

Regulations on Assembly and Elections in the Bulgarian Chess Federation

September 24, 2023

I. PREAMBLE

Following the common and agreed positions/conclusions of Mr. Erald Dervishi - ECU representative, and Mr. Daniel Florea - FIDE Special Envoy, regarding the *Bulgarian Chess Federation Issue Concerned* and proposals toward a sustainable, final and long-lasting solution, approved by the FIDE Council Decision CM1-2023/451, April 4, 2023, as well as the Decisions of the Round Table of June 17, 2023, it was decided to create a Provisional Committee. The creation of the Provisional Committee was endorsed by the FIDE Council decision of June 27, 2023. The Provisional Committee is entrusted with the ordinary administrative duties of the Bulgarian Chess Federation until the new elections of the President and Executive Committee and with taking all the necessary measures regarding the organization of new joint Elections.

These Regulations on Assembly and Elections aim to establish rules and conditions for organizing the Elective General Assembly (“**EGA**”) meeting at the Bulgarian Chess Federation on September 24, 2023.

II. INTERPRETATION

1. Capitalized terms used in these Regulations on Assembly and Elections shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Bulgarian Chess Federation 64 Statutes.
2. The following terms – used in these Regulations on Assembly and Elections only – have the meanings ascribed to them in this article:

“**2023 Elections**” means the Elections for Executive Committee members and President of the Bulgarian Chess Federation to take place on the occasion of the EGA meeting on September 24, 2023.

“**Bulgarian Chess Federation**” means the *Bulgarian Chess Federation 64*, registered under Bulgaria’s Law for Non-Profit Corporate Bodies (Reg. No. 207024454).

“**Campaign Rules**” means the rules governing electoral campaigning, as further described in Article 28 below.

“Candidate” means any person who runs for President, Vice-President, or Executive Committee member.

“Chairperson” means the person presiding over the EGA meeting.

“Statutes” mean the Bulgarian Chess Federation Statutes adopted on July 18, 2022, together with all subsequent amendments.

“Delegate” means a delegate appointed by an Eligible Club to represent it at the EGA meeting with a voting right.

“Elections” mean a decision-making process by which the Delegates at the EGA meeting choose persons to hold a position as Executive Committee member and President.

“Eligible Club” means a Club that complies with the requirements of Article 20 in conjunction with Article 7 of the Statutes and Article 11 below.

“ECU” means the European Chess Union.

“FIDE” means the International Chess Federation.

“FIDE/ECU Report” means the report by FIDE and ECU representatives regarding the situation with the Bulgarian Chess Federation and their suggested way forward, approved by the FIDE Council Decision CM1-2023/451, April 4, 2023, and endorsed by the FIDE Council decision of June 27, 2023.

“Committee” means the Provisional Committee created following the FIDE Council Decision CM1-2023/451, April 4, 2023, as well as the Decisions of the Round Table of June 17, 2023.

“Regulations” mean these Regulations on Assembly and Elections.

“Related Persons” are: a) spouses, relatives by direct line – without restrictions, by collateral line – up to the fourth degree inclusive; b) employer and employee; c) the persons, one of whom participates in the management of the other’s company.

3. In these Regulations, unless otherwise specified:

a) References to articles are references to articles in these Regulations;

b) If there is any inconsistency between these Regulations and the Statutes, the Statutes shall prevail.

4. All headings and titles in these Regulations have been inserted for ease of reference only and may not be considered an aid to its interpretation.

III. GENERAL REMARKS

Article 1 Scope of Application

These Regulations apply to the EGA, particularly to the 2023 Elections and the related work of the Committee.

Article 2 Principles, Obligations and Rights of Parties, Government Interference

1. The democratic principles of segregation of powers, transparency, and publicizing of the electoral processes of the Bulgarian Chess Federation must be observed without exception.
2. Government interference of any kind in the electoral process or composition of the EGA of the Bulgarian Chess Federation is not permitted. Consequently, the Bulgarian Chess Federation's electoral rules shall not require any government body's approval. Furthermore:
 - a) The Bulgarian Chess Federation shall adopt and approve the electoral rules of its elected internal bodies in accordance with these Regulations;
 - b) At the very least, the electoral rules of the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall include the following information: the number of members and elections of the EGA; deadlines, requirements, regulations, and the announcement of the final lists of Candidates; the voting procedure and the announcement of the results; verification of the procedure and appeals;
 - c) The Bulgarian Chess Federation shall inform its elected internal bodies and members of the 2023 Elections and its electoral rules at one month's notice;
 - d) Unless these Regulations state otherwise, the elected internal bodies of the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall continue to exercise their functions until the completion of the electoral process and the registration of the new management by the Registry Agency.

