Minutes of the FMJD Executive Council meeting

FMJD Protocol Number: 25/09/2026

Teams Meeting, Friday, September 25th 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), **Yana Kuzinets** Treasurer, **Aare Harak** Executive Director FMJD, **Oumar Thiero** President of African Draughts Confederation, **Bat-Erdene Chimeddorj** President of Asian Confederation

1. Opening of the Meeting and Approval of Agenda
The meeting was opened by the FMJD President, Janek Mäggi, who welcomed the members of the Executive Council.
The meeting started after the required number of participants had joined.
The Executive Council proceeded with the items on the 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.

16159 1502 title mf Anton Pecherin
20760 1500 title cmf Odonbaatar Banzragch
19895 1499 title mf Dominik Rubaj
30409 1498 title cmf Zanabaatar Chingis
29253 1497 title cmf Nyambayar Khangai
22875 1495 title mf Ivan Surov
24086 1492 title mff Marlijn Moene
23271 1488 title cmf Kevin Kurik
20950 1487 title mi Priit Lokotar
10981 1486 title cmf Alessandro Milani
29316 1485 title mf Jacopo De Lellis
25514 1483 title cmff Sofia Pandolfo
27300 1481 title mff Otgonsuren Zandanbal
24295 1478 title cmf Enkhsuld Togtokh

The Executive Council considered the submitted proposals for the awarding of new FMJD international titles. There were no objections to the proposed list.

Decision:
The Executive Council approved the submitted proposals for the awarding of new FMJD titles.

Postponed proposals from August 28 EC Meeting

3. FMJD Calendar (from August 28)

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Lyublyana Turiy (Tournament Director) / Magda Pawlowska (Tournament Director Youth) / Jan van Dijk (Secretary General)
- **Description:** Review applications received from federations to organize FMJD tournaments in 2027 and 2028
- **Proposal for Resolution:** Review the applications and decide which federations will be awarded the organization of the respective 2027 and 2028 tournaments.

The Executive Council discussed the applications received for the **2027–2028 FMJD Calendar**.

The Council discussed the proposed tournament dates and geographical distribution. A proposal to allocate particular months primarily to tournaments on different continents was also mentioned. This proposal requires further coordination with the Tournament Director, who was not present at the meeting.

Among the applications discussed were:

- **World Youth Championship:** applications from **China, Uzbekistan and Poland**. The possibility of organizing the 2027 edition in **Poland** and a future edition in **Uzbekistan** was discussed. The dates may need to be adjusted to avoid a clash with the World Championship.
- **World Blitz Championship: Belgium applied for 2027**, while **Latvia applied for both 2027 and 2028**. The 2027 World Blitz Championship will be held in connection with the World Cup in Kortrijk. Latvia may be considered for the organization of the **2028 World Blitz Championship**.
- **Amateur World Championship:** the possibility of organizing the event in **Denmark** was discussed. It could take place during the same period as a World Cup, as the events are intended for different groups of players.
- **World Team Championship: Turkey expressed interest in organizing the 2027 edition**. It was noted that the World Team Championship is normally organized once every two years. **China has expressed interest in hosting the 2028 edition.** It was decided to ask the Tournament Director to investigate the possibility of organizing the 2028 edition in China and to obtain information on the possible conditions.

The Council also discussed the possible dates and coordination of tournaments in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe, including the possibility of coordinating events in Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire.

Decision:
No final approval of the 2027–2028 Calendar was taken. Further coordination with the Tournament Director is required.

4. Proposal regarding 64 Russian Draughts (from August 28)

Proposal Concerning the Structure and Development of the FMJD 64 Classic and Brazilian Section (follow-up to Item 4)

- **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.

The proposal could not be discussed because the relevant participants were not available to talk.

Action:
Janek Mäggi will contact Bat separately after the meeting.

5. Decision on including tournaments organized by Belarus in the FMJD Online Calendar

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Luba Turiy (FMJD Tournament Director)
- **Description:** Recently several tournaments were submitted by the Belarus federation for inclusion in the FMJD online calendar. Decision is needed on whether such tournaments can be approved by TD. On one hand, the last decision of FMJD EC on Belarus was concerned with participation of Belarus players, but without national symbols (flag, anthem, etc.). It is likely unavoidable that in the competitions held in Belarus, the display of national symbols can be avoided. Therefore, such tournaments shall be deleted from the calendar. On the other end, Belarus was asked to pay the membership fees including for the years it was suspended. Does it mean that we are now obligated to let them publish their tournaments on the FMJD online calendar?

- **Proposal for Resolution:** Discuss the situation, and make the decision. Vote if there is a difference of opinions.

