Minutes of the FMJD Executive Council meeting

FMJD Protocol Number: 23/10/2026

Teams Meeting, Friday, October 23d 2026, 14:00 P.M. Lausanne time

With the presence of **Janek Mäggi** President, **Carlo Bordini** International Relations, **Jan van Dijk** Secretary General, **Magda Pawłowska** Tournament Director (Y), **Lyublyana Turiy** Tournament Director, **Aare Harak** Executive Director FMJD, **Jean Marc Ndjofang** Chairman of Players Committee, **Oumar Thiero** President of African Draughts Confederation, **Clifton Agata** President of the Pan- American Confederation, **Richard Przewozniak** the FMJD Board Adviser, **Vitalia Doumesh** Office Manager.

1. Opening of the Meeting and Approval of Agenda

FMJD President Janek Mäggi opened the meeting after confirming that a quorum was present. The meeting proceeded according to the circulated Agenda.

2. Approval of New FMJD Titles

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Vitalia Doumesh (FMJD Office)
- **Description:** Review and approval of the submissions for new international draughts titles.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To approve the submitted list of new FMJD title recipients.

16579 1513 title mi Rene Wijpkema
15662 1512 title mf Coen Bommel
23355 1510 title mff Vasylysa Kutsenko
27132 1509 title gmif Alise Misane
22927 1507 title mif Malvine Misane
10809 1506 title cmf G Olios
20718 1494 title mf Augustas Gainovskis
20280 1493 title mif Aiste Pukstaite
11129 1503 title mf Guido Van Den Berg
14962 1517 title gmi Bogdan Panchenkov

The Executive Council reviewed the submitted applications for new FMJD player titles.

Jan van Dijk raised a question regarding the existing title requirements. Lyublyana Turiy explained that these rules had been in place for many years and that, if Jan van Dijk wished to propose any changes, he could submit a proposal to the General Assembly.

The Council also discussed delays in processing arbiter title applications due to the inactivity of the Technical Committee.

Decision:
The submitted FMJD player titles were approved.

Follow-up: Lyublyana Turiy will review the pending arbiter title applications and follow up with the Technical Committee.

3. Review and Approval of the 2027 FMJD Calendar

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Vitalia Doumesh (FMJD Office)
- **Description:** Review of the proposed FMJD Calendar for 2027.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To review and approve the proposed FMJD Calendar for 2027.

The Executive Council reviewed the draft 2027 FMJD Calendar. Several scheduling questions were discussed, including the coordination of tournament dates in Africa.

Carlo Bordini and Magda Pawłowska shared their views on the overall planning of the Calendar. Magda Pawłowska also emphasised the importance of publishing the Calendar as soon as possible, as national federations need this information to prepare their own calendars.

Jean Marc Ndjofang requested an official letter for the Cameroon Ministry of Sports to support the organisation of the proposed World Cup. Lyublyana Turiy agreed to prepare the letter.

Janek Mäggi noted that approximately one hour had been spent discussing the Calendar and noted that detailed discussions could take place before EC meetings. He stressed the need to finalise the Calendar without further delay.

Magda Pawłowska will work on the dates of the World Youth Championships.

Conclusion: The 2027 FMJD Calendar was not formally approved during the meeting.

Follow-up: Aare Harak will coordinate the work on finalising the Calendar, with the entire team working closely together to complete it within one week.

4. Status of e-voting

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Jan van Dijk (Secretary General)
- **Description:** October 25 will be one year anniversary since the last General Assembly meeting. The progress of e-voting has been discussed at several EC meetings, expectations set, but the voting materials not sent out yet. Members ask for it. This matter requires urgent attention and resolution. FMJD Webmaster provided a framework for it but it has not been tested yet.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** Need to establish a final deadline for distributing the voting materials and conducting the e-vote. The current responsible officer is Jan van Dijk. If Jan van Dijk for some reason cannot complete this task, suggest reassigning this task to others

The Executive Council discussed the status of e-voting, which has remained pending for approximately one year despite being included in the Agenda of several previous meetings.

The current responsible officer is Jan van Dijk. He mentioned that Alexander Presman had developed a new e-voting system.

Lyublyana Turiy asked when Jan van Dijk would organise e-voting and whether FMJD regulations would allow the task to be reassigned if Jan van Dijk could not carry it out.

Conclusion: No decision was taken during the meeting.

Follow-up: Janek Mäggi will discuss the matter separately.

