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Regulations of the World Chess Championship Tournament 2005

1. Organization

1.1. The World Chess Championship Tournament (WCCT) with the participation of 8 players shall be organized in October 2005 at a venue and exact date to be approved by FIDE.

1.2. The following players are invited to participate in the WCCT 2005:

1. World Champion Rustam Kasimdzhanov of Uzbekistan
2. GM Michael Adams of England (runner-up of the Tripoli World Championship)
3. GM Vladimir Kramnik of Russia
4. GM Peter Leko of Hungary

and the 4 top players of the FIDE rating list (average of July 2004 and January 2005):

5. GM Garry Kasparov of Russia
6. GM Vishy Anand of India
7. GM Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria
8. GM Alexander Morozevich of Russia

Any player that declines the invitation to participate shall be replaced according to the FIDE rating list (average rating of July 2004 & January 2005).

1.3. Governing Body: the World Chess Federation (FIDE).

1.4. FIDE shall be responsible for overseeing the preparations, giving directions for all technical aspects related to chess and the WCCT, as well as announcement of the dates and venues for the event. FIDE or its appointed Agency shall be responsible specifically for the Internet and electronic display system and all commercial aspects of the WCCT. In any event all commercial aspects including internet and TV coverage of the WCCT shall be subject to a separate contract between FIDE or its appointed Agency and the sponsoring entity.

1.5. FIDE President announced his proposal to organise this Tournament in Elista with a prize fund of USD 500,000 plus 20% (USD 100,000) as FIDE's share. FIDE expects other potential bidders to offer a higher amount. The whole prize fund and the contribution to FIDE shall be net and free of any local tax.

2. Selection of the Organizers.

2.1. On 31st March 2005 FIDE shall open a bidding procedure for the World Chess Championship Tournament. On 28th April 2005, 12.00 GMT, the bidding procedure shall

close.

- 2.2. Each applicant shall pay a non-refundable fee of USD 1,000 (one thousand) to obtain the obligatory bidding form and the necessary information from the FIDE Secretariat. The bids will be opened in FIDE's office in Athens. In the absence of any other bids, the WCCT will be held in Elista, as in point 1.5.
- 2.3. Each proposal shall contain the following particulars:
 - a. The proposed tournament venue;
 - b. The proposed prize fund in U.S. Dollars.
 - c. A statement confirming that all participants, accompanying persons and officials will be provided entry visas.
 - d. A statement that special rates for hotel rooms and meals for the journalists and accompanying persons will be available;
 - e. A statement that the applicant accepts all the demands made in these regulations;
 - f. The applicant's name, signatures and authentications;
 - g. Two bank guarantees shall be provided. One for the proposed prize fund comprising 33% of this sum and the other for the sum of USD 50,000 in respect of other obligations. Both guarantees will be valid for 8 months. FIDE will release the guarantees when the WCCT is concluded.
- 2.4. The FIDE President shall decide which applicant shall be chosen. The decision reached shall be based on the following criteria, which are to be viewed as a whole:
 - a. Prize fund.
 - b. Playing conditions.
 - c. Security assistance for the participants and officials.
 - d. Chess activity both actual and potential in the country hosting the World Championship.
 - e. Media possibilities.
 - f. Potential development of chess worldwide.
 - h. Climatic conditions during the period of the tournament.
- 2.5. FIDE may exercise the right to reject any bid application if the conditions as stated in Article 2.3 above are not met or the financial offer is unsatisfactory.
- 2.5.1. In the event that FIDE receives a satisfactory open offer for a minimum prize fund of 1.000.000 USD + 20% (200.000 USD) as FIDE's share by 15th of April, then FIDE may terminate the bidding procedure.
- 2.5.2. No bidder can have a sponsor advertising products or services, which are not in accordance with the requirements set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).
- 2.6. Each proposal shall be accompanied by an invitation to at least one member of the World

Chess Championship Committee (WCCC) to inspect the proposed venue and examine the other conditions, with all expenses paid by the bidder.

- 2.7. Each proposal shall be delivered sealed to the FIDE Secretariat in Athens before the deadline of 28th April 2005 12.00 GMT.
- 2.8. The FIDE President or his representative shall open the bids and the details shall be published.
- 2.9. After the President has decided the Organizer of the WCCT, the Organizers shall deposit, not later than one month before the start of the Tournament, in escrow, net and free of all taxes the full sums of money covering the prize fund plus contribution to FIDE according to Article 1.5 above and all costs related to FIDE as stipends and travel in accordance with a budget agreed between FIDE and the organisers. This shall be deposited into the FIDE bank, failing which the previous bank guarantees issued to FIDE namely 33% of the proposed prize fund and USD 50,000 bank guarantees shall be exercised by FIDE. In this case, FIDE and the participants will share the sums of these two bank guarantees as to one third to FIDE and two-thirds to the players.
- 2.10. The Organizers shall invite two members of the World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC) to inspect and give consultation on the preparations. Travelling (business class if transcontinental) and accommodation costs are to be borne by the Organizers. The WCCC shall decide on the need for further inspections.

