

CHARTER

Of non-profit organization "International Draughts Federation"

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. The "International Draughts Federation" is a legal entity – an 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 worldwide, and to organize and conduct international sporting events and competitions for world and continental titles.

Article 2. The "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. The "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 organization supports the fair representation of women in its activities and in the governance of sport.

Article 8. The requirements of the Charter of the Organization are binding on all bodies of the Organization and its members.

II. NAME AND LOCATION

Article 9. Name of Organization:

Full name in Bulgarian language:

- Сдружение с нестопанска цел „Международна федерация по шашки”

The abbreviated name in Bulgarian language:

- СИЦ „МФИ”

Full name in Russian:

- Некоммерческая организация „Международная федерация шашек”;

The abbreviated name in Russian:

- НО «МФИ»;

The full name in English:

- „International Draughts Federation”

The abbreviated name in English:

- IDF

Article 10. Location and address of the Organization: Bulgaria, Kranevo, Dobrich region, Chernomorska str., 41.

Article 11. The office of Organization is located at the location of Chairman of the Board.

Article 12. 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 13. The official languages of the Organization are Bulgarian, Russian and English.

Article 14. 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 15. Organization carries out its activities in order to achieve the following objectives:

- The development and promotion of draughts in all countries of the world and at all levels, as a means of fostering the positive development of society;
- The strengthening of friendly relations among the members of the Organization.

Article 16. To fulfill its goals, Organization has the following objects of activity:

- 1) To be a modern, flexible, transparent, and accountable organization;
- 2) To foster closer ties among the Organization's members;
- 3) To assist in the establishment and development of all types of national draughts organizations and confederations;
- 4) To combat doping and promote peace in sport;
- 5) To organize world championships, continental championships, and other official competitions, and to assist members in hosting competitions of various levels across different disciplines of draughts;
- 6) To establish and publish rules governing the Organization's activities;
- 7) To strengthen and develop international ties and support close international cooperation among draughts enthusiasts, thereby fostering better international relations between the countries of the world;
- 8) To cooperate with—and, where possible, join—international organizations that aim to promote sports participation worldwide;
- 9) Develop and implement programs related to the sport of draughts;
- 10) Organize and conduct training and professional development activities for athletes, sports specialists, and referees, such as seminars, symposiums, conferences, lectures, exhibitions, international schools, distance learning, consultations, etc.;
- 11) Support the development of draughts among children, women, and persons with disabilities;
- 12) Provide necessary assistance to former athletes, sports veterans, and other individuals who have made significant contributions to the sport of draughts and are in need of support;
- 13) Conduct activities aimed at popularizing the game of draughts:
lectures, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, meetings, competitions, fairs, and other events related to draughts;
- 14) Develop and produce official commemorative and award-related items and symbols;
- 15) Engage in publishing activities related to the game of draughts;
- 16) To fight against the use of doping and other harmful health tools and methods in accordance with the World Anti-Doping Code of the World Anti-Doping Agency "WADA" and

international standards.

- 17) Solicit voluntary contributions and donations and allocate them toward the fulfillment of the Organization's objectives;
- 18) Conduct additional commercial activities, specifically: the provision of advertising services, sports services, and any other services permitted by law that are related to the scope of the Organization's primary activities and objectives. Revenues shall be used solely to further the Organization's scope of activity and its statutory objectives;
- 19) Engage in other activities related to the game of draughts that facilitate the achievement of the objectives for which the Organization was established.

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;
- Candidate Member.

Article 20. Conditions of membership:

Article 20.1. Full members are national organizations representing the game of draughts in their respective countries or territories. Only one organization per country may be recognized as a Full Member of the Organization.

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 competition rules and high judging standards; promote the participation of children, women, and persons with disabilities in draughts events; adhere to fair play principles; and safeguard the health and safety of 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 principles of good governance in all aspects of their daily activities.
- The Federation approves the membership of all national organizations that formally recognize the Organization's statutes and internal regulations and do not engage in activities contrary to those rules.

Article 20.2. Candidate Members are national organizations, whose representatives took part in official competitions IDF, but have not yet applied for membership.

Article 20.3. 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 20.4. The Board reviews each request and a majority of voices of all 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 20.5. 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 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 are required to:

- 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) at one's own request, by written application to the Board of the Organization. In this case, the member is considered to be withdrawn from the date of submission of the written statement;
- 2) expulsion by decision of the Board or the General Assembly of the Organization;
- 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 until the grounds for suspension are resolved, in the following cases:

- 1) violation of the Charter of the Organization;
- 2) Non-compliance with decisions made by the Organization's bodies;
- 3) amendments to the constitution/statutes, regulations, or directives that result in a failure to meet the conditions for membership in the Organization;
- 4) failure to fulfill financial obligations to the Organization, including the payment of annual membership fees;
- 5) misuse of the Organization's financial resources for the purpose of embezzlement or misappropriation of funds;
- 6) use of the name "International Draughts Federation" to pursue objectives contrary to the aims of the Charter;
- 7) 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. The General Meeting (GM) is the supreme governing body of the Organization. All members of the Organization participate in it, in person or through their legal representatives or persons authorized in writing 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. The General Meeting must be convened no later than sixty days before its start. Notice must be sent to members of the Organization via email and/or published on the official website of the Organization. The notice must specify the agenda, date, time and venue of the General Meeting, as well as the initiators of the General Meeting. Members of the Organization have the right to submit items for inclusion in the agenda to the Board; such items must be added to the agenda no later than thirty days before the General Meeting begins.

