

## CHARTER

### Of non-profit organization "International Draughts Federation"

#### I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Article 1.** International Draughts Federation is a legal entity - 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 around the World, organizing and conducting sporting events in Bulgaria and other countries with Bulgarian and/or international participation, drawing the World and Continental titles.

**Article 2.** International Draughts Federation brings together capable Bulgarian and foreign individuals, as well as Bulgarian and foreign legal entities, to develop the game of draughts on the national and/or international level.

**Article 3.** International Draughts Federation hereinafter referred to as the "Federation" or "Organization" is a non-profit organization working in the interests of its members.

#### II. NAME, LOCATION AND DURATION

**Article 4.** Name of Organization:

Full name in Bulgarian language:

- Сдружение с нестопанска цел „Международна федерация по шашки”

The abbreviated name in Bulgarian language:

- СНЦ „МФШ”

Full name in Russian:

- Некоммерческая организация „Международная федерация шашек”;

The abbreviated name in Russian:

- НО «МФШ»;

The full name in English:

- «International Draughts Federation»

The abbreviated name in English:

- IDF

**Article 5.** Location and address of the Organization: Bulgaria, Kranevo, Dobrich region, Chernomorska str., 41.

**Article 6.** 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.

**Article 7.** The organization was founded in perpetuity.

**Article 8.** The organization doesn't have a primary goal of its activity to make profit and does not distribute profits among members.

**Article 9.** The requirements of the Charter of the Organization are binding on all bodies of the Organization and its members.

#### III. OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

**Article 10.** The official languages of the Organization are Bulgarian, Russian and English.

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**Article 11.** 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 MEANS. OBJECTS OF ACTIVITY

**Article 12.** Organization carries out its activities in order to achieve the following objectives:

- Development and promotion of draughts around the world, improving draughts culture and knowledge on the basis of sports, science, art and culture;
- Organizing and conducting draughts competitions.

**Article 13.** To fulfill its goals, Organization has the following objects of activity:

- 1) Assistance in the creation and development of all types of national draughts federations and confederations.
- 2) Conducting of world championships, continental championships and other official events, assistance to the members of the Organization in the competitions of different levels for different types of draughts;
- 3) Publication of the rules of world championships, continental championships, qualifying tournaments, matches for the world title, and all other official competitions organized by the Organization;
- 4) Publication of the rules of the assignment of official titles;
- 5) Promotion of draughts in Bulgaria and other countries of the world;
- 6) Strengthening and development of international relations, support for closer international cooperation of fans of draughts game, promoting the improvement of international relations between countries of the world;
- 7) Joining in international organizations;
- 8) Participation in the activities of international organizations developing mind sports, as well as contributing to the development of all kinds of draughts in the World;
- 9) Cooperation with the World Draughts Federation (FMJD);
- 10) Development and implementation of programs in draughts;
- 11) Organization and conducting training activities and professional development of sports professionals and referees seminars, symposia, conferences, lectures, exhibitions, consulting, etc.;
- 12) Organization and conducting training activities of sports players: international schools, distance education, consulting, etc.
- 13) Development and support of draughts sport among disabled people;
- 14) Provision of necessary assistance to former sports players, sports veterans and other persons who made significant contribution to the draughts and need support;
- 15) Carrying out of activities aimed at promoting of draughts game:  
lectures, conferences, seminars, exhibitions, meetings and other events on the subject of draughts;
- 16) Organizing and conducting of competitions, exhibitions and other cultural events, sports activities related to draughts;
- 17) Organization of official memorial award attributes and symbols production;
- 18) Engaging of voluntary contributions and donations by conducting outreach to citizens and sending them to achieve the objectives of the Organization;
- 19) Publishing activity on draughts;

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- 20) Collection, analysis and systematization of information in the field of mind sports, including draughts;
- 21) The 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.
- 22) Other business activities, namely provision of advertising services, sports and any other services permitted by law and related to the subject of activities and the statutory objectives of the Organization. Revenues are used only to achieve the object of the Organization and its statutory objectives;
- 23) Other activities in the field of draughts to fulfill goals of Organization.

**Article 14.** Funds to achieve the objectives of the Organization consist of: entrance and membership fees, voluntary contributions and donations from Bulgarian and foreign individuals and legal entities, proceeds from its own property, income from business activity within the purposes of the Organization: information and publishing, organization of competitions; advertising, joint venture agreements. Income received by the Organization from business and others not prohibited by law activities, are only used to achieve the statutory objectives of the Organization.

## V. PROPERTY AND FINANCE. ADMISSION AND MEMBERSHIP FEES

**Article 15.** Property of the Organization is formed by the following sources:

- Admission and membership fee, which is determined by the General Assembly 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 16.** Organization funds are spent on the cost estimate approved by the General Assembly and the Board of the Organization, respectively President of the Board within the limits of its competence and in accordance with the present Charter.

