

IBCA ARBITERS' COMMISSION REGULATIONS

1. 1. General Provisions

- 1.1 The IBCA Arbiters' Commission (hereinafter referred to as the "Commission") is a permanent Commission of the International Braille Chess Association (IBCA).
- 1.2 The Commission shall operate in accordance with the IBCA Statutes, decisions of the IBCA Congress and Executive Board, and these Regulations.
- 1.3 The purpose of the Commission is to develop, regulate and supervise matters relating to arbiters within IBCA and to contribute to the proper and consistent application of the Laws of Chess and IBCA rules at competitions for blind and visually impaired players.
- 1.4 The official working language of the Commission shall be English.

2. 2. Composition of the Commission

- 2.1 The Commission shall consist of:
- a) the Chairman;
 - b) the Secretary; and
 - c) at least one additional Member.
- 2.2 The Chairman shall be nominated and appointed by the IBCA Presidential board
- 2.3 The Secretary and other members of the Commission shall be appointed in consultation with the IBCA President and the Chairman of the Commission.
- 2.4 The term of office of the Commission shall correspond to the term established by the IBCA Statutes.
- 2.5 Members of the Commission should have appropriate experience in chess arbitration, IBCA competitions, or chess for blind and visually impaired players.
- 2.6 Whenever possible, the composition of the Commission should reflect reasonable geographical representation of IBCA member federations.
- 2.7 Supervisor of Arbiters commission is the IBCA Tournament Director.

3. 3. Responsibilities of the Commission

- 3.1 The Commission shall be responsible for matters concerning IBCA arbiters and arbitration.
- 3.2 In particular, the Commission shall:
- a) maintain and develop IBCA regulations concerning arbiters;
 - b) maintain the official list and records of IBCA arbiters;
 - c) examine applications for IBCA arbiter titles and recommend the award of titles to the competent IBCA body;
 - d) examine and validate arbiter norms;
 - e) establish and maintain official forms for arbiter norms and title applications;

- f) organize, approve and supervise IBCA Arbiters' Seminars and examinations;
- g) approve lecturers for official IBCA Arbiters' Seminars;
- h) establish educational programmes and examination requirements for IBCA arbiters;
- i) promote the education and continued development of arbiters in matters specific to chess for blind and visually impaired players;
- k) propose arbiters for official IBCA World and Continental competitions to the competent IBCA body
- l) monitor the performance and activity of IBCA arbiters;
- m) provide interpretations and recommendations concerning arbitration matters and the practical application of IBCA competition rules;
- n) cooperate with other IBCA bodies and Commissions whenever necessary; and
- o) submit reports and proposals to the IBCA President, Executive Board or Congress as required.

4. 4. Chairman

4.1 The Chairman shall direct and coordinate the activities of the Commission.

4.2 The Chairman shall:

- a) convene and chair meetings of the Commission;
- b) prepare the agenda in cooperation with the Secretary;
- c) supervise the implementation of decisions of the Commission;
- d) coordinate the work of the members of the Commission;
- e) ensure that applications for titles, norms and other matters are considered within a reasonable period; and
- f) present reports and proposals of the Commission to the appropriate IBCA bodies.

4.3 In urgent matters falling within the competence of the Commission, the Chairman may take provisional action after consulting the Secretary and, whenever reasonably possible, the other members. Such action shall be reported to the Commission.

5. 5. Secretary

5.1 The Secretary shall coordinate the administrative and operational activities of the Commission in cooperation with the Chairman.