IV. THE COMMITTEE

Article 3 Basic Principles

1. The Committee shall organize and supervise the election process and take all decisions relating to the election.
2. The past and current members of the Committee must under no circumstances run for an elected post.
3. The relevant Bulgarian Chess Federations nominate the members of the Committee.
4. The members of the Committee must immediately decline to give an opinion and withdraw from the matter in progress if they are:
 - a) a relative, whether by birth or marriage, of one of the Candidates for an elected post;
 - b) a government official of any kind.
5. If a member does not fulfill the above requirements, the member in question shall immediately leave their position and be replaced by a substitute.

Article 4 Election

For simplification and efficiency, the Committee is assigned the duties and responsibilities that the Bulgarian Chess Federation normally assigns to the Electoral Bureau appointed on the day of the EGA.

Article 5 Composition

1. The Committee is composed of seven members.
2. The Committee comprises:
 - Mr. Daniel Florea, **FIDE Special Envoy** (co-chairperson);
 - Mr. Erald Dervishi, **ECU Representative** (co-chairperson);
 - Mr. Georgi Gradev as a representative of **the Bulgarian Chess Federation** (member, also assisting with the secretarial duties and translation);
 - Mr. Ruslan Toshev as a representative of **the Bulgarian Chess Federation 1928** (member);
 - Mr. Kiril Georgiev, as a representative of **the Chess Federation Bulgaria** (member);
 - Mr. Atanas Kurtenkov as a representative of **the Association Bulgarian Chess Federation** (member);

- Free Spot reserved for **the Bulgarian Chess Federation 2022** (whenever they decide to join the process) (member).
3. If one or more members of the Committee cannot carry out their duties, they shall resign from the Committee immediately. Any member who resigns shall be replaced by a substitute.
 4. The Committee may be assisted by members of the general secretariat at any time.

Article 6 Duties

1. The Committee is mainly responsible for all tasks relating to the organization, running, and supervising the EGA. In particular, it is responsible for the following:
 - a) Ensure that the 2023 Elections take place in accordance with the Statutes, Bulgarian law, the directives and regulations of FIDE and ECU, and these Regulations, and certify the voting results for all positions;
 - b) Strictly enforcing the statutory deadlines for the EGA;
 - c) Distributing information to the members of the EGA as well as to the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Bulgarian chess community, the media, and the general public;
 - d) Managing relations with the Ministry of Youth and Sports;
 - e) Managing the candidature procedure (launch, distribution of information, evaluation, publication of official list, etc.);
 - f) Organizing, in administrative and technical terms, the EGA;
 - g) Determining and verifying the eligibility of Clubs, Delegates, and Candidates intending to participate in the EGA (in accordance with the admissibility requirements stipulated below);
 - h) Drawing up the list of Eligible Clubs and Delegates;
 - i) Verifying the identity of the Delegates under the supervision of a notary appointed for this purpose;
 - j) Monitoring the voting procedure during the EGA using the electoral register;
 - k) Counting the votes;
 - l) Taking any decision that is necessary regarding the validity or invalidity of a ballot;
 - m) In general, passing a definitive decision on any matters relating to the voting procedure during the EGA;
 - n) Deciding on any issue that arises regarding the 2023 Elections and ensuring the integrity of the election process;
 - o) Verifying the official minutes of the 2023 Elections before distributing them to the Registry Agency and, if necessary, to the Ministry of Youth and Sports;

- p) Declaring the official results;
 - q) Organizing a media conference, if necessary;
 - r) All other tasks, necessary to ensure the smooth running of the electoral process and dealing with unforeseen circumstances.
2. The Committee may delegate the fulfillment of the above responsibilities or duties (a), (c), (g), (i), (q), and (r) to one or several of its members or to a third party.
 3. The Bulgarian Chess Federation, the Bulgarian Chess Federation 1928, the Chess Federation Bulgaria, the Association Bulgarian Chess Federation, the Bulgarian Chess Federation 2022, and all of their officials and member Clubs shall be bound to comply to the fullest extent with any instructions or requests by the Committee, notably by providing all information required for such unit to conduct its tasks.
 4. Logistical matters shall be handled by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, the Bulgarian Chess Federation 1928, the Chess Federation Bulgaria, the Association Bulgarian Chess Federation, and/or the Bulgarian Chess Federation 2022.