5. Report of CSIT Congress

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Aare Harak (Executive Director)
- **Description:** Lyublyana Turiy and Aare Harak attended CSIT Congress in Aalborg, Denmark October 13-18, 2026 and investigated the opportunity to organize a championship during CSIT Games in July 2027. It was decided that it will be possible to organize blitz/classic world championship amateurs as part of CSIT Games 2027 from June 6 through June 13. Details will be provided in brief ppt.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** Approval of the proposed championship format and required further steps.

Lyublyana Turiy reported on her and Aare Harak's participation in the CSIT Congress in Aalborg, Denmark and outlined opportunities for further cooperation between FMJD and CSIT.

Lyublyana Turiy also outlined a proposal to organise World Amateur Draughts Championships during the CSIT World Sports Games in Aalborg in June 2027, including classical and blitz competitions, with the possibility of including other draughts disciplines, such as 64-square draughts, checkers and Turkish draughts.

The Executive Council discussed the proposed tournament format, eligibility criteria for amateur players and organisational arrangements. Lyublyana Turiy explained that there would be no limit on the number of participants, which could be 100, 200 or any other number.

Jan van Dijk raised questions regarding the eligibility criteria for amateur players. Lyublyana Turiy provided further explanations of the proposed arrangements.

Conclusion: The proposal was discussed, but no final decision was taken regarding the championship format or participation criteria.

6. Support for the African Confederation

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Janek Mäggi (FMJD President) / EC FMJD

- **Description:** Proposal to provide financial support of €5,000 to the African Confederation for the organisation of the African Championship.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To approve financial support of €5,000 for the African Confederation for the African Championship.

The Executive Council considered the proposal to provide financial support of €5,000 to the African Confederation for the organisation of the African Championship.

Decision: The proposal was approved. The FMJD will provide €5,000 in financial support to the African Confederation for the organisation of the African Championship.

7. Approval of the New FMJD Turkish Draughts Section Board

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Vitalia Doumesh (FMJD Office) / Aare Harak (Executive Director)
- **Description:** Review of the proposed composition of the FMJD Turkish Draughts Section Board, submitted by Salem Alazmi, Chair of the FMJD Turkish Draughts Section, and approved by Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj, President of the Asian Draughts Confederation.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To formally approve the proposed composition of the FMJD Turkish Draughts Section Board and welcome its new members.

Discussion: The Executive Council reviewed the proposed composition of the FMJD Turkish Draughts Section Board, submitted by Salem Alazmi, Chair of the FMJD Turkish Draughts Section, and approved by Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj, President of the Asian Draughts Confederation.

Decision: The Executive Council approved the proposed composition of the FMJD Turkish Draughts Section Board and welcomed its new members.

8. Turkmenistan's Participation in IDF Events for 64-Square Draughts

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Janek Mäggi (FMJD President) / EC FMJD
- **Description:** Discussion of the request from the Turkmenistan National Draughts Centre regarding participation in 64-square draughts competitions organised under the auspices of the International Draughts Federation (IDF), given the absence of FMJD World Championships in this discipline. Clarification of the implications of such participation for Turkmenistan's status within the FMJD and its relationship with the FMJD.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To clarify the FMJD's position on Turkmenistan's participation in IDF events and advise on the available options for participation in international 64-square draughts competitions

Discussion: The Executive Council discussed the request from the Turkmenistan National Draughts Centre concerning participation in 64-square draughts competitions organised by the International Draughts Federation (IDF).

Janek Mäggi stated that FMJD does not recommend participation in IDF events but would not impose sanctions solely for such participation. Jan van Dijk noted that the existing restrictions concerning competitions held in Russia must be respected.

Decision: The FMJD position will be clarified in an official response to Turkmenistan.

Follow-up actions: Jan van Dijk will prepare the response, taking into account the discussion and the applicable FMJD restrictions.

9. Transition Strategy: FMJD Tournament Manager & Official FMJD Game Server

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Aare Harak (Executive Director)
- **Description:** See the prepared document
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To agree on the proposed development plan and assign responsibility for preparing the necessary amendments to the FMJD Annexes.

Discussion: Aare Harak presented the proposed development plan for the FMJD Tournament Manager and official FMJD Game Server. The Executive Council discussed the transition from existing systems, future technical support and the need to update the relevant FMJD Annexes.

Decision: The Executive Council supported the proposed development plan in principle.

Follow-up actions: Further work will be carried out on the development plan, including arrangements for technical support and preparation of the necessary amendments to the FMJD Annexes.

