CHARTER

Of non-profit organization "International Draughts Federation"

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. International Draughts Federation is a legal entity - organization established to develop and promote the game of draughts on the traditional 64-squared board, as well as other types of draughts, hereinafter referred to as "draughts", in Bulgaria and around the World, organizing and conducting international sporting events, drawing the World and Continental titles.

Article 2. International Draughts Federation brings together capable Bulgarian and foreign individuals, as well as legal entities, to develop the game of draughts on the national and/or international level.

Article 3. International Draughts Federation hereinafter referred to as the "Federation" or "Organization" is a non-profit organization working in the interests of its members.

Article 4. The organization doesn’t have a primary goal of its activity to make profit and does not distribute profits among members.

Article 5. The organization was founded in perpetuity.

Article 6. The organization and its members reject all forms and methods of discrimination against individuals, groups of individuals, organizations or countries on the basis of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion or politics.

Article 7. The requirements of the Charter of the Organization are binding on all bodies of the Organization and its members.

II. NAME, LOCATION AND DURATION

Article 8. Name of Organization:
Full name in Bulgarian language:
• Сдружение с нестопанска цел „Международна федерация по шашки”
The abbreviated name in Bulgarian language:
• СНЦ „МФШ”
Full name in Russian:
• Некоммерческая организация „Международная федерация шашек”;
The abbreviated name in Russian:
• НО «МФШ»;
The full name in English:
• «International Draughts Federation»
The abbreviated name in English:
• IDF

Article 9. Location and address of the Organization: Bulgaria, Kranevo, Dobrich region, Chernomorska str., 41.

Article 10. The office of Organization is located at the location of Chairman of the Board.

Article 11. The organization has its own balance sheet, and other accounts in banks, official name, seal, stamps and letterheads with its official name, and may also have a flag, emblem and other symbols.
III. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Article 12. The official languages of the Organization are Bulgarian, Russian and English.

Article 13. In case of divergence in interpretation of the document, drawn up in two or more languages, the meaning of the document is defined: for the constituent documents, including the Charter - based on the meaning of the Bulgarian version of the document, for other documents governing the activities of the Organization - in the following order:
1) English version;
2) Russian version;
3) Bulgarian version.

IV. GOALS AND OBJECTS OF ACTIVITY

Article 14. Organization carries out its activities in order to achieve the following objectives:
- Development and promotion of draughts around the world, improving draughts culture and knowledge on the basis of sports, science, art and culture;
- The strengthening of friendly relations between its members.

Article 15. To fulfill its goals, Organization has the following objects of activity:
1) Assistance in the creation and development of all types of national draughts organizations and confederations.
2) Conducting of world championships, continental championships and other official events, assistance to the members of the Organization in the competitions of different levels for different types of draughts;
3) Publication of the rules of world championships, continental championships, qualifying tournaments, matches for the world title, and all other official competitions organized by the Organization;
4) Publication of the rules of the assignment of official titles;
5) Strengthening and development of international relations, support for closer international cooperation of fans of draughts game, promoting the improvement of international relations between countries of the world;
6) Joining in international organizations;
7) Participation in the activities of international organizations developing mind sports, as well as contributing to the development of all kinds of draughts in the World;
8) Development and implementation of programs in draughts;
9) Organization and conducting training activities and professional development of sports professionals and referees seminars, symposia, conferences, lectures, exhibitions, consulting, etc.;
10) Organization and conducting training activities of sports players: international schools, distance education, consulting, etc.
11) Development and support of draughts sport among youth, women and disabled people;
12) Provision of necessary assistance to former sports players, sports veterans and other persons who made significant contribution to the draughts and need support;
13) Carrying out of activities aimed at promoting of draughts game: lectures, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, meetings and other events on the subject of draughts;
14) Organization of official memorial award attributes and symbols production;
15) Engaging of voluntary contributions and donations by conducting outreach to citizens and sending them to achieve the objectives of the Organization;
16) Publishing activity on draughts;

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18) Other business activities, namely provision of advertising services, sports and any other services permitted by law and related to the subject of activities and the statutory objectives of the Organization. Revenues are used only to achieve the object of the Organization and its statutory objectives;
19) Other activities in the field of draughts to fulfill goals of Organization.