Article 7 Convoking the Committee and Quorum

1. Only if the Committee is convened validly by its co-chairpersons is it entitled to deliberate and pass decisions.
2. A quorum is constituted by the simple majority of the members of the Committee (including the co-chairpersons).

Article 8 Decisions

1. All of the Committee's decisions must be passed unanimously.
2. If a unanimous decision cannot be reached, the co-chairpersons of the Committee shall have a veto right and shall decide alone.
3. Decisions are recorded in minutes signed by the co-chairpersons and the secretary of the Committee.
4. All of the Committee's decisions shall be submitted by the co-chairpersons to FIDE, ECU, and the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Bulgaria for their information.

V. ELECTIVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 9 Form and Date

1. The EGA meeting of the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall take place with the physical presence of Delegates.
2. The EGA meeting shall take place on September 24, 2023. The Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Chess Federation will decide on the venue and announce it.

Article 10 Deadline for Convoking the Elective General Assembly

1. The Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall convoke the EGA as per Article 15 of the Statutes.
2. The invitation to convene the EGA must contain the meeting's agenda, date, time, place, and on whose initiative it is convened.
3. The invitation shall be notified to the member clubs **by August 24, 2023**, as outlined in Article 16.1 of the Statutes. In addition, the invitation may be announced in the Registry Agency and through the media.
4. A notification will also be addressed to the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

Article 11 Eligible Clubs

1. The Committee shall determine the Clubs deemed Eligible Clubs per the provisions below and Article 20 in conjunction with Article 7 of the Statutes.
2. For the purpose of Article 20 of the Statutes, to be deemed an Eligible Club, a Club must be a regular member of the Bulgarian Chess Federation and must comply with the membership requirements in accordance with Article 7 of the Statutes as follows:
 - a) Has a registration under Bulgaria's Law for Non-Profit Corporate Bodies;
 - b) Develops chess activity;
 - c) Has sports-pedagogical personnel;
 - d) Has a material base for educational and training activities.
3. In addition, to be deemed an Eligible Club, a Club must also comply with the following additional requirements:

- a) The Club must have been created and registered under Bulgaria's Law for Non-Profit Corporate Bodies before June 21, 2023;¹
 - b) The name shall include the word "club" and words indicating the practice of sporting activities per Article 14.1 of Bulgaria's Law on Physical Education and Sports;
 - c) The members of its governing body are not Related Persons per Article 15(1)(2) of Bulgaria's Law on Physical Education and Sports;
 - d) The members of the Club's management body and any Related Persons must not be members of the management body of another chess Club that is a member of the Bulgarian Chess Federation per Article 15(1)(3) of Bulgaria's Law on Physical Education and Sports;
 - e) The Club must submit a request for membership to the Bulgarian Chess Federation (if it is not yet a member) **by July 31, 2023**. The Committee may decide to extend this deadline but not later than August 11, 2023.
4. Clubs not complying with the above requirements shall be deemed ineligible for participation in the EGA.
 5. Subject to the competence of the Committee provided for in Article 11.1 above, final decisions on membership shall be taken by the Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Chess Federation according to Article 29.2 in conjunction with Article 9 of the Statutes.

Article 12 Expenses

1. The Bulgarian Chess Federation, the Bulgarian Chess Federation 1928, the Chess Federation Bulgaria, the Association Bulgarian Chess Federation, and the Bulgarian Chess Federation 2022 (should it decide to participate) shall bear the expenses related to the hosting of the EGA in equal shares (including the costs of an interpreter as per Article 17 below).
2. Each Eligible Club shall bear the costs of travel, accommodation, and meals for the Delegate attending the EGA meeting.

Article 13 Participation in the Elective General Assembly

1. Each Eligible Club shall be represented at the EGA by one Delegate, who has the right to one vote as per Article 20.5 of the Statutes.

