

IBEROAMERICAN CHESS FEDERATION (F.I.B.D.A.)

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CHAPTER I. THE FEDERATION AND ITS AIMS

Article 1º.- The Federation shall be named: Iberoamerican Chess Federation (FIBDA)

Article 2º.- The aims of the FIBDA are:

- a) Promote and spread the knowledge and consideration of chess in the areas of America and Europe in which Spanish and Portuguese are spoken.
- b) Promote and carry out tournaments, meetings, lectures, courses, publications and other activities included in the general interest of the FIBDA.
- c) Establish the guidelines and general rules of these tournaments and events.
- d) Elaborate and maintain a register of Iberoamerican players and establish the criteria for classification by categories.
- e) Secure the celebration of an Iberoamerican Chess Congress at regular intervals in agreement with the capacity developed by the FIBDA.
- f) Give an incentive to the training of teachers and chess instructors belonging to member Federations.
- g) Represent the Iberoamerican player community of member federations in front of national and international organisms linked to the game.
- h) Promote the unity, harmony, cordiality and cooperation between its members.

CHAPTER II. THE ADDRESS

Article 3º.- The venue of the Iberoamerican Chess Federation shall be established in Spain, although, if convenient, its Executive Organisms can meet and work in other places.

CHAPTER III. FUNDS AND SOCIAL GOODS

Article 4º.- The funds of the FIBDA shall be collected by the reception of personal and institutional donations, payments for social activities, cultural and others. There will be no membership affiliation fee, although this may be established by the General Assembly.

Article 5º.- The goods of the FIBDA will be made up by direct purchase, donations, legacies and other ways established by law.

CHAPTER IV. DURATION OF THE FEDERATION

Article 6º.- The FIBDA can only be dissolved by the decision of an Extraordinary General Assembly because of the impossibility of fulfilling the aims with which it was founded, in agreement with these Statutes, In the event of a dissolution, the dispositions of Article 33º will be applied.

CHAPTER V. MEMBERS

Article 7º.-

- a) The participation as a member of the FIBDA will be open to all duly qualified national chess Federations, of each internationally recognized Iberoamerican country.
- b) Exceptions to these Statutes due to geographical or linguistic aspects shall be decided in an Ordinary General Assembly.
- c) Only one member Federation for each country shall be recognized.
- d) Each member shall represent the national Chess Federation of its country

Article 8º.-

- a) In order to become a member of the Iberoamerican Chess Federation, the Federation must send a letter to the Secretary, who will decide if the Federation can be admitted to the next Ordinary General Assembly as an Observer.
- b) In the Assembly, the Federation may be admitted directly as a member if, after voting the application, it obtains a minimum of two thirds (2/3) of the votes of the Assembly.
- c) If this majority is not obtained, and if the Federation places the request, the same Assembly will decide the admission of the Federation as an Observer for the next year.
- d) If the Federation is approved as an Observer, in accordance with the previous clause, it may be admitted as a member in the next Ordinary General Assembly by a simple majority of votes.

Article 9º.- MEMBERS DUTIES:

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a) Fulfil and carry out these Statutes and the Resolutions of the Assemblies and the Board of Directors.

b) Pay with punctuality the ordinary and extraordinary membership fees, if established by the Assembly.

c) Postpone any particular or group interest to the general interest of the Iberoamerican Federation.

d) In the case of temporal absence or resignation, notify the Secretary in writing and cancel the membership fees that are owed.

Article 10°.- All FIBDA members have the right to:

a) Be represented by the FIBDA before other organisms.

b) Propose members belonging to their National Federation as candidates to occupy positions in the Executive Committee.

c) Nominate candidates that- if approved by the Assembly – may represent the FIBDA in political events or in any other type of meetings.

d) Require the participation of the FIBDA when necessary.

e) Voice and vote in the Assemblies.

f) The right of defence and be listened to in the Assemblies when accused.

g) Present projects and initiatives that are considered convenient to the aims of the FIBDA.

CHAPTER VI. THE ASSEMBLIES

Article 11°.- The sovereign wish of the Iberoamerican Chess Federation resides in the General Assembly, called and constituted as set down in these Statutes. The resolutions of the Federation shall be taken by absolute majority of the votes of the attending representatives, and the General Assembly will be the only organism that may dispose of the goods of the Federation. In addition, only the General Assembly can amend these Statutes.