5.2 The Secretary shall:

- a) receive and process applications for IBCA arbiter titles and norms;
- b) verify that applications comply with the relevant regulations before submission to the Commission;
- c) maintain the official register of IBCA arbiters, norms, seminars and examinations;
- d) coordinate the organization of IBCA Arbiters' Seminars and examinations;
- e) manage the official correspondence of the Commission;
- f) prepare agendas, minutes, decisions and reports;
- g) communicate decisions of the Commission to applicants, organizers and other relevant parties;

- h) coordinate the preparation and updating of regulations, forms and educational materials;
- i) monitor the implementation of decisions taken by the Commission;
- j) represent the Commission when authorized by the Chairman;
- k) perform the duties of the Chairman when the Chairman is temporarily unavailable, where necessary for the continued functioning of the Commission; and
- l) perform any other duties assigned by the Commission.
- m) responsible for approving list of arbiters

5.3 Within the framework of decisions and regulations adopted by the Commission, the Secretary may take routine administrative decisions necessary for the day-to-day functioning of the Commission without requiring a separate vote of the Commission.

6. 6. Members

6.1 Members of the Commission shall actively participate in its work and meetings.

6.2 Members may be assigned specific areas of responsibility by the Chairman, including seminars, examinations, title applications, regulations, appointments or other matters within the competence of the Commission.

6.3 Members shall act impartially and in the interests of IBCA.

7. 7. Meetings and Decision-Making

7.1 The Commission may conduct its work through meetings held in person, by electronic means, or by correspondence.

7.2 The Chairman shall convene meetings whenever necessary.

7.3 A majority of the appointed members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.

7.4 Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of the members participating in the decision.

7.5 In the event of an equality of votes, the Chairman shall have the deciding vote.

7.6 Decisions may also be taken by electronic correspondence or online voting when a formal meeting is unnecessary.

7.7 The Secretary shall maintain a record of all decisions of the Commission.

8. 8. Conflict of Interest

8.1 Members of the Commission shall perform their duties objectively, independently and impartially.

8.2 A member shall disclose any personal or professional interest that may reasonably affect their impartiality in a matter before the Commission.

8.3 A Commission member shall not participate in the evaluation or decision concerning their own title or norm application, a complaint or disciplinary matter directly concerning them, or another matter in which a significant conflict of interest exists.

8.4 The disclosure and non-participation shall be recorded in the relevant decision or minutes.

9. 9. Records and Official List of Arbiters

9.1 The Commission shall maintain an official register of persons holding IBCA arbiter titles.

9.2 The register should include at least the name, country or federation, IBCA arbiter title, FIDE arbiter title where applicable, FIDE ID where applicable, and status or other information required under the relevant IBCA regulations.

9.3 The official list of IBCA arbiters shall be published and regularly updated on the IBCA website.

9.4 The Commission shall maintain appropriate internal records concerning title applications, norms, seminars and examinations.

10.10. Reports and Proposals

10.1 The Commission shall submit reports on its activities in accordance with the IBCA Statutes and requests of the competent IBCA bodies.

10.2 The Commission may submit proposals for amendments to regulations concerning arbiters and arbitration.

10.3 Regulations and amendments proposed by the Commission shall enter into force only after approval by the competent IBCA body in accordance with the IBCA Statutes.

11.11. Transitional Provision for Arbiter Titles

11.1 Upon entry into force of the new IBCA arbiter title system, current members of the IBCA Arbiters' Commission who hold at least the FIDE Arbiter (FA) title and have demonstrated substantial experience in IBCA competitions may be awarded the title of International IBCA Arbiter by decision of the IBCA Executive Board.

11.2 A member concerned by Article 12.1 shall not participate in any Commission recommendation or decision concerning their own title.

11.3 After the transitional period, appointment as a member of the Commission shall not by itself confer any IBCA arbiter title. Future applicants shall satisfy the requirements established in the IBCA Regulations for Arbiter Titles, Norms and Classification.

12.12. Final Provisions

12.1 Matters concerning arbiter titles, norms, seminars, examinations, classification, appointments and duties shall be governed by the respective IBCA arbiter regulations.

12.2 Matters not expressly covered by these Regulations shall be decided in accordance with the IBCA Statutes and decisions of the competent IBCA bodies.

12.3 These Regulations shall enter into force on the date determined by the competent IBCA body upon their approval.