**Article 16.** The organization supports the equitable representation of women in their activities and in the management of sports.

**V. MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Article 17.** Membership in the Organization is voluntary.

**Article 18.** Members of the Organization may be Bulgarian and foreign capable individuals, as well as Bulgarian and foreign legal entities, developing draughts at the national and/or international level and representing the country or territory.

**Article 19.** Membership categories:
- Full Member;
- Regional Member;
- Candidate Member.

**Article 20.** Conditions of membership:

**Article 20.1.** Full Member is a national organization representing draughts in its country or territory. A Full Member may be recognized only one organization per country or territory.

Candidates for the Full Members must fulfill the following conditions:
1. Be representative of draughts in the country or territory.
2. To be non-profit organization.
3. Support the fight against doping.
4. Have clear rules of competition and high standards of judging; facilitate the participation in the activities of draughts among children, women and persons with disabilities, to adhere to the rules of fair play (fair play), take care of the health and safety of the players.
5. Take steps to protect the players and their entourage of corruption, illegal and irregular betting, fraud and other criminal practices associated with the sport.
6. Apply the principles of good governance in all aspects of their daily activities.

IDF approves membership of national organizations who officially recognize the Charter and internal regulations of IDF and not conduct activities contrary to the rules.

**Article 20.2.** Regional Member is regional organization, developing draughts in the country or territory in which there is no national draughts organization, or national organization wishing to be a member of IDF.

Candidates for Regional Members must fulfill the following conditions:
- A regional organization must be ready to represent the country or territory;
- A regional organization should be agreed that if a national organization become active in the country or territory and that the national organization has applied for membership in IDF, this national organization become a member IDF instead of the regional organization.

**Article 20.3.** Candidate Members are national organizations, whose representatives took part in official competitions IDF, but have not yet applied for membership.

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Article 20.4. Any national organization wishing to get a membership sends a written request to the Board signed by its president with a copy of the organization's Charter.

Article 20.5. The Board reviews each request and a majority of voices of all the members of the Board decides to grant or not the membership of the applicant. The decision shall enter into force after the payment of a candidate membership fee.

Article 20.6. Honorary members
The General Meeting on the proposal of the Board can award the title of "Honorary Member IDF" people who have made a great contribution to the IDF or for outstanding achievements in the development of draughts in the world. They can further be present at the General Meetings, but without voting rights.

Article 21. Members shall have the right to:
1) participate in all activities of the Organization;
2) elect and be elected to the governing bodies of the Organization;
3) obtain full information from the bodies of the Organization on their activities and their decisions;
4) make a request to the Board on any matters related to the activities of the Organization. The Board of the Organization shall give a written response within fourteen days;
5) make proposals to the governing bodies on matters related to the activities of the Organization;
6) submit items for the agenda of the General Meeting and the meetings of the Board of the Organization on matters within the competence of these bodies;
7) voluntarily withdraw from the Organization;
8) exercise other rights provided by law or these Charter of Organization.

Article 22. Members of the Organization shall:
1) promote the objectives of the Organization;
2) comply with the Charter of the Organization;
3) carry out the decisions of the governing bodies of the Organization;
4) pay the entrance fee and membership fee in the prescribed manner and amount;
5) provide funds for the execution of special programs and events of Organization they agreed to participate in;
6) timely provide the Organization with the information necessary to fulfill its goals and objectives, as well as decisions taken;
7) not to cause material damage and (or) damage to the business reputation of the Organization;
8) inform the Organization in writing of any changes in its Charter, governing bodies, as well as any other changes affecting the conditions of membership in the Organization;
9) perform other duties provided by law or the Charter of the Organization.

Article 23. Membership in the Organization may be terminated in the following cases:
1) according to its own will, upon written request to the Board of the Organization. In this case, the member is considered to be withdrawn starting from the date of a written application submission;
2) exclusion according to the Board decision;
3) liquidation of the legal entity that is a member of the Organization;
4) liquidation of the Organization;
5) death of a citizen who is a member of the Organization.

