



CiF-STATUTES

after the Meeting in Plzen 2008

Part I: Legal Status, Principals, Aims

- 1.1 CiF is an independent association that wishes to promote correspondence chess and personal friendship worldwide. Amalgamation with other organisations or dissolution of the association shall be decided by the members by direct vote, more than 75 % of the votes cast is required. In the case of dissolution the assets of CiF will be transferred to UNICEF.
- 1.2 Correspondence chess in the wider sense is any form of chess where the two opponents are not facing one another over the board but the moves are transmitted by mail or by some other means.
- 1.3 The members of CiF are members of a large family of friends; therefore there should be no discrimination on the basis of race, skin colour, sex, nationality, religion, philosophy of life, or anything else within CiF.
- 1.4 The aim of CiF is to make a contribution to world peace and understanding between countries through the individual friendship between correspondence chess players.
- 1.5 CiF offers to its members the opportunity to play in various tournaments within the limits of the Playing Rules.
- 1.6 All CiF official positions are voluntary. The Executive Committee can decide that expenses due to official business can be reimbursed.
- 1.7 The fiscal year of CiF is the calendar year. CiF acquires the funds necessary to carry out its aims through gifts and contributions.
- 1.8 CiF will set up regional sections to maintain its organisation. The Executive Committee may form new divisions if necessary. The sections can organise meetings and tournaments in their own region, but must inform the Executive Committee about these. The meetings and events extending the framework of sections can only be organised by the Executive Committee.
- 1.9 The official languages of CiF are German, English and Spanish. Other languages are permitted, to ease understanding and exchange of opinions.
- 1.10 Communications of the Executive Committee are published in the "CiF News" in German, English and Spanish.

- 1.11 Members can propose written changes to the Statutes. In each case ten signatures are necessary. The Executive Committee subsequently considers the changes which shall be decided by the members by direct vote. A small majority voting 'for' counts as approval of the change. The new version of the Statutes shall be announced to all members in the next CiF News.

Part II: Rights and duties of CiF members

- 2.1 Any correspondence chess player who submits a written application and who is prepared to subscribe to the aims and statutes of CiF, especially those specified in subsections 1.3 and 1.4 of the Statutes, and to take those as his aims, can become a CiF member.
- 2.2 Temporary (passive) membership is possible at any time. The member shall send a written notification (with indication of the period desired) to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall confirm in writing the change of membership and inform the member about the resulting consequences (no contribution payment and therefore no use of CiF services).
- 2.3 For technical or other reasons it may be necessary to stop accepting members to the association, or to separate sections and to start a waiting list. This will be the decision of the Executive Committee.
- 2.4 Membership ends through death, resignation, or expulsion. Resignations must be in writing.
- 2.5 A member can be expelled if he has greatly violated the statutes, especially the friendship clause, if he has behaved in a way to damage the association - including, for instance, not paying his contributions - or in very serious cases if he has broken the tournament rules.
- 2.6 The Executive Committee decides on the acceptance and expulsion of members.

Part III: Organisation of CiF

3. Official sections of CiF are:
 - a) the Executive Committee
 - b) the Ombudsman
 - c) the Auditor
 - d) the Section and Tournament Leaders



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Part IV: Duties of the official sections

4.1 The Executive Committee

4.1.1 The Executive Committee consists of:

- a) the President
- b) the Vice-President
- c) the General Tournament Director
- d) the Deputy Tournament Director
- e) the Treasurer

4.1.2 The Executive Committee represents the community in all things. It sets up its own rules of procedure and should meet at least annually. It is responsible for the proper handling of all affairs of the community, especially the correspondence chess competitions.

4.1.3 The Executive Committee is elected by the members by a direct written vote for five years.

4.1.4 The election will be controlled by a Returning Officer appointed by the Executive Committee.

4.1.5 The election is based on the tickets (voting papers) which the respective candidates for president provide to the Returning Officer. Elected is the ticket with the highest number of votes received.

4.1.6 A candidate can appear on several tickets but must provide his/her written agreement with multiple candidacy to the Returning Officer. It is forbidden that a candidate appears several times on one ticket.

4.1.7 Decisions of the Executive Committee are taken by a simple majority of votes.

4.1.8 In case of death or resignation of an Executive Committee member, the Executive Committee shall co-opt a new member onto the Executive Committee.

4.1.9 The Executive Committee can appoint an especially well-deserved and respected CiF member for a lifetime Honorary President. The Honorary President has the right to be invited to all meetings and to take part with an advisory vote. The Honorary President pays no dues and receives all CiF services free of charge.

4.2 The Ombudsman

4.2.1 A member who has problems with the Executive Committee, or difficulties outside chess with the official sections of CiF, can contact the Ombudsman.

4.2.2 The Ombudsman mediates between individual members and the official sections of CiF.

4.2.3 The Ombudsman is elected for a period of five years by all members by written vote.

4.2.4 In case of death or resignation, the Executive Committee assigns a successor.

4.3 The Auditor

4.3.1 The Auditor will be elected by the members by written vote for five years. The Auditor may not belong to the Executive Committee.

4.3.2 The Auditor checks the accounts yearly and gives his report to the Executive Committee.

4.3.3 In case of death or resignation, the Executive Committee assigns a successor.

4.4 The Section Leaders and Tournament Leaders

4.4.1 The Section Leaders and Tournament Leaders are assigned by the Executive Committee.

4.4.2 The Section Leaders are responsible for the affairs within their sections and work closely with the Executive Committee. They act as a link between the members of their sections and the Executive Committee and provide the information to the members of their sections.

4.4.3 Tournament Leaders are appointed for the tournaments. They are responsible for the proper running of the tournaments, and work closely with the General Tournament Director.

Part V: Final Statements

5.1 These Statutes enter into force on2009.

5.2 In case of disputes and different interpretations of the texts in various languages, the original German version will be valid.