

B06 – FIDE Regulations for Arbiters

Modify 2.5 from “The structure of arbiters in FIDE events (Handbook B.06.4)”, becoming Appendix 2.5.A to:

- 2.5 The FIDE Regulations for the Appointment of Arbiters in World Events (Handbook B06.4)
 - a) Appendix A: Structure of the Arbiters in FIDE Events
 - b) Appendix B: Arbiter Selection Procedural Rules

B06.4 – FIDE Regulations for the Appointment of Arbiters in World Events

1. General

These regulations govern the appointment of Arbiters in FIDE Tournaments organized under the Aegis of GSC, EVE and DIS commissions.

The principle is to manage the appointment of arbiters in a structured way:

- involving the various stakeholders;
- respecting the requirements in number and quality for each roles;
- considering the whole calendar of tournaments;
- balancing the number of individual appointments in a period of time.

The foundational layer of the process is the FIDE Calendar and the number of positions to be appointed in:

- Senior roles: Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiter, Sector Arbiter, Pairing Officer, Fair Play Officer*
- Floor roles: Arbiter, Match Arbiter

Panels of arbiters are created to feed all needed positions. A Panel is a list of arbiters eligible for nomination on a specific level of role, valid for 2 years.

** Fair Play roles are expected to be under the umbrella of the FIDE Fair Play Commission. The ARB may support their selection process until a formal system is finalized by FPL.*

2. Scope

2.1 Events

According to the Categories of Tournaments defined in the FIDE Handbook B.06.3 Article 1.3, the scope is:

- All Category A tournaments (Art. 1.3.1)
- All Category B tournaments of World level (Art. 1.3.2.1)

2.2 Appointment cycles

Appointment rules and quotas are calculated based on a 2-year cycle, to cover the whole scope of bi-annual tournaments.

A mid-term review of Panels may be done by the ARB before October 1st of the first year of an ongoing cycle. As a result of the review, an updated composition of Panels may be published and valid for the second year of the cycle.

2.3 Positions

All arbiters' positions are in scope of the present regulations.

3. Panels for the selection of Arbiters

Four Panels of Arbiters will be appointed by ARB, in accordance with their Arbiter Appointment Procedural Rules:

- 1) Green Panel

- 2) Blue Panel
- 3) Red Panel
- 4) Yellow Panel

The Panels will be selected and published before the 1st October of the year preceding an Olympiad.

The Panels will be selected for a period of 2 calendar years.

Arbiters who are removed from a Panel during a cycle may be replaced by the ARB for the remainder of that cycle.

Arbiters sanctioned at the time of selection by either the ARB Disciplinary Sub-Committee or EDC are ineligible for selection.

3.1 Green Panel

3.1.1 Arbiters selected for the Green Panel are eligible to be appointed as:

- 1) Chief Arbiter of category A tournaments
- 2) Any role that members of the Blue Panel, Red Panel or Yellow Panel may be appointed to

3.1.2 The Green Panel will be composed of 20 arbiters, all of whom must be Category A.

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- 1) The Chief Arbiters of all Category A tournaments
- 2) The equivalent number of positions as Chief Arbiters in Category B tournaments

3.2 Blue Panel

3.2.1 Arbiters selected for the Blue Panel are eligible to be appointed as:

- 1) Deputy Chief Arbiter of category A tournaments
- 2) Chief Arbiter of category B tournaments
- 3) Any role that members of the Red Panel or Yellow Panel may be appointed to

3.2.2 The Blue Panel will be composed of 35 arbiters, all of whom must be Category A or B.

3.2.3 The Blue Panel will be used to appoint:

- 1) The Chief Arbiters of all Category B tournaments not assigned to the Green Panel
- 2) The Deputy Chief Arbiters
 - a) in all Category A tournaments
 - b) of twice the equivalent number of positions from a) in Category B tournaments

3.3 Red Panel

3.3.1 Arbiters selected for the Red Panel are eligible to be appointed as:

- 1) Sector Arbiter or Pairing Officer of category A tournaments
- 2) Deputy Chief Arbiter of category B tournaments.
- 3) Any role that members of the Yellow Panel may be appointed to.