Article 24. Membership in the Organization may be suspended by a decision of the Board or the General Meeting of the Organization before the eliminating the causes the suspension in the following cases:
- violation of the Charter;
- failure to comply with the decisions of the Organization;
- changes in the constitution/statutes, regulations and directives under which no longer complied with the conditions of membership in the Organization;
- failure to meet financial obligations to the Organization, including the payment of annual membership fee;
- misuse of funds for the purpose of theft or diversion of funds;
- usage of the "International Draughts Federation" name to implement the objectives contrary to the purposes of the Charter;
- damage to the business reputation of the Organization.

**Article 25.** Suspension of membership does not cancel outstanding financial obligations to the Organization, while paid membership, property payments and donations are given to the Organization.

**VI. BODIES, MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**Article 26.** The bodies of the Organization are:
- The General Meeting;
- The Board.

**VII. GENERAL MEETING**

**Article 27.** General Meeting (GM) is the highest governing body of the Organization. It is attended by all the members of the Organization, in person or through their legal representatives or by individuals authorized in written form.

**Article 28.** The General Meeting may be ordinary and extraordinary.

**Article 29.** Ordinary GM is held every two years and shall be convened by decision of the Board or upon a request of at least one third of members of the Organization. Written notice of the convening of the GM should be sent to members of the Organization not later than sixty calendar days prior to the meeting. The notification should be sent to the members of the Organization by e-mail and published on the official website of the Organization. The notification should contain the agenda, date, time, place, and the initiators of the General Meeting. Members of the Organization shall have the right to include issues in the agenda, sending it to the Board, and these issues can be included in the agenda no later than thirty days before the start of the GM.

**Article 30.** Each Full Member of the Organization, which has no financial debts to IDF, has one vote.

**Article 31.** A delegate of General Meeting may also represent another member who has the right to vote (not more than one), which must be confirmed by an official letter to the credentials committee before the General Meeting.

**Article 32.** The General Meeting has a quorum if attended by representatives of more than half of the members of the Organization, eligible to vote.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting is adjourned an hour later and will be held at the same place and with the same agenda, and then it is possible to hold a meeting without taking into account a number of members present, but only on condition that all members were duly notified of the time and place of the General Meeting. Otherwise, a new General Meeting is convened.
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Article 33. Decisions of the General Meeting are taken by majority vote of the members, eligible to vote, except for the cases for which the law or this Charter provided another procedure. Each representative (delegate) of the General Meeting shall have one vote.

Article 34. In case of equality of votes, the President has the deciding vote.

Article 35. Decisions of the General Meeting on changes or amendments of the Charter, reorganization or liquidation of the Organization shall be 2/3 majority of votes cast by the delegates present at the General Meeting.

Article 36. Decisions on issues that were not previously included in the agenda shall not be accepted.

Article 37. The Extraordinary General Meeting is held on the proposal of the Board or at the request of at least 1/3 of the members of the Organization, eligible to vote, not later than two months after the decision. Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting, indicating the reasons for its convocation and the agenda shall be sent to Members by email and published on the official website of the Organization, not later than thirty days before it starts. The Extraordinary General Meeting is collected only on its convocation.

Article 38. In the case of the need to take urgent solutions the Board may conduct a vote among IDF members by correspondence by e-mail. With this voting members must have at least one month before the vote for consultations. The decision is taken by the majority vote of the members eligible to vote at the time of voting. The decision is approved at the next General Meeting.

Article 39. Decisions of the General Meeting shall take effect immediately, except for the cases when they are postponed, or if they come into force under the law after recording in the register of non-profit entities of Dobrich District Court.