¹ Newly created (fake) Clubs, without any real members and activities, with the apparent purpose to participate in the 2023 Elections will not be declared Eligible Clubs and will not be allowed to participate in the Elective General Assembly.

2. A Delegate does not have the right to vote when deciding issues related to (a) him, his spouse, or relatives by direct line - without restrictions, by silver line – up to the fourth degree, or by matchmaking – up to the second degree inclusive; (b) legal entities in which he is a manager or can impose or hinder decision-making, as per Article 23 of the Statutes.
3. The names of the Delegates shall be submitted to the Committee when Eligible Clubs are registering to the EGA as per Article 14 below. Further amendments can only be made under extraordinary circumstances and shall be provided **by September 18, 2023**, at the latest.
4. The Committee shall determine the Delegates deemed eligible to represent Clubs at the EGA per the provisions below and Articles 20.1, 20.4, and 21 of the Statutes.
6. For the purpose of Articles 20.1, 20.4, and 21 of the Statutes, to be deemed an eligible Delegate, they must comply with the following requirements:
 - a) Delegates by right are the legal representatives of the Clubs members of the Bulgarian Chess Federation;
 - b) A Delegate that is prevented from participating in the EGA may authorize another member of their Club. This authorization takes place with a written power of attorney signed by the legal representative of the Club. The power of attorney must be notarized;
 - c) One Delegate may represent no more than three Clubs based on a written power of attorney with notarized signatures issued by the legal representatives of the respective Clubs. Reauthorization is not allowed.
7. In addition, when the Delegate is a member of the Club's management body, any Related Persons must not be members of the management body of another chess Club member of the Bulgarian Chess Federation. Otherwise, the Delegate shall be deemed ineligible.
8. Delegates not complying with the above requirements shall be deemed ineligible for participation in the EGA. The relevant Eligible Club shall be entitled to replace an ineligible Delegate **by September 18, 2023**.
9. The Committee shall enter the eligible Delegates onto a list, which shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Chess Federation. Only a Delegate registered by the Committee may vote and speak on behalf of and act as a representative of a Club at the EGA.
10. The following persons have the right to take part in the EGA without any voting rights:
 - (a) The Committee co-chairpersons and members;
 - (b) The Technical Director per Article 37 of the Statutes;
 - (c) The Legal Counsel (if any);
 - (d) Honorary Officials;

(e) Any other person invited by the Bulgarian Chess Federation, FIDE, or ECU.

11. Subject to the competence of the Committee provided for in Article 13.3 above, final decisions on the eligibility of Delegates to take part in the EGA shall be taken by the Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Chess Federation.

Article 14 Registration to the Elective General Assembly

1. When registering to the EGA, each Club shall be obliged to supply the Committee and the Bulgarian Chess Federation with all necessary information as provided in Articles 11 and 13 above and Articles 7, 20, and 21 of the Statutes.
2. The Committee and the Executive Committee of the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall inform the Clubs about the electoral rules and the opening and closing dates of the registrations as soon as practically possible. The announcement must be made so that it is accessible for and reaches all chess Clubs in the Republic of Bulgaria.

Article 15 Quorum

1. The EGA is legal if more than half of the members of the Bulgarian Chess Federation with the right to vote are present as per Article 17 of the Statutes.
2. If, at the appointed time of the EGA, it turns out that there is not the necessary majority, it will be postponed for one hour later at the same place and with the same agenda and can be held regardless of how many members are present as per Article 18 of the Statutes.

Article 16 Chairperson

1. The President of the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall preside over the EGA.
2. The Chairperson may delegate to a person of their choice the authority to chair the EGA at any given time. Such authority may be revoked at any time.
3. The Chairperson shall ensure that the EGA is conducted in compliance with the Statutes, these Regulations on Assembly and Elections, and Bulgaria's Law for Non-Profit Corporate Bodies. They shall open, conduct, and close all the debates. They shall grant Delegates permission to speak and allot the time within which they may do so.
4. The Chairperson may propose to prolong the debates; the debates shall only be prolonged if such a proposal is accepted by a simple majority of the votes.
5. The Chairperson is responsible for ensuring good order during the EGA meeting. The Chairperson may sanction any person who misbehaves inside the EGA venue (e.g., if they speak

without permission or yell or disturb another person or the smooth running of the EGA meeting). Disciplinary sanctions shall be a reprimand, caution against suspension from the EGA meeting, or suspension from the EGA meeting.