The Executive Council discussed whether tournaments organized by the Belarusian Federation should be included in the FMJD online Calendar.
The discussion referred to the existing decision allowing Belarusian players to participate in FMJD competitions without national symbols.

Decision:
Tournaments organized by the Belarusian Federation will not be published in the FMJD online Calendar. The matter will be reconsidered before the end of 2026.

6. Centenary Celebration of the Royal Belgian Draughts Federation – World Cup and World Blitz Championship

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Janek Maggi (President), Jan van Dijk (Secretary General), Magda Pawlowska (Tournament Director Youth), Carlo Bordini (International relations Manager)
- **Description:** Johan Demasure, on behalf of the Royal Belgian Draughts Federation (KBDB), one of the four federations that founded the FMJD in 1947 that in 2026-27 will celebrate its 100th anniversary. KBDB would be honored to host a FMJD World Cup tournament in 2027. With two emails on 29th July and 14th September 2026, KBDB explained they intend to organize a five-star FMJD World Cup, to be held in Kortrijk, Belgium, from 1 to 6 March 2027, followed on 7 March 2027 by the World Blitz Championship. KBDB asks FMJD to support the organization of this World Cup tournament. Moreover, it would be a meaningful way to celebrate this occasion alongside the FMJD's 80th

anniversary. During the meeting in Tallinn on 2nd August and informally by chat, Johan Demasure asked at least € 3.000 that seemed even the top that by its President the FMJD would have been able to confirm in that venue.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** To approve the request and authorize a contribution of € 3,000 for the 5-Star World Cup tournament—to be held in Kortrijk from March 1 to 6 and followed by the 2027 World Blitz Championship—with the event designated as one of the milestones in the FMJD's 80th-anniversary celebrations.

The Executive Council discussed the proposal of the Royal Belgian Draughts Federation (KBDB) to organize a five-star World Cup in Kortrijk from 1 to 6 March 2027, followed by the World Blitz Championship on 7 March 2027, as part of its centenary celebrations.

It was recalled that a contribution of €3,000 had already been agreed in principle in Tallinn.

Decision:
The Executive Council confirmed a €3,000 contribution to support the organization of the event. The event will also form part of the celebrations of the 80th anniversary of the FMJD.

7. Ethics Committee – Status of the Proposed Members

- **Presenter / Responsible:** Jan van Dijk (Secretary General) / Vitalia Doumesh (FMJD Office)
- **Description:** The FMJD received an email dated 18 September 2026 from Anatolii Yatsenko, President of the National Ukrainian Draughts Federation, regarding the status of Mr Carlo Rombolà and Mr Bart Stegeman, whose names were approved by the Executive Council on 28 August 2026 as additional members of the Ethics Committee, subject to approval by the 2027 General Assembly. Mr Yatsenko asks for clarification of their current status within the Ethics Committee and whether they will participate in the examination on the merits and the final determination of the complaint submitted by the National Ukrainian Draughts Federation on 21 July 2026.
- **Proposal for Resolution:** Clarify the current status of the two proposed members and whether they may participate in the examination and final determination of the complaint.

The Executive Council discussed the status of Carlo Rombolà and Bart Stegeman, who were approved at the Executive Council meeting of 28 August 2026 as additional proposed members of the Ethics Committee, subject to approval by the 2027 General Assembly.

The matter was raised following a request from the National Ukrainian Draughts Federation concerning:

1. the current status of the two proposed members; and
2. whether they could participate in the examination and final determination of the complaint submitted by the National Ukrainian Draughts Federation on 21 July 2026.

Jan van Dijk explained that an electronic vote is required to confirm the proposed additional members of the Ethics Committee.

Regarding the complaint, it was noted that it had been submitted before the two persons were proposed as additional members of the Ethics Committee.

Decision:
The Executive Council noted that an electronic vote is required to confirm the proposed additional members of the Ethics Committee.

It was also confirmed that Carlo Rombolà and Bart Stegeman will not participate in the examination or determination of the complaint submitted on 21 July 2026, as the complaint predates their proposed appointment.

8. 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

8.1 African Championship in Ethiopia

Oumar Thiero informed the Executive Council that the African Championship in Ethiopia is confirmed for 1–12 December 2026. The necessary arrangements have been made, including the hotel and official documentation.

The organizers requested FMJD support for referee transportation costs.

Action:
Jan van Dijk and Oumar Thiero will discuss the matter separately.

8.2 Uzbekistan – FMJD Membership Status

The Executive Council discussed the status of the Uzbekistan federation, noting that the relevant membership fees had been paid and that the federation had previously been suspended.

Decision:
The Executive Council agreed that the suspension of the Uzbekistan federation should be formally lifted.

The FMJD President closed the meeting.

The next EC FMJD meetings will take place on
October 23d at 1:00 PM Lausanne time.

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