3.3.2 The Red Panel will be composed of 50 arbiters, all of whom must be Category A or B.

3.3.3 The Red Panel will be used to appoint:

- 1) The Deputy Chief Arbiters of all Category B tournaments not assigned to the Blue Panel
- 2) The Sector Arbiters and Pairing Officer
 - a) in all Category A tournaments
 - b) of twice the equivalent number of positions from a) in Category B tournaments

3.4 Yellow Panel

3.4.1 Arbiters selected for the Yellow Panel are eligible to be appointed as any remaining roles, provided that their title and category of arbiter are compliant with Table B06.3.8.3.

3.4.2 There is no predefined size for the Yellow Panel as it contains all remaining applications retained by the Arbiter Appointment Procedural Rules.

4. Limitations on Appointments

4.1 Arbiters can be appointed as a Chief Arbiter to a maximum of two (2) FIDE official events per year.

4.2 Arbiters can be appointed as a Deputy Chief Arbiter to a maximum of two (2) FIDE official events per year.

4.3 Arbiters can be appointed to a maximum of three (3) FIDE official events in total per year. For the purpose of this, a "FIDE official event" is defined as an individual entry in the FIDE calendar. For example, the World Rapid & Blitz Championship is one tournament.

4.3.1 All parties responsible for making appointments will liaise with ARB to ensure that these maximums are not breached.

4.3.2 All parties responsible for making appointments will assess the number of nominations in continental events for a potential candidate to ensure appropriate rotation at the international level.

4. Removal from a Panel

5.1 Arbiters will be removed from a Panel if one of the following applies:

5.1.1 They are sanctioned by either the ARB Disciplinary Sub-Committee

5.1.2 They are sanctioned by ETH

- 5.1.3 They accept appointments to tournaments that would breach the limits quoted in Article 4. Such arbiters will be ineligible for appointment to a Panel the following year.
- 5.2 Arbiters who are under investigation by either the Arbiters Disciplinary Sub-Committee or the EDC will be temporarily ineligible for appointments until the matter is resolved.
- 6. Appointment of Arbiters to Tournaments Under the Aegis of DIS and EVE
 - 6.1 DIS and EVE will be responsible for nominating the Chief Arbiter, Deputy Chief Arbiters and Fair Play Arbiters of tournaments under their aegis, appointing only arbiters from an appropriate Panel. These nominations must be approved by the FIDE President.
 - 6.1.1 In exceptional circumstances, the FIDE President may decide to nominate an arbiter from the Panel immediately below the expected one (e.g. Red instead of Blue). In this case, the arbiter shall receive special coaching by the ARB before the event.
 - 6.2 DIS and EVE are expected to consult ARB, and the local tournament organiser if there is one, before making the appointments.
 - 6.3 The local tournament organiser will be responsible for appointing Pairing Arbiters and Sector Arbiters, which must come from an appropriate Panel. At least 50% of the Match Arbiters or Arbiters must come from an appropriate Panel. The remainder of the appointments can be non-Panel arbiters, but only if they are from the host Federation. The local tournament organiser must consult with ARB before making the appointments.
 - 6.4 At least 25% of the total number of arbiters appointed to a tournament must be female.
 - 6.5 At least 25% of the total number of arbiters appointed to a tournament must be male.
- 7. Appointment of Arbiters to Tournaments Under the Aegis of GSC
 - 7.1 GSC will be responsible for nominating Arbiters to tournaments under their aegis, appointing only arbiters from an appropriate Panel. These nominations must be approved by the FIDE President.
 - 7.1.1 In exceptional circumstances, the FIDE President may decide to nominate an arbiter from the Panel immediately below the expected one (e.g. Red instead of Blue). In this case, the arbiter shall receive special coaching by the ARB before the event.
 - 7.2 GSC are expected to consult ARB, and the local tournament organiser if there is one, before making the appointments.
 - 7.3 In the specific case of the Olympiad, the host Federation may nominate up to 25% of the total number of Match Arbiters, who do not have to be on a Panel, however need to comply with the published regulations. The nominated arbiters must be approved by GSC, respecting the following criteria:

- No Federation can have more than 1 male Match Arbiter and 1 female Match Arbiter appointed.
 - At least 25% of the total number of arbiters appointed must be female.
 - At least 25% of the total number of arbiters appointed must be male.
- 7.4 At least 25% of the total number of arbiters appointed to a calendar year's worth of tournaments under the aegis of GSC must be female.
- 7.5 At least 25% of the total number of arbiters appointed to a calendar year's worth of tournaments under the aegis of GSC must be male.