Article 40. The General Meeting has the following jurisdiction:

1) determination of priorities of the organization, principles of its development and usage of its property;
2) amendments to the Charter of the Organization;
3) acceptance, approval and change of the Organization budget;
4) determination of a number of members, election and dismissal of members of the Board, election and dismissal of the Chairman and members of the Organization;
5) cancellation of the decisions of other bodies of the Organization, which is contrary to law, Charter or other internal documents regulating the activities of the Organization;
6) determination of the amount and method of payment of membership fees;
7) receiving the reports on the activities of the Board;
8) on the proposal of the Board awarded the title of "Honorary Member IDF" according to Article 20.6;
9) decision on reorganization or liquidation of the Organization.

Article 41. Decisions of the General Meeting are issued in the form of a protocol in the minute book. The minutes should be taken according to the requirements of the law.

Article 42. The minutes of the General Meeting must be completed and signed by the President and Secretary of the General Meeting. List of the members present and lists of documents relating to the convening of the General Meeting are attached to the GM minutes.

VIII. BOARD OF THE ORGANIZATION

Article 43. The Board is the governing body of the Organization.
The Board consists of the Chairman of the Board (President) and Board members elected from among the members of the Organization or individuals representing a legal entity - a member of the Organization (up to 10 members):
President
Members of the Board (Vice Presidents)
The General Secretary
Treasurer
Tournament Director
Representative of players

Article 44. The Board is elected by the General Meeting by a majority for the period of four years.

Article 45. The Board shall meet at least once a year at the initiative of the President.

Article 46. Members of the Board may be represented at meetings by another member of the Board with a written power of attorney. A member of the Board considered being present at the meeting if there is a telephone connection with him or other kind of communications which can identify his person. He may participate in the discussions and decision-making. The results of the members voting shall be certified by the President in the minutes of the meeting.

Article 47. The President is responsible for convening, organizing and conducting the Board meetings. The President must convene a meeting at the written request of one third of the Board members. If the President doesn’t convene a meeting within one month after receipt of the written request, it can be convened by any member of the Board. In the absence of the President, the meeting of the Board is conducted by a person appointed by the Board.

Article 48. The Board may decide if more than half of its members are present at the meeting.

Article 49. Board decisions are taken by simple majority of votes, unless otherwise provided for by the law and the Charter.

Article 50. The Board may adopt resolutions without holding a hearing, using absentee voting, where a record of decision is signed without remarks and objections from all the members of the Board.

Article 51. The Board shall have jurisdiction:

1) to represent the Organization in the person of the President;
2) to organize execution of decisions of the General Meeting;
3) to propose plans and programs of the Organization to the General Meeting;
4) to propose for consideration of the General Meeting draft of the budget;
5) to determine the order and organize the activities of the Organization and take responsibility for it;
6) to determine the internal rules of the Organization;
7) to establish, at its discretion, any commissions and committees in various fields of activity;
8) to determine the procedure for the appointment and dismissal of staff and other internal rules of the Organization;
9) to liaise and coordinate with members of Organization and other Bulgarian and international organizations;
10) to prepare a report on the activities of the Organization and the budget for the General Meeting;
11) to decide on the acquisition, management and disposal of movable and immovable property and approve cost estimates of the Organization;
12) to perform other activities that are not within the exclusive competence of the General Meeting and other bodies of the Organization.
13) to accept and to exclude members of the Organization;

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Article 52. The Board shall announce the report and election General Meeting for 2 months before the end of his mandate with a mandatory agenda: a report on the activities of the Board, termination of powers and election of the President and members of the Board.

Article 53. Termination of powers of the members of the Board occurs in case of:

1) expiration of the term of the Board and election of new members of the Board by the General Meeting;
2) early termination of a member of the Board or of the Board by the General Meeting;
3) own will of a Board member;
4) other grounds established by law.

Article 54. In case of termination of office of a member of the Board at his own will, he (or she) shall immediately notify the Organization.