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 representatives (delegates) representing more than half of the Organization's voting members are present.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting is postponed by one hour and holds at the same venue 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.

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 at the General Meeting regarding amendments and additions to the Organization's Charter, as well as decisions on the reorganization or liquidation of the Organization, are adopted by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the delegates present at the General Meeting.

Article 36. Decisions are not made on matters that were not included in the agenda in advance.

Article 37. An Extraordinary General Meeting is held upon the proposal of the Board or at the

request of at least one-third of the Organization's voting members, no later than two months after the decision to hold it is made. An extraordinary General Meeting is convened only on matters for which it was convened. Notice of the convening of the Extraordinary General Meeting, specifying the reason for its convocation and the agenda, must be sent to the Organization's members via email and published on the Organization's official website no later than thirty days prior to the meeting. An extraordinary General Meeting may be held via absentee voting (by means of a poll). Such voting may be conducted through the exchange of documents via postal, telephone, electronic, or other communication channels that ensure the authenticity of transmitted and received messages and provide documentary confirmation thereof; the procedure must allow all members of the Organization to review all necessary documents and materials prior to the commencement of voting and must specify the deadline for the voting process.

The minutes recording the results of the absentee voting must state:

- the deadline for the submission of documents containing voting information;
- details regarding the persons who participated in the voting;
- the voting results for each agenda item;
- details regarding the persons who counted the votes;
- details regarding the persons who signed the minutes.

Article 38. The procedure for absentee voting in accordance with Article 37 may also be applied in the event that the Board of the Organization needs to make an urgent decision. In such cases, members of the Organization must be allowed at least one month for consultation prior to the vote. A decision is adopted by a majority of the votes cast by members entitled to vote at the time of the vote. The decision is ratified 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 powers:

- 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 at least seven individuals: the Chairman of the Board (President) and Board members elected from among the members of the Organization or from among individuals who

are members of a legal entity that is a member of the Organization.

Article 44. The Board is elected by the General Meeting by a majority of the delegates present for a four-year term.

Article 45. Meetings of the Board are held at least once a year at the initiative of the Chairman of the Board.

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 Chairman in the minutes of the meeting.

Article 47. The Chairman is responsible for convening, organizing and conducting the Board meetings. The Chairman must convene a meeting at the written request of one third of the Board members. If the Chairman 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 Chairman, 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 has the following powers:

- 1) to represent the Organization through its Chairperson;
- 2) to organize the implementation of decisions of the General Meeting;
- 3) to propose plans and programs of the Organization to the General Meeting;
- 4) to propose a draft budget for consideration by the General Meeting;
- 5) to prepare a report on the activities of the Organization and the budget for the General Meeting;
- 6) to determine the order and organize the activities of the Organization and take responsibility for it;
- 7) to determine the internal rules of the Organization;
- 8) to establish, at its discretion, any commissions and committees in various fields of activity;
- 9) to determine the procedure for the appointment and dismissal of staff and other internal rules of the Organization;
- 10) to liaise and coordinate with members of Organization and other Bulgarian and international organizations;
- 11) to make decisions regarding the establishment of other legal entities by the Organization and the Organization's participation in other legal entities; the establishment of branches and the opening of representative offices of the Organization;
- 12) to accept and to exclude members of the Organization, and suspend their membership;
- 13) to make decisions regarding the acquisition, management and disposal of the Organization's movable and immovable property, and approve the expenditure budget;
- 14) to perform other activities of the Organization that do not fall within the exclusive competence of the General Meeting or other bodies of the Organization;

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 Chairman and members of the Board.

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

- 1) expiration of the term of the Board and election of new Board members by the General Meeting;
- 2) early termination of a Board member 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. Chairman of the Board:

- 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 the Organization's staffing schedule to the Board and enters into employment contracts with the Organization's employees, civil-law contracts, including to perform additional activities and other types of contracts related main activities of the Organization;
- 5) exercises control over the implementation of the decisions of the Board;
- 6) appoints advisers and assistants to the Chairman of the Board;
- 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 Chairman 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. 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 65. 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 66. 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 67. The Organization can perform any transaction with respect to its property not contradicting the legislature in force and the Charter of the Organization.

Article 68. 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 69. Before each General Meeting the Organization's financial commission verifies the financial report of the Organization as auditors.

Article 70. Auditors provide its report on the audit of the financial report of the Organization to the General Meeting.

X. AMENDEMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHARTER

Article 71. Amendments and additions to the Charter of the Organization are made by decision of the General Meeting, if two thirds of the members of the Organization present at the General Meeting vote in favor.

XI. 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.

XII. 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 at the Constituent Meeting held on July 12, 2012. Amendments and additions were adopted at the General Meeting on October 19, 2014, August 29, 2016, August 30, 2018, and August 24, 2022.