3. System of Play & Time Control

- 3.1. The 8 invited players shall play a double round robin tournament.
 - 3.1.1. If a player withdraws after completing 50% or more of the games, the rest of his games are lost by default. In case a player completes less than 50%, all his results are annulled.
- 3.2. Time control: 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by 20 moves in one hour, followed by 15 minutes plus 30 seconds for all moves (40/2h, 20/1h, 15m+30sec/all).

4. Tournament conditions.

- 4.1. The winner of the tournament will be declared World Champion.

4.2. Schedule.

- 1st day: Arrivals, Players' meeting
- 2nd day: Opening Ceremony, 1st round
- 3rd day: 2nd round
- 4th day: 3rd round
- 5th day: 4th round
- 6th day: Free day
- 7th day: 5th round
- 8th day: 6th round
- 9th day: 7th round
- 10th day: 8th round
- 11th day: Free day
- 12th day: 9th round
- 13th day: 10th round
- 14th day: 11th round
- 15th day: 12th round
- 16th day: Free day

17th day 13th round
18th day 14th round
19th day Tie breaks and closing ceremony

4.3. Upon request of the organizers, or the players or the WCCC, the FIDE President may vary the schedule.

4.4. The four top players of the WCCT will automatically qualify for the knock out matches of the next cycle as described in the World Championship Regulations. Therefore it is necessary to clarify these standings in the same way as described in Article 5.

5. Tie breaks for the World Chess Championship Tournament:

When the top two or more players score the same number of points, the title of the World Champion will be decided by the following criteria:

1. The results of the games between the players involved in the tie.
If they are still tied:
2. The total number of wins in the tournament of every player involved in the tie.

5.1. If there is no clear winner with the above 2 criteria, there will be a special competition between the players. Each player will play two games with the other opponents (one or more) with a time control of 25 minutes and an increment of 10 seconds per move from move one for each player. The winner shall be declared the World Champion.

5.2. If the scores are level after the games in paragraph 5.1, then, after a new drawing of colours, blitz games will be played, each player playing two games with the other opponent (one or more). Each player will receive 5 minutes on his clock +10 seconds for each move starting from move 1. If there is a tie again, this process will be repeated, for a maximum of two (2) more times, until two players remain.

5.3. After the games in paragraph 5.2, and if we have only two players still tied, sudden death games will be played. The player who wins the drawing of lots, may choose the colour. White shall receive 6 minutes on the clock and Black shall receive 5 minutes, without any addition. The winner shall be declared the World Champion. In the event of a draw, the player with the black pieces shall be declared the World Champion.

5.4. After the games in paragraph 5.2, and if we have three players still tied, sudden death games will be played too. The three players will be initially ranked according to their average FIDE rating of July 2004 & January 2005. If the World Champion, GM Rustam Kasimdzhanov, is one of the tied players, he will be initially ranked at the top. Then, the players initially ranked No.2 and No.3 will play first and the winner will face the player initially ranked No.1. The games will be played as described in article 5.3 above. The winner of this procedure shall be declared the World Champion. The loser of the final match is No.2 in the final standings.

5.4.1. After the games in paragraph 5.2, and if we have four players still tied, sudden death games will be played too. The four players will be initially ranked according to their average FIDE rating of July 2004 & January 2005. If the World Champion, GM Rustam Kasimdzhanov, is one of the tied players, he will be initially ranked at the top. Then No.1 plays No.4 and No.2 plays No.3 and the two winners play the final match. All the games will be played as described in article 5.3 above. The winner of the final match shall be declared the World Champion.

5.4.2

After the games in paragraph 5.2, and if we have 5 players or more still tied, sudden death games will also be played in accordance with the spirit of articles 5.4 and 5.4.1 above. Further details shall be given by the Chief Arbiter during the Players' meeting on the arrival day.

6. Prizes.

6.1. The prizes shall be allocated as follows:

World Champion – 30% of the net prize fund

2nd place – 20%

3rd place – 14%

4th place – 10%

5th place – 8%

6th place – 7%

7th place – 6%

8th place – 5%

6.2. Where less than 8 players participate or fail to play 50% of their games, the prize fund for these players shall revert to FIDE.