6. A suspended Delegate from the EGA meeting will have the right to vote but will not have the right to participate in the debates.

Article 17 Interpreter

1. The Committee shall appoint a qualified interpreter to translate from Bulgarian to English and vice versa.
2. The costs of the interpreter shall be borne as set forth in Article 12.1 above.

Article 18 Debates

1. A short report shall precede debates on each item on the agenda. Following each report, the Chairperson then opens the debate.
2. Permission to speak is granted in the order in which it is requested. A speaker may not begin speaking until they have obtained permission from the Chairperson.
3. A Delegate may only speak once on the same subject. If the Chairperson deems it necessary, they may authorize the Delegate to speak more than once.

Article 19 Procedure of Voting on a Decision Unrelated to the 2023 Elections

1. Individual voting shall be held on each agenda item.
2. Each Delegate shall vote by raising a hand or their Delegate card. The manner in which the voting will be carried out shall be announced by the Chairperson before the vote.
3. The Chairperson shall conduct and manage the voting procedure. The Chairperson may appoint scrutineers.
4. Before each vote, the Chairperson shall read the text of the proposal aloud and explain the voting procedure to the EGA.
5. No one is permitted to address the EGA during the votes and until after the final results have been announced.
6. The Chairperson shall announce the results.

VI. 2023 ELECTIONS

Article 20 Nomination of a Candidate

1. The Eligible Clubs shall nominate presidential candidates in writing to the Committee and the Bulgarian Chess Federation by email no later than 20 days before the EGA meeting date. The nominated presidential candidates must provide the names of their “main management team” (as defined in the Statutes) in writing to the Committee and the Bulgarian Chess Federation by email no later than 15 days before the EGA. The Eligible Clubs shall nominate all other Candidates in writing to the Committee and the Bulgarian Chess Federation by the Clubs by email no later than 15 days before the EGA.
2. An Eligible Club may nominate one Candidate for President and/or up to two Candidates for the Executive Committee. The Eligible Clubs are encouraged to promote candidatures from female Candidates.

Article 21 Assessing Candidates’ Eligibility – General Provisions

1. The assessment of each Candidate’s eligibility shall be conducted by the Committee as further described below. The Committee and the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall notify the provisional list of Candidates no later than seven days before the EGA. The directly interested parties shall have three days to complain to the Committee. After that, the Committee and the Bulgarian Chess Federation shall notify the final list of Candidates. The Committee shall have the power to exclude a Candidate from the final list in case of exceptional circumstances.
2. If at any time during the election process, the Committee determines that a Candidate seems not to fulfill an eligibility criterion, the Candidate shall be declared ineligible to stand elections.

Article 22 Check of a Candidate’s Eligibility – Special Provisions

1. The Committee shall conduct a check of each Candidate’s eligibility.
2. The eligibility criteria are defined by Articles 25 and 28 of the Statutes and below.
3. For the purpose of Articles 25.1, 25.3, 28.1, and 28.3 of the Statutes, to be deemed to be an eligible Candidate for President, the Candidate: (a) must be an adult Bulgarian citizen who is a member of a chess Club, member of the Bulgarian Chess Federation; (b) the Candidate for President must nominate a “main management team” (as defined in the Statutes) with which they will work; (c) the Candidate for President must be physically present at the EGA.
4. For the purpose of Article 28.2 of the Statutes, the Candidate for Executive Committee member is eligible even if they are not a Delegate or physically present at the EGA.

5. In addition, to be deemed eligible, the Candidate must not be (a) an individual involved actively and directly in the ECU-Bulgarian Chess Federation case (taking part or blocking the investigation, covering the case) unless they provide clear evidence that at the time of exercising their duties, they differentiate their position openly, or (b) a Related Person to such an individual.
6. The past and current members of the Committee are not eligible to run for an elected post.
7. The Committee shall enter the eligible Candidates onto a list. Only a Candidate registered by the Committee may stand for an elected post.
8. The Committee shall apply the criteria listed in Articles 25 and 28 of the Statutes and in these Regulations to assess whether any given Candidate is eligible to run for an elected post. It may also consider whether the Candidate has complied with the Campaign Rules set forth in Article 28 below. A breach of the Campaign Rules may lead to declaring the Candidate ineligible. The Committee shall conduct its analysis in full independence, in the spirit of the Statutes and these Regulations, benefitting from a margin of appreciation when applying the criteria listed therein.
9. The Committee shall issue decisions only with respect to ineligible Candidates.
10. The Chairperson shall announce the list of approved Candidates before the voting.

