation was correct. I thought there was no problem using online translation... I did not receive any messages from anyone and during the entire exam, my screen was locked and I did not leave the exam questions page for a moment. If a message is sent, it is sent on WhatsApp or advertising programs when the laptop is connected to the internet, but I swear I did not open any of the messages. The photos that were sent of me are also quite clear. I did not even look around for a moment and there was no one else there... I am confident in my chess arbiter knowledge and when our dear professor asked us to solve Swiss Manager at 11:30 PM and send it to him, I was one of the people who immediately solved it and sent it to him. I don't think I could have*



*asked for help from anyone at that time. My only problem is that I can't speak English professionally and I used online translation in AI, which was said in the 14th period that using online translation is okay..." (See 16 June, 2025 email).*

6. Upon due consideration, the DSC, by unanimity of its members, finds regarding the admissibility of the complaint that:
  - a. The Respondent is registered in the FIDE database as a FA and as such part of the FIDE Family, over which the DSC exercises jurisdiction.
  - b. The statements prima facie have the potential to constitute a violation of the conduct prohibited in Article 3.2(a) of the Disciplinary Regulations for Arbiters.
  - c. The potential transgression occurred in the international sphere, as the event involved multinational participation. See article 2.7.a of B.065;
  - d. The DSC finds, therefore, that it has jurisdiction to investigate the case.
7. Upon due consideration, the DSC, by unanimity of its members, observes and finds regarding the issue of the Respondents' guilt as follows:
  - 7.1. About the statement: *"Spoke to someone (other person or AI) during the exam through a second device (screenshots 1-3)"* the Respondent indicated: *"Due to extreme fatigue, pressure and stress, I was talking to myself quietly during the exam and repeating the questions and answers slowly and often lip-reading. Since we could use handouts during the exam, I used the printed notes I had prepared in advance... The photos that were sent of me are also quite clear. I did not even look around for a moment and there was no one else there..."* However, according to the evidence provided, mainly the video corresponding to the exam test, DSC was able to determine: The Respondent, while slowly typing letter by letter in the exam, she was saying something. It was clear she wasn't reading a question or answer. The mouth movements show that. Also, she was smiling, suddenly looking up, and facial expression show that the person is talking to someone, or possibly to AI. Finally, she repeatedly looked down at the corner of the screen and was copying the exam answer from other source, which indicated that she was not completing the task by herself.
  - 7.2. About the statement: *"---:... submitted an answer to question 1 that made clear she was not working on her own (screenshot 4)"* the Respondent indicated: *"I used online translation in artificial intelligence in a few cases just to make sure the translation was correct. I thought there was no problem using online translation... My only problem is that I can't speak English professionally and I used online translation in AI, which was said in the \_\_\_ period that using online translation is okay..."* During the investigation, DSC found that the Instruction before the exam included: a. The attendances could use notes and the manual or regulations; b. The attendance couldn't use external help; c. The attendance couldn't use artificial intelligence. So, using AI during the exam indicated a failure to follow the instructions given by the lecturers. Also, screenshot 4 showed the message: *"Let me know if you'd like it in a more formal or technical style"* which is a proof that she received external help from another person or an artificial intelligence (AI), since the wording of that message is normal when using AI.
  - 7.3. About the statement: *"---:... received messages during the exam (screenshot 5)." The Respondent indicated: "I did not receive any messages from anyone and during the entire exam, my screen was locked and I did not leave the exam questions page for a moment. If a message is sent, it is sent on WhatsApp or advertising programs when the laptop is connected to the internet, but I swear I did not open any of the messages."* Even the screenshot 5 showed clearly she received a message, the google translation shows that was an advertising one.



### ***Appropriate sanction***

8. Upon due consideration, the DSC, by unanimity of its members, finds regarding the matter of an appropriate sanction that:
  - a. When determining the sanction, the DSC must consider all relevant aspects of the case.
  - b. The Respondent is considered a first offender.
  - c. The Respondent did not cooperate in the investigation because the explanations she gave were inconsistent with the evidence provided in the case.
  - d. The Respondent has committed the offence in his capacity as an attendance in the --- International Arbiter Seminar.
  - e. The Respondent, as a FIDE Arbiter.
  - f. According with her answers, that was the second time the Respondent took the IA. Seminar, so she knew the exam regulations and those were informed by the Lectures before the exam.
  - g. All DSC members agree that Mrs --- used external help during the IA Seminar exam, from another person and/or an Artificial Intelligent. The respondent herself admitted to using artificial intelligence to translate the answers, which was not permitted. However, DSC believes that AI was also used to answer at least one question on the exam.
  - h. Taking the above into consideration, the DSC finds by unanimity of its members that a disqualification for three months is an appropriate sanction in this case.
  - i. The sanction will take effect immediately upon notification.
9. Accordingly, and taking into account all of the above, the DSC by unanimity decides as follows:
  - a. The Respondent is found guilty of breach of Articles 3.2.a and 3.3.c. of the FIDE Arbiter Disciplinary Regulations: *"a. Unworthy of confidence or trust: Arbiters who through their behaviour no longer inspire the necessary confidence or have in other ways become unworthy of trust."* *"c. Failure to cooperate: The failure of an arbiter, without compelling justification, to cooperate with any investigation carried out in relation to a possible breach of FIDE rules or with other arbiters and anti-cheating officials."*
  - b. The Respondent is sanctioned with a disqualification for three months.
  - c. The Respondent is warned that the sanction was taken considering that it was his first offence. Future transgressions of the regulations, whether due to negligence or fraud, may be viewed as a repeat offence.
10. The Respondent is referred to Article 6 of the B.06.5 FIDE ARBITER DISCIPLINARY REGULATIONS and advised that he has the right to appeal this decision to the FIDE Council by giving written notice of such appeal to the DSC Chairperson (wimcmunoz@gmail.com) within 15 calendar days from the date upon which he receives this decision. The notice of appeal must clearly state all the grounds for the appeal. An appeal lodgement fee of 300 euros must be paid simultaneously to the FIDE Financial Department. Failing the due exercise of this right of appeal, the DSC's decision will become final.
11. The DSC will communicate the decision to the Respondent, the FIDE Management Board and the FIDE Arbiters Commission.

DATED ON THIS 20 July 2025

IA. Carolina Munoz Solis  
CHAIRPERSON DISCIPLINARY ARBITERS SUB-COMMITTEE