6.3. All prize money will be divided equally where players have the same score in the tournament.

7. Finance.

7.1. Before the end of the WCCT, FIDE shall be reimbursed for its direct expenses incurred and not already paid in respect of the Match organization. This shall be a fixed sum agreed between the Organizer and WCCC before the start of the tournament.

This sum may include Match pre-expenses (inspections) and tournament expenses (travelling and boarding) for the members of the World Chess Championship Committee (WCCC). The WCCC shall advise and help the Organizers on protocol, budget, infrastructure, media, commentary, bulletin and other technical problems.

7.1.1. In addition, the minimum budget for WCCC shall be USD 15,000.

7.2. FIDE or its appointed commercial agency has exclusive financial rights to the event and is free to exploit them commercially. This includes entering into advertisement agreements, either with the Organizers or Sponsors of the Match, requiring players to wear clothes with the branding of sponsors if this has been requested from the players before they sign their undertakings.

7.3. The income provided by the Match through admission charges, concessions, photography, radio, shall go to the Organizers. The television and Internet Web transmission rights, including video and film rights, shall belong to FIDE or its appointed commercial agency and the income divided on the basis of an agreement between FIDE or its appointed Commercial Agency and the Organizers.

7.4. FIDE or its appointed commercial agency shall have the exclusive rights for live games on Internet and shall provide the necessary equipment such as electronic boards and clocks to cover the event. FIDE or its appointed commercial agency shall provide to the Organizers the signal for online game display in the different function rooms as designated by FIDE.

7.5. The Organizers shall draw up a detailed budget, including provision for contingencies. This shall be subject to the approval of the World Chess Championship Committee and thereafter the FIDE President not later than 30th of June 2005.

8. Stipends:

8.1. The following stipends are to be paid to the following principals of the WCCT:

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| a) Chairman of the Appeals Committee | USD 6,000 |
| b) Two members of the Appeals Committee | USD 8,000 |
| c) Chief Arbiter | USD 5,000 |
| d) Deputy Chief Arbiter | USD 3,000 |
| e) Press Officer | USD 3,000 |
| f) Chairman of FIDE Medical Commission or nominee | USD 2,000 |

9. Arrangements for the Playing Hall.

9.1. The WCCC shall ensure the playing hall and its environs meet the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Organization of Top Level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).

9.1.1 The playing venue shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, IOC flag, the flags of the host nation and the participating players' Federations and the sponsors' brandings.

9.2. After the WCCC agrees with the Organizers on the WCCT arrangements in respect of the tournament hall, facilities, accommodation and meals, transportation, telecommunication, ceremonies, no objections from the participants shall be acceptable provided the players have been consulted.

10. Interviews, functions and mode of dressing.

10.1. Interviews with people other than players can be arranged directly.

10.2. The players are expected to cooperate reasonably with the media. General interviews with them can be arranged through the Press Officer.

10.3. The players are required to make themselves available for short interviews, of not more than 10 minutes duration, immediately after each game. In general, both players shall be available for the daily press conference.

10.4. Players are required to be present at all official functions approved by FIDE President or his Deputy during the Tournament including official receptions and the opening and closing ceremonies.

10.5. Players are specifically requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the World Chess Championship Tournament.

11. Photography and Television.

11.1. Only photographers and camera crew expressly authorized by the Press Officer may work in the playing venue.

12. Advance Preparations of World Chess Championship Tournament.

12.1. Each player shall be entitled to a double room with full board in a first class hotel.

12.2. Principals

12.2.1 Principals are:

- a. FIDE President and Deputy President, one of them being the Chairman of the Appeals Committee.
- b. Chief Arbiter and his Deputy.
- c. Members of Appeals Committee.
- d. FIDE Elected Vice President, General Secretary and Treasurer.
- e. WCCC members
- f. Chairman of the FIDE Medical Commission or nominee.
- g. Press Officer.

12.2.2. The Organizers shall provide assistants if necessary for FIDE President, his Deputy, the Chief Arbiter and WCCC representatives, as agreed between the Organisers and the WCC Committee.

12.2.3. The Organizers shall host the Principals and two other FIDE officials throughout the Tournament:

- a. Travel.

FIDE President has the right to first class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organizers' expense. FIDE Deputy President has the right to business class travel by air, sea or rail, at the Organizers' expense. All other Principals shall be provided with transport in economy class. Any Principal making his own travel arrangements without the agreement of the Organizers does so entirely at his own risk.

- b. Accommodation.

Accommodation should be reserved for the Principals and other designated FIDE officials in a 5 star hotel.

For the FIDE President – A suite of appropriate protocol status.

For FIDE Deputy President – a suite. For other Principals/ FIDE officials - a double room.