Article 12°.- The Assembly will be chaired and moderated by the President of the FIBDA or in whoever he delegates. The Assembly will be conducted in Spanish, in addition to Portuguese if necessary.

Article 13°.- The Ordinary General Assembly will be held at least once a year. The Executive

Committee will decide on the date and the venue where the meeting will take place.

Article 14°.- The Extraordinary General Assembly can be called:

a) By the Executive Committee, under its own criteria.

b) By the Executive Committee, if a third of its members ask the Secretary.

c) By the Councillor, if half of the members of the Federation request in writing.

d) By the President or the Councillor, when there is a permanent vacancy between the members of the Board of Directors.

e) Voting post or other communication systems, such as Internet, can be admitted in the Extraordinary General Assemblies, as long as the Secretary has written evidence.

Article 15°.- In order to validate the decisions taken in the Assemblies, both Ordinary and Extraordinary, it is essential that they are called with at least 30 days in advance. In addition, the corresponding minutes must be taken.

Article 16°.-

a) Each member Federation can send up to two delegates to the General Assembly but only one of them will have the right to vote.

b) All delegates must be members of the National Chess Federation that they represent. It will be forbidden to represent two or more associations at the same time.

c) Delegates must submit a written authorization from the respective National Federation, proving their designation as such.

d) In order to exercise the right of voice and vote in the Ordinary Assemblies, National Federations must be properly represented in the Assembly and their payments must be settled, with the exception of Article 14 for the vote in the case of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

e) Federations that are present but haven't settled their accounts, observers and invited guests have the right to talk but only with the express authorization of the President.

f) The President can also authorize the reading of opinions in writing of absent member Federations.

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g) The Assembly will be constituted validly when at least a half plus one members of the FIBDA are present in first summons, and with whoever is present in second summons.

h) A maximum lapse of time of two hours can pass between the first and second summons.

Article 17º.- The Assembly shall deliberate and settle on the Agenda of the Assembly. Any other resolution shall be null and void. The issues on the Agenda shall be decided by the Executive Committee at least 30 days in advance of the Assembly. Also included shall be other issues suggested by the Councillor or proposed in writing to the Secretary by any member of the FIBDA, at least 60 days in advance of the meeting.

Article 18º.- Each year, the Agenda of the Ordinary General Assembly must include the following issues:

a) Presentation of the Memory and Accounts, for approval or disapproval of the year by the Executive Committee in duties, along with the respective auditors report.

b) Admission of new members.

c) Reports of the Committees that are still in duties.

d) Appointment of the new Committees and/or renewal of the previous ones.

e) Election of the country that will hold the next Iberoamerican Chess Congress and/or analysis of other congresses and international competitions planned for the next year.

f) Other questions put forward by the members.

Article 19º.- The support of at least two of the members present is required so that a motion of an issue in discussion in the Assembly is considered. Unless the debate is declared free, all FIBDA members may speak three times about the same question.

CHAPTER VII. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Article 20º.- The Executive Committee of the FIBDA will be composed by five board members with the following positions: President, Vice-President, Councillor, Secretary and Treasurer. They will have the attributions established in these Statutes.

Article 21º.-

a) The same person will not be able to have two or more positions at the same time.

b) Members of the outgoing Executive Committee may be re-elected to hold positions in the incoming Executive Committee.

Article 22º.- The members of the Executive Committee will communicate between themselves periodically in order to carry out their duties.

Article 23º.- Responsibilities of the President or whoever occupies his place:

a) Call and chair the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies.

b) Represent the FIBDA extra judicially.

c) Raise to the Assembly all proposals put forward by FIBDA members and establish the adequate way to put them into practice if approved.

d) Coordinate the FIBDA operation.

e) Sign, with the Secretary, the Minutes of the Assemblies.

f) Sign the purchase and payment orders, correspondence, credentials and other documents, referred by the Secretary or by the Treasurer.

g) Promote the growth and development of the FIBDA, creating the best atmosphere for the entrance of new members and favouring all other actions that lead towards the aims mentioned in the Article 2º.

h) Delegate some of his functions when necessary, maintaining the responsibility over the actions taken by the delegate.

i) In the case of a tie of the Executive Committee or Assembly when a vote takes place, the vote of the President will decide.

j) The President will be chosen by free and direct suffrage between the delegate members of the FIBDA and his term of office will be four years.

Article 24º.- Responsibilities of the Vice-President or whoever occupies his place:

a) Replace the President in the case of resignation or in cases of force majeure.

b) Attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies.