Article 23 Procedure for Voting in the 2023 Elections – General Provisions

1. Elections shall be carried out by open ballot per Articles 24.3 and 25.2 of the Statutes.
2. Each Delegate shall vote by raising a hand or their Delegate card.
3. The voting process shall be controlled by an independent notary, proposed by the Committee, or by the Bulgarian Chess Federation and accepted by the Committee. In addition, the Chairperson shall appoint scrutineers. Members of the Committee or other persons may act as scrutineers.
4. The Committee shall be in charge of giving any recommendations and instructions to ensure the integrity of the Elections.
5. The election shall be declared valid if the number of votes is equal to or fewer than the number of Delegates present. If the number of votes exceeds that of Delegates present, the vote shall be declared null and void, and another vote shall be taken immediately.
6. No one is permitted to address the EGA during the votes and until after the final results have been announced.

Article 24 Procedure for Voting in the 2023 Elections – Special Provisions for the Election of Executive Committee and President

1. The Chairperson may check the quorum before commencing the voting procedure.
2. The Chairperson shall explain in detail the voting procedure (count, required majorities, results, etc.) and cite any relevant statutory or legislative provisions.
3. The Executive Committee (including the President) will be elected for a term of five years as per Articles 24.3 and 28.1 of the Statutes.
4. The President is a member of the Executive Committee by right as per Article 28.4 of the Statutes.
5. The Candidate for President proposes a “main management team” with which they intend to work (as defined in the Statutes). The President and the “main management team” shall be elected by block voting per Article 28.1 in conjunction with Article 25.2 of the Statutes.
6. The remaining applications for members of the Executive Committee are proposed and elected according to the general procedure as per Article 28.1 of the Statutes.
7. The counting procedure begins as soon as the Chairperson calls a vote.
8. The Chairperson shall announce the result of each ballot, with all Candidates being ranked based on the number of votes obtained by each of them.
9. The decisions on electing President and Executive Committee members shall be taken by a simple majority (more than fifty percent) of the present Delegates as per Article 22 of the Statutes.
10. The Candidates who have obtained the highest number of votes shall be elected.
11. If a second (or subsequent) round of voting is required, the voting procedure shall be repeated in accordance with the above articles. The members of the EGA are also to be informed of the elimination of Candidates.
12. If neither of the Candidates for President (including the “main management team”) receives the required votes, then the process described above shall be followed, with a second ballot being conducted with only the two best-placed Candidates after the first round of voting being included in that further ballot.
13. If, at any moment during the electoral process, two or more Candidates are tied with an equal number of votes when fewer elective positions are available, then the process described above shall be followed, with a further ballot being conducted with only the tied Candidates being included in that further ballot.

14. The above process shall be conducted under the authority of the Chairperson.
15. The Committee shall ensure that the criteria and the voting process for President and Executive Committee members are duly explained before the EGA; such explanations shall be repeated by the Chairperson before the vote.

Article 25 Minutes of the Elective General Assembly Meeting

1. A secretary or secretaries appointed by the Chairperson shall take the minutes of the EGA.
2. The minutes of the EGA shall contain the following:
 - (1) Place and date of the meeting;
 - (2) Indication of the type of the assembly meeting (e.g., Elective);
 - (3) Form of the assembly meeting (e.g., in person);
 - (4) Quorum (including any subsequent check of quorum by the Chairperson);
 - (5) Agenda;
 - (6) Consideration of each agenda item (including a short description of the debates, the taken decision, and the result of voting);
 - (7) Other significant issues.
3. The President of the Bulgarian Chess Federation and the person(s) who took the minutes of the EGA shall sign the minutes.
4. The Bulgarian Chess Federation shall publish the minutes in the Registry Agency.

Article 26 Declaration of Results

1. Once the count has been completed and verified, the Chairperson shall officially declare the results to the members of the EGA.
2. If a second (or subsequent) round of voting is required, the voting procedure shall be repeated in accordance with the above articles. The Delegates are also to be informed of the provisions that apply for the second (and subsequent) rounds of voting (e.g., any changes to the majority required, elimination of candidates).