Article 55. The President:

1) represents the interests of the Organization in Bulgaria and another countries to individuals and legal entities, as well as in relations with international organizations, public authorities, organizations of different legal forms of ownership and the territorial scope of activity;
2) presides at the General Meeting;
3) leads the Board and directs its activities;
4) proposes staffing chart of the Organization to the Board and enters employment contracts with the employees of the Organization, civil contracts, including to perform additional activities and other types of contracts related to the main activities of the Organization;
5) exercises control over the implementation of the decisions of the Board;
6) appoints advisers and assistants to the President;
7) uses the property and funds of the Organization within the estimates of expenditure approved by the Board of the Organization;
8) performs organizational and managerial functions, concludes the civil transactions, opens bank and other accounts, grants power of attorney on behalf of the Organization;
9) takes any other actions necessary to achieve the statutory purposes of the Organization, except those that fall within the competence of the General Meeting or the Board of the Organization;
10) has the right to delegate his powers of this paragraph to others.

IX. FINANCES.

IX.1. PROPERTY. ADMISSION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

Article 56. Property of the Organization is formed by the following sources:

- Admission and membership fee, which is determined by the General Meeting of the Organization. It isn’t necessary to pay the entrance fee when creating Organization;
- Voluntary contributions and donations to the Organization;
- Proceeds from their own property;
- Income from business activities within the purposes of the Organization;
- Proceeds from the information and publishing activities, organizing of competitions, advertising, joint venture agreements, and other business activities not prohibited by law. Income received by the Organization from entrepreneurial activity, are used only to achieve the statutory objectives of the Organization.
- Others that are not prohibited by law.

Article 57. Size of entrance and membership fees and the procedure and terms of payment are determined by the decision of the General Meeting of the Organization.
IX.II. FUNDINGS

Article 58. The Organization activities funds from income as defined in Article 56 of the Charter.

Article 59. Financial year begins from 1st January end ends by 31st of December.

Article 60. The Organization carries out the possession, use and disposal of the property in its ownership in accordance with the objectives of its activities under the current legislation.

Article 61. Organization funds are spent on the cost estimate approved by the General Meeting and the Board of the Organization, respectively President of the Board within the limits of its competence and in accordance with the present Charter.

Article 62. The General Assembly may establish trust funds of the Organization’s own property.

Article 63. By the decision of the General Meeting the members of the Organization shall have the right to make specific contributions to the achievement of concrete goals defined by the Charter or the General Meeting. In its decision, the General Meeting determines the purpose, size and method of receipt of contributions. The decision is taken by the majority present at the meeting of the Organization members.

Article 64. Members of the Organization shall have the right to provide it with the funds in the form of a loan or in the form of real estate and individually defined movable property in lease.

Article 65. To achieve its goals, and to maintain and increase its property, the Organization shall have the right to conduct transactions in the country and abroad, including to acquire and alienate immovable and movable property, property rights, securities, intellectual property rights.

Article 66. The Organization is the owner of the property. Individual member shall have no right of ownership for the part of the property belonging to the Organization.

Article 67. Members of the Organization do not retain rights of the property they have transferred to the ownership of the Organization, including admission and membership fees.

Article 68. The Organization can perform any transaction with respect to its property not contradicting the legislature in force and the Charter of the Organization.

Article 69. All the rights of television and radio broadcasting, cinema and photo filming, internet broadcast of international tournaments organized by IDF belong exclusively to IDF that may cede these rights to sponsors or other organizations.

Article 70. Before each General Meeting the Organization's financial commission verifies the financial report of the Organization as auditors.

Article 71. Auditors provide its report on the audit of the financial report of the Organization to the General Meeting.

X. LIQUIDATION OF THE ORGANIZATION

Article 72. The organization may be liquidated:
- By the decision of the General Meeting, by the vote of two thirds of the members present at the meeting;
- By the court in accordance with the law.

Article 73. Liquidation of the Organization shall be in accordance with the law.
Article 74. Assets remaining after the liquidation of the Organization are distributed after payments to creditors by decision the General Meeting in accordance with the law.

XI. FINAL PROVISIONS

Article 75. Decisions on matters not specified in this Charter and the documents of the General Assembly shall be adopted in accordance with the current civil law.

Article 76. This Charter was adopted by the Constituent Meeting held on 12.07.2012; Amendments and additions adopted at the General Meeting on 19.10.2014, 29.08.2016