Appendix B06.4.A – Structure of the Arbiters in FIDE Events

(approved in 2013 Tallinn FIDE Congress)

| No | EVENT | Players | Chief Arbiter | Deputy CA | Section Arbiters | Arbiters | Assistant Arbiters |
|----|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|------------------|--|--------------------------|
| 1 | Olympiad | ~1200 | 1 | 2 (Open-Women) | 8 | 1 per Match (150-160) | - |
| 2 | WCCM | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 3 | WWCCM | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | - | - |
| 4 | Candidates Tournament | 8 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| 5 | World Cup | 128 | 1 | 1 | - | 8 (R1, R2) 4 (R3, R4) 2 (R5, R6) | 1 per Match (Tie breaks) |
| 6 | Women's World Cup | 64 | 1 | 1 | - | 8 (R1) 4 (R2, R3) 2 (R4, R5) | 1 per Match (Tie breaks) |
| 7 | WTCC | 40 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | - |
| 8 | WWTCC | 40 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | - |
| 9 | Grand Prix | 12 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| 10 | Women's Grand Prix | 12 | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | - |
| 11 | WJCC | ~250 | 1 | 2 (Boys-Girls) | - | 1 per 20 players | - |
| 12 | WYCC (Cadet) | ~1000 | 1 | 2 (Boys-Girls) | 1 per age group | 1 per 20 players | - |
| 13 | WYCC (Youth) | ~1000 | 1 | 2 (Boys-Girls) | 1 per age group | 1 per 20 players | - |
| 14 | World Amateur CC | ~150 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 per 20 players | - |
| 15 | World Senior CC | ~150 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 per 20 players | - |
| 16 | World Schools Indiv. CC | ~600 | 1 | 2 (Boys-Girls) | 1 per age group | 1 per 20 players | - |
| 17 | Olympiad U-16 | ~140 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 per 2 Matches | - |
| 18 | World Rapid CC | ~150 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 per 30 players | - |
| 19 | World Blitz CC | ~150 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 per 30 players | - |
| 20 | Women's World Rapid CC | ~100 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 per 30 players | - |
| 21 | Women's World Blitz CC | ~100 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 per 30 players | - |
| 22 | Continental Individual CC (Swiss) | ~400 | 1 | 2 | - | 1 per 20 players | - |

Appendix B06.4.B – Arbiter Selection Procedural Rules

1. The following procedure applies to each selection cycle, as defined in Article 2.2 of the Regulations for the appointment of arbiters in FIDE Tournaments.
2. ARB will launch an application process (call of interest) at least 4 months before the start of the next appointment cycle. Licenced Arbiters will be able to apply for appointment. The call of interest will be open during 1 month. The ARB may extend the application deadline. The list of applicants will be shared with all members of ARB for information.
 - 2.1 Transition 2021 – for a smooth implementation of the new regulations. The initial cycle will be 2022-2023. The call of interest shall be open between November 10th and December 10th 2021, for a publication of Panels by January 10th 2022.
3. ARB Chairman will:
 - 3.1 Consult the FIDE President and/or any relevant FIDE source of inputs to formalise the global orientation for the selection of arbiters in the next cycle.
 - 3.2 Devise a set of criteria by which the applications should be assessed, along with a suitable spreadsheet proforma.
 - 3.3 Devise a mark scheme to enable the ARB councillors to assess the applicants.
 - 3.4 Create a spreadsheet onto which each ARB councillor can provide their final lists.
 - 3.5 Arrange for Federations to be consulted about the applicants from their Federation.
4. Each ARB Councillor, including the Chairman and Secretary, will then:
 - 4.1 Assess each of the applicants in accordance with the criteria.
 - 4.2 Based on the results of those assessments, create lists of people who, in their judgement, would be an appropriate member of each Panel. These lists may exceed the maximum size of the Panel set out in B.06.4 by up to 50%. The list should rank the arbiters, with the highest-ranked arbiter being the most suitable appointment, in their judgement, and the lowest-ranked arbiter being the least suitable appointment, in their judgement. The ARB member should not list themselves on any of their lists.
5. The Secretary of ARB will be responsible for collating the responses and the Panels will be formed in collaboration with the Chairman and Councillors.
6. Each Panel must be appointed in the form of a single motion to appoint a list of names, as opposed to votes on individual members. The motion requires a simple majority vote to pass.
 - 6.1 When forming each Panel, representativeness (gender, continents) should be taken into account.
7. The Panels will be published on the FIDE website no later than 2 months before the start of the next appointment cycle.

