



# INTERNATIONAL DRAUGHTS FEDERATION

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To the FMJD President Janek Maggi

Dear Janek,

Currently, two international federations are developing draughts in the world:

1. World Draughts Federation (FMJD), member of GAISF, developing mainly draughts on a 100-square board.
2. International Draughts Federation (IDF), member of TAFISA, an organization recognized by the IOC, developing various types of draughts on a 64-square board.

IDF has a stable financial position, a harmonious system of drawing for championships and world cups, clear rules for holding competitions and good prospects for further development. IDF members are 68 national federations.

IDF's successes speak for themselves. All planned events are held regularly.

Players from 44 countries took part in the most representative world championship 2017 (in 2015 - 43 countries). Since 2016, IDF has regularly held continental championships not only in Europe and Asia, but also in Africa and the American continent. In 2016, draughts-64 (Russian and Brazilian draughts) were presented at the VI TAFISA World Sports Games in Jakarta. Draughts-64 are also included in the program of the VII TAFISA World Sports Games 2021 in Lisbon. These prestigious competitions are held under the patronage of the IOC, TAFISA and UNESCO.

In 2016, draughts-64 were presented in the program of the VI International Sports Games "Children of Asia" under the patronage of the IOC.

In 2020, in connection with the coronavirus pandemic, the IDF began to hold online tournaments. The African Championship (60 participants, 8 countries), the Victory Cup (540 participants, 28 countries), tournaments in Russian and Brazilian draughts within famous Mind Sports Olympiad 2020 (550 participants, 34 countries) were successfully held.

At the same time FMJD has recently opened section of Russian and Brazilian draughts. However, their activity turned out to be ineffective, since it is IDF that successfully develops these types of draughts. This is evidenced by the unconditional support of the IDF activities by countries developing draughts-64.

We understand that the presence of two federations developing the same types of draughts in the world causes great harm to the image of the sport in the international arena, hinders its development and promotion.

Once again, we propose to sit down at the negotiating table and establish cooperation between our federations for the benefit of draughts.

## **Our proposals:**

1. FMJD and IDF are united into one structure:

- 1.1. Union of two federations or
- 1.2. Under the umbrella FMJD, where:

The IDF will be responsible for the development of draughts on the 64-square board (Russian, Brazilian, pool-checkers, Portuguese and other types of draughts-64).

The FMJD as it is now will develop draughts-100, checkers and Turkish draughts.