10. NUDF Complaint – Follow-up

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Jan van Dijk (FMJD General Secretary)
- **Description:**
    - Consideration of the first three final requests in the NUDF's Second Additional Submission of 20 October 2026 and formulation of the Executive Council's reasoned position on each.
    - Review of NUDF's statements concerning the information published on the official FMJD website regarding the Belarusian Federation's membership status and determination of whether further action is required.
    - Determination of a specific deadline for submitting any further supporting documentation to the Ethics Committee, if necessary.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To determine the Executive Council's position on the matters raised and agree on any further steps, if required.

Discussion: The Executive Council discussed the NUDF complaint and the recent supplementary submissions.

In the correspondence preceding the meeting, Carlo Bordini noted that the original complaint concerned the absence of a red asterisk next to the Belarusian Federation on the FMJD website. He suggested seeking clarification from the Ethics Committee regarding the scope of the complaint and whether any further response from FMJD was required.

It was also noted that any new complaints should follow FMJD procedures, including payment of the applicable complaint fee.

Decision: Jan van Dijk and Carlo Bordini agreed to work together on the matter.

Follow-up actions: Jan van Dijk and Carlo Bordini will prepare the necessary correspondence with the Ethics Committee.

11. Visa Invitations for African Players – Lishui World Cup 2026

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Jean Marc Ndjofang (on behalf of the Players Committee)
- **Description:** Delays in issuing visa invitations to African players and federations for the Lishui World Cup in China in November 2026. With only 20 days remaining before the event, most invitations have not yet been received. The affected countries include Gabon, Cameroon, Congo and DR Congo.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To request the Chinese Draughts Federation to urgently resolve the visa invitation issue and provide the necessary invitations to the affected players and federations.

Decision: The Executive Council agreed to contact the Chinese Draughts Association to resolve the situation as soon as possible.

Deferred Items

12. Alleged Discrimination Against USA Players by NDF/USA

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Jean Marc Ndjofang (Players Committee)
- **Description:** NDF has published on the FMJD Calendar R&R of its upcoming tournament where it is proposed to charge residents of USA (who are not their members) additional $60-75 USD tournament fees compared to international players. The practice of charging extra from residents of one country vs. other countries has so far been unheard of, and is believed to be in violation of FMJD Governance Guidelines (Section 5 specifically talks about discrimination based on nationality) and FMJD Statutes Article 4.1:

  > 4.1 FMJD and its Members reject all forms and means of discrimination against individuals, groups of people, organisations or countries on grounds of ethnic origin, gender, language, religion or politics.

  Jean Marc (PC) was asked to investigate. He contacted and received a negative response from the VP of the organization (were other board members informed?). FMJD EC needs to decide on the next step. By allowing Miami open tournament with these R&R be accessed from FMJD calendar, FMJD appears to give a silent consent to this discrimination.

- **Proposal for Resolution:** After Jean Marc reports the position of the PC on the subject, make a decision on the next step to correct the situation. Vote if needed.

This item **was deferred** to a future Executive Council meeting.

13. Reorganisation of the FMJD Technical Committee

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Vitalia Doumesh (FMJD Office) / EC FMJD
- **Description:**
  - Review and approval of Xie Fang's candidacy for the position of Technical Committee Chair, with responsibility for coordinating the

work of the entire Committee and ensuring the active participation of all members.
    - Proposal to appoint Sayouba Congo as the African representative on the Technical Committee to fill the current vacancy.
    - Review of the current Committee membership, including the possible removal of inactive members.
    - To consider reinstating Lyublyana Turiy as the Pan-American representative on the Technical Committee or appointing Lyublyana Turiy as the EC member responsible for supporting and coordinating the work of the Technical Committee, taking into account Xie Fang's request for Luba's support.
- **Proposals for Resolution:** To approve Xie Fang as Chair of the FMJD Technical Committee.
- To consider and decide on the appointment of Sayouba Congo as the African representative.
- To review the Committee's membership and decide on the removal of inactive members.
- To consider reinstating Lyublyana Turiy as the Pan-American representative on the Technical Committee or appointing Lyublyana Turiy as the EC member responsible for supporting and coordinating the work of the Technical Committee, taking into account Xie Fang's request for Luba's support.

The functioning of the Technical Committee was briefly discussed under Item 2. Further consideration **was deferred** to a future Executive Council meeting.