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c) The Vice-President will be elected together with the rest of the members of the Executive Committee and his term of office will be four years.

Article 25°.- Responsibilities of the Secretary or whoever occupies his place:

a) Raise and subscribe together with the President the Minutes of the FIBDA Assemblies.

b) Keep the FIBDA Minutes Books up-to-date.

c) Receive the correspondence that is sent to the FIBDA and notify the President.

d) Draw up and sign the correspondence, communications and notifications of the FIBDA, except in the more important cases in which the scrutiny of the President is required.

e) Process the entrance applications of new Associations.

f) Process the applications of inclusion of issues on the Agenda of the General Assembly, made by the member Associations.

g) Make sure that all the notifications of the General Assembly are correctly sent to the entire member Associations and to the Councillor.

h) Keep the FIBDA files in order.

i) The Secretary shall be elected together with the rest of the members of the Executive Committee and his term of office will be four years.

Article 26°.- Responsibilities of the Treasurer or whoever occupies his place:

a) Collect the membership fees of the national Federation members, both ordinary and extraordinary, and any other money collected by FIBDA.

b) Elaborate payment reports of the contributions of national member Federations and of the rest of the information required.

c) Pay the FIBDA invoices. If the total amount to be paid surpasses the payment limit to be made from the cash desk the Treasurer must send a payment order to the President for his authorization.

d) Deposit the FIBDA funds in the bank.

e) Sign the FIBDA cheques.

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f) Keep the cash books, banks and any other books up-to-date when necessary for a better control of the FIBDA finances.

g) Account for the expenses in writing to the Assembly each year, with a clear and detailed exposition of income, expenses and cash balance.

h) The Treasurer shall be elected together with the rest of the members of the Executive Committee and his term of office will be four years.

Article 27°.- In the case of resignation or permanent vacancy of a post in the Board of Directors, the President may name a new person to hold a position until the celebration of the next General Assembly, in which the substitute will be elected. The validity of the post of the substitute will be equal to the time left of the substituted member.

CHAPTER VIII. THE COUNCILLOR

Article 28°.- The General Assembly will elect a Councillor, who will have a term of office of four years coinciding with the term of office of the President. He will have the obligations put forward in these Statutes.

Article 29°.- The person elected for Councillor will not be able to exercise other posts in the Executive Committee during his management period.

Article 30°.- The attributions of the Councillor are:

a) Attend the Ordinary and Extraordinary Assemblies.

b) Call an Extraordinary Assembly when at least half of the member Associations have requested one in writing or when there is a vacancy in the Executive Committee.

c) The Councillor has the right to speak in the Assemblies.

d) Contribute with his knowledge and advice to the task of the President and the solution of problems raised in the Assemblies.

e) Call the attention to any irregularities that he may observe in the operation of the FIBDA.

f) Watch over the good operation of the FIBDA.

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CHAPTER IX. SANCTIONS

Article 31º.- Expulsion or other punishments may be applied in the following cases:

- a) Violation of these Statutes.
- b) Infringe the Resolutions of the Assemblies.
- c) Carry out acts that are against the finalities of the FIBDA, such as:
 - 1) Embezzlement of FIBDA funds.
 - 2) Improper management of its goods.
 - 3) Discredit the Federation publicly.
 - 4) Carry out other acts that oppose the development and operation of the FIBDA.
- d) Lack of payment, with out any justified cause, of the ordinary fees -if any-, during three consecutive years.

Article 32º.- Member Federations accused of any of the misdemeanours referred to in the previous Article will be susceptible to temporal or permanent suspension, depending on the seriousness of the case. In this case the President will call an Extraordinary Assembly or will add the issue to the Agenda of the next Ordinary Assembly, in which the accused Federation will be heard out and, if need be, the type of punishment will be decided.

CHAPTER X. SPECIAL ORDERS

Article 33º.- In agreement with Art.6º which talks about an eventual dissolution of the FIBDA, the following norms are established:

- a) The dissolution of the FIBDA is competence of an Extraordinary General Assembly called for that purpose.
- b) In the Assembly that agrees the dissolution a Settlement Committee will be designated, integrated by three members.
- c) This committee will start by cancelling the pending obligations of the FIBDA. With regard to the disposal of the remaining wealth and goods, the possible socio-cultural use that these goods would offer to the beneficiaries will be taken into account.