Article 27 Verification of Procedure

A notary or person of equivalent legal status recognized under Bulgarian law shall attend the EGA and draw up minutes. They are specifically responsible for verifying the identity of the voters and ensuring compliance with the voting procedure.

Article 28 Campaign Rules

1. The following Campaign Rules are mandatory:
 - (1) Candidates shall abide by the Statutes and these Regulations;
 - (2) Candidates shall conduct their campaigns with honesty, dignity, moderation, and respect for their opponents;
 - (3) Candidates shall not directly or indirectly solicit, accept or offer any form of remuneration or commission, or any concealed benefit or service of any nature, connected with any Bulgarian Chess Federation activity or election or appointment to office;
 - (4) Candidates shall in no case and under no pretext give presents or offer donations or gifts or grant advantages or benefits of whatever nature to or at the request of any party who will vote at, or who may otherwise influence, the 2023 Elections;
 - (5) Candidates shall not enter into any promise or undertaking to personally act (whether as a Candidate or following the election) for the direct or indirect benefit of a Club, a chess player, or individuals within the Bulgarian Chess Federation;
 - (6) Candidates shall not accept paid travel, expenses, air tickets, or accommodation from other Candidates, their representatives, members, or other associated organizations to attend meetings and activities directly related to a Candidate's election;
 - (7) Candidates shall not enter into any form of undertaking with any individual or organization that is likely to affect the Candidate's freedom of decision or action if elected;
 - (8) Candidates may make declarations or give interviews provided that they comply with these rules;
 - (9) Candidates shall not produce (or cause third parties to produce) any spoken word, written text, or representation of any nature likely to harm the image or reputation of another Candidate;
 - (10) Candidates shall not engage in any act, collaboration, or collusion by or between Candidates intending to defraud or manipulate the result of the vote.
2. The Candidates are liable – and may be subject to sanctions – if the Campaign Rules are breached as a result of the conduct of an advisor, service provider, or member of the entourage of the Candidate or an official of the Club of the Candidate, or any person exercising a function in the context of the campaign of the Candidate, even if the Candidate can prove their absence of personal fault or negligence.

Article 29 Consequences of a Breach of these Regulations on Assembly and Elections

1. The Committee shall decide on each case whether a breach of these Regulations (including a breach of the Campaign Rules or a failure to provide accurate information) has been committed. It may start a procedure either *ex officio* or based on a complaint of an official, the Bulgarian Chess Federation, a Candidate, or a Club.
2. Before issuing any decision, the Committee shall notify the Candidate of opening proceedings against them, grant the right to be acquainted with the charges against them, and exercise the right to be heard.
3. Where the Committee has determined that there has been a breach of these Regulations, it may:
 - a. Warn the Candidate;
 - b. Declare a Candidate ineligible;
 - c. Take any other measures it deems appropriate in the circumstances to safeguard the integrity of the electoral process.
4. The Committee decision will be final and binding, not subject to appeal.
5. The Committee may decide to publish its decision.

Article 30 Enforcement

These Regulations on Assembly and Elections were approved by the Committee when it convened online on July 11, 2023, and came into force immediately.

VII. FINAL PROVISIONS

Violations, Rights of FIDE and ECU, Archiving of Documents, Omissions

1. Failure by the Bulgarian Chess Federation to apply the principles of these Regulations may lead to the 2023 Elections not being recognized by FIDE and ECU.
2. FIDE and ECU have the right to intervene in the electoral processes at any time to monitor its integrity and check that these Regulations and the Statutes are being strictly applied.
3. The Committee shall hand over all the official documents relating to the 2023 Elections to the Bulgarian Chess Federation's general secretariat, which is responsible for passing them on to the relevant bodies, where required, and archiving them.
4. All matters relating to the administrative and technical organization of the EGA that are not covered by these Regulations on Assembly and Elections shall be ruled upon by the Committee.
5. All matters relating to running the 2023 Elections not covered by these Regulations shall be ruled upon by the Committee.
6. The members of the Committee shall observe the utmost impartiality when carrying out their duties.

Sofia, July 11, 2023

FOR THE COMMITTEE

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