14. Proposal Concerning the Structure and Development of the FMJD 64 Classic and Brazilian Section (Follow-up from Previous Meetings)

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj (President, Asian Draughts Confederation)
- **Description:** Proposal concerning the structure, leadership and development of the FMJD 64 Classic and Brazilian Section, submitted as a follow-up to Item 11 of the Executive Council meeting of 28 August 2026.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** Discuss the proposal, including the proposed structure and leadership of the Section, establishment of a Technical Committee, and the organization in principle of an FMJD World Championship Youth-64 in 2027, and determine the next steps.

This item **was deferred** to a future Executive Council meeting.

15. Issues Following the World Veterans Championship 2026

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Yana Kuzinets (Treasurer)
- **Description:**
    - The correct medals for the women's categories were not awarded at the World Veterans Championship. The organisers promised to send the correct medals, but they have not yet been received.
    - The games from the World Veterans Championship have not been entered into the database, despite this being the responsible arbiter's duty.
    - Lack of transparency regarding FMJD entry fee income. Lyublyana Turiy received three different sets of information after requesting clarification on the actual amounts received by the FMJD.
- **Proposal for Resolution:**

    - To request an update on the delivery of the correct medals for the women’s winners.
    - To ensure that all games are entered into the database without further delay.
    - To clarify the discrepancies and provide accurate information on the amounts actually received by the FMJD from entry fees.

This item **was deferred** to a future Executive Council meeting.

16. Clarification of Player Status, Licensing Requirements and Representation

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Alexander Presman (FMJD Webmaster) / EC FMJD
- **Description:** The FMJD needs a clear and consistent policy regarding the status, representation and licensing of the following categories of players:

1. **Players from Belarus**, taking into account the current FMJD restrictions and conditions for neutral participation.
2. **Individual players from countries without an FMJD member federation.**
3. **Individual players from countries with an FMJD member federation**, but who are marked by their federation as inactive (not a member).
4. **Refugee players**, including their eligibility, representation and licensing arrangements.

For each category, clear rules should be established concerning:

- **Player status and representation:** Under which conditions may these players participate in FMJD events, and how should their status, nationality and federation affiliation be recorded and displayed?
- **Licensing:** Who is required to pay an FMJD player licence fee, who is exempt, and who is responsible for payment?
- **Public display:** How should the player's status and representation appear on the FMJD website, player card, rankings and tournament results?
- **Green/red circle indicators:** The green and red circles already used on FMJD player cards and in software require precise and unambiguous definitions. It must be clear what each indicator represents, under which circumstances it should be displayed, and what conclusions tournament organisers may draw from it. This is essential to avoid misinterpretation of a player's licensing status or eligibility.
- **Software implementation:** How should these rules be applied consistently in the FMJD database, website, Tournament Manager and other FMJD software, including checks performed by tournament organisers?

● **Proposal for Resolution:** As these questions require detailed examination of existing regulations and practical implications, it is not expected that the EC will resolve all of them directly during the meeting.

Instead, the EC is requested to **appoint a responsible person or small working group** tasked with:

- Reviewing the relevant FMJD regulations and current practices.

- Preparing clear and consistent rules for all four categories.
- Defining precisely the meaning and application of the existing green/red circle indicators to prevent misinterpretation.
- Specifying how these rules should be reflected in the FMJD database, website, player cards and tournament software.
- Submitting a proposal for EB approval and, where necessary, identifying required regulatory changes.

The objective is to establish **one consistent interpretation across FMJD regulations, public information and software**, so that players, federations and tournament organisers can easily understand each player's status, eligibility and licensing obligations.

This item **was deferred** to a future Executive Council meeting.

17. Any Other Business & Info: Next EC Meeting

- **Presenter / Responsible:** FMJD Board / Janek Mäggi (President)
- **Description:** Any other matters arising and announcement regarding the next EC meeting

17.1 AIMS General Assembly and SportAccord IF Forum in Lausanne

Janek Mäggi and Carlo Bordini reported on their participation in the AIMS General Assembly and SportAccord IF Forum in Lausanne.

Janek Mäggi highlighted the positive outcomes of the meetings and the importance of continuing efforts towards IOC recognition.

Carlo Bordini noted that FMJD should focus on preparing for IOC recognition by strengthening its organisational structure, financial capacity, regulations and athlete protection policies, as well as improving the monitoring of national federations.

He also acknowledged the work carried out on anti-doping matters.

The Executive Council took note of the report.

The FMJD President closed the meeting.

The next EC FMJD meeting will take place on
November 20th at 1:00 PM Lausanne time.

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