- c. Food and Drinks.

Provision for food and drinks shall be made for all the Principals and the FIDE designated number of officials on a wholly equal basis. This shall be provided by a specified allowance in local currency per day and/or by set meals. The nature and amount shall be agreed between the Organizers and WCCC. The President and his Deputy shall be provided with full complimentary service for extras at the hotel, at the expense of the organizers.

- d. Local Transportation.

For FIDE President, a chauffeur-driven car. For the other Principals, a number of cars shall be made available; their use will depend on the position of the hotels, playing hall and media center, and on the leisure activities of the Principals. Alternatively, a daily allowance in local currency may be provided, the amount to be agreed between the Organizers and WCCC.

12.3. Playing Conditions

12.3.1. Apart from the players and arbiters, no other person shall be allowed in the actual

playing area during the games, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.

- 12.3.2. During the playing session (lasting from 10 minutes before the start of the round until the departure of players), the following additional regulations shall be in force:
- a. The players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue technical and other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent.
 - b. During the game, a player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward, or with his opponent as permitted by the Laws of Chess.
- 12.3.3. Organizers shall provide in sufficiency, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players and principals. It is advisable that the same offer shall apply for the press members.
- 12.4. Score sheets.
The Organizers shall provide score sheets according to the specifications provided by the WCCC.
- a. At the end of each game the players' original score sheets shall be given to the Arbiter, who shall hand them over to FIDE in due course.
 - b. Refusal of either player to sign the score sheets shall be penalized according to Article 13.4 of the Laws of Chess. After the players have signed the score sheets, the Arbiter shall countersign to confirm the results.
 - c. In tiebreak games, the players and the Arbiter shall sign a protocol.
- 12.5. Players' Meeting
All players are required to attend a meeting in the evening of the arrival day at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter. If he deems it necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings. The drawing of lots will take place during this meeting.
- 12.6. Arbiters
- 12.6.1. The FIDE President after consultation with the WCCC shall appoint the Chief Arbiter and Deputy Chief Arbiter.
- 12.6.2. No arbiter may come from the same federation as any of the players.
- 12.6.3. During play either the Chief Arbiter or the Deputy Chief Arbiter must be present in the playing area.
- 12.6.4. The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the WCCC, the players and after the approval of the FIDE President, issue additional written regulations to lay down the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.
- 12.6.5. Immediately after the end of the WCCT, the Chief Arbiter shall draw up a report in the English language and send it without delay to the FIDE Secretariat.
- 12.6.6. The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of the bulletins of the World Championship Tournament.
- 12.6.7. The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final standings of the WCCT. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the

course of the WCCT.

13. Commitments of the Players.

All participants have to sign the Player's Undertaking by the deadline which will be announced by FIDE on the FIDE website after the official announcement of the Tournament. Players will not be replaced if there are withdrawals within one month of the start of the WCCT. The winner of the World Championship Tournament shall be designated as World Champion and shall retain this title until the conclusion of the next cycle.

14. Appeals Committee.

The President or his Deputy shall be Chairman of the Appeals Committee. There shall be two other members from different Federations appointed by the FIDE President. No member of the Appeals Committee shall sit in judgment in a dispute involving a player or party from his Federation except where the dispute is between two players or two parties from his Federation.

All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

The Committee may decide on the following matters:

- a. an appeal against a decision by an arbiter,
- b. a protest against a player's behaviour,
- c. a complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations,
- d. a request for the interpretation of specific regulations,
- e. a protest or complaint against any participant, or
- f. all other matters which the Committee considers important.

If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision.

The Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.

Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of USD 2,000 (two thousand US Dollars) or a written statement that this fee can be deducted from the prize fund if the protest is rejected. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, the fee may be forfeited to FIDE.

The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

15. Opening Ceremony for the World Chess Championship Tournament.

- 15.1. A short Opening Ceremony shall take place the same day as the first round and all participants are required to take part.

16. Closing Ceremony of the World Chess Championship Tournament.

The Closing Ceremony shall take place as described in Article 4.2. The Organizer shall provide three medals, gold, silver and bronze, as well as a Cup to the World Champion. The FIDE Anthem, the anthem of the World Champion's country and the anthem of the host country shall be played.

17. Payment of Prize Money and Stipends.

- 17.1. The prize fund and stipends shall be paid by bank cheque or direct bank transfer in

United States Dollars from FIDE's bankers UBS, Lausanne.

- 17.2. FIDE shall not be responsible if any national or local tax has to be deducted from the prize money.
- 17.3. At any time in the course of the application of these regulations, any grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the President of FIDE for final decision.