**Article 17.** The General Assembly may establish trust funds of the Organization's own property.

**Article 18.** The Organization activities funds from income as defined in Article 15 of the Charter.

**Article 19.** By the decision of the General Assembly 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 Assembly. In its decision, the General Assembly 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 20.** Members of the Organization shall have the right to provide it with the funds in the form of a loan or in the form of real estate and individually defined movable property in lease.

**Article 21.** 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.

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**Article 22.** 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 23.** 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 24.** 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 25.** The Organization can perform any transaction with respect to its property not contradicting the legislature in force and the Charter of the Organization.

## **VI. MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION, THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Article 26.** Membership in the Organization is voluntary.

**Article 27.** 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. Only one public organization (legal entity) from the same country can be recognized a Member of the Organization.

**Article 28.** Membership in the Organization shall be made by the Board on the basis of the written application.

**Article 29.** The Board shall decide on the admission of a new member by the majority of voices. The decision shall enter into force after the payment of a candidate membership fee.

**Article 30.** Members shall 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 proposals, requirements, etc.;
- 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 Assembly 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 31.** Members of the Organization shall:

- 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.

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**Article 32.** Membership in the Organization may be terminated in the following cases:

- 1) according to its own will, upon written request to the Board of the Organization. In this case, the member is considered to be withdrawn starting from the date of a written application submission;
- 2) liquidation of the legal entity that is a member of the Organization;
- 3) liquidation of the Organization;
- 4) exclusion according to the Board decision;
- 5) death of a citizen who is a member of the Organization.

**Article 33.** Membership in the Organization may be suspended by decision of the General Assembly in the event of:

- Violation of the Charter;
- Misuse of funds for the purpose of theft or diversion of funds;
- Usage of the "International Draughts Federation" name to implement the objectives contrary to the purposes of the Charter;
- Failure to comply with the decisions of the Organization.

**Article 34.** Any member shall have the right to make a request to the Board of the Organization with regard to any matter relating to the activities of the Organization. The Board of the Organization shall give a written response within fourteen days.

**Article 35.** The amount of entrance and membership fees, procedure and terms of payment are determined by decision adopted by the General Assembly of the Organization.

**Article 36.** In case of suspension of membership, the member's asset contributions and donations paid to the Organization are in favor of the Organization.

## VII. BODIES, MANAGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION

**Article 37.** The bodies of the Organization are:

- The General Assembly;
- The Board.

## VIII. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

**Article 38.** General Assembly (GA) is the highest governing body of the Organization. It is attended by all the members of the Organization, in person or through their legal representatives or by individuals authorized in written form.

**Article 39.** GA 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. Written notice of the convening of the GA should be sent to members of the Organization not later than sixty calendar days prior to the meeting. The notification should be sent to the members of the Organization by e-mail and published on the official website of the Organization. The notification should contain the agenda, date, time, place, and the initiators of the General Assembly. Members of the Organization shall have the right to include issues in the agenda, sending it to the Board, and these issues can be included in the agenda no later than thirty days before the start of the GA.

**Article 40.** The General Assembly has a quorum if attended by representatives of more than half of the members of the Organization.

In the absence of a quorum the meeting is adjourned an hour later and will be held at the same place 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

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of the time and place of the General Assembly. Otherwise, a new General Assembly is convened.

**Article 41.** Decisions of the General Assembly are taken by majority vote of the members, except for the cases for which the law or this Charter provided another procedure. Each representative (delegate) of the General Assembly shall have one vote.

**Article 42.** Decisions of the General Assembly on changes or amendments of the Charter, reorganization or liquidation of the Organization shall be 2/3 majority of votes cast by the delegates present at the General Assembly.

**Article 43.** Decisions on issues that were not previously included in the agenda shall not be accepted.

**Article 44.** Decisions of the General Assembly 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 45.** The General Assembly has the following jurisdiction:

- 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) decisions on reorganization or liquidation of the Organization,
- 6) 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;
- 7) determination of the amount and method of payment of membership fees;
- 8) receiving the reports on the activities of the Board.

**Article 46.** Decisions of the General Assembly 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 47.** The minutes of the General Assembly must be completed and signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the General Assembly. List of the members present and lists of documents relating to the convening of the General Assembly are attached to the GA minutes.

### IX. BOARD OF THE ORGANIZATION

**Article 48.** The Board consists of not less than three persons: the President and Board members, elected from among the members of the Organization or from individuals representing a legal entity - a member of the Organization.

**Article 49.** The Board is elected by the General Assembly by a majority for the period of four years.

**Article 50.** The Board shall meet at least once a year at the initiative of the President.

**Article 51.** 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 President in the minutes of the meeting.

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**Article 52.** The President is responsible for convening, organizing and conducting the Board meetings. The President must convene a meeting at the written request of one third of the Board members. If the President 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 President, the meeting of the Board is conducted by a person appointed by the Board.

**Article 53.** The Board may decide if more than half of its members are present at the meeting.

**Article 54.** Board decisions are taken by simple majority of votes, unless otherwise provided for by the law and the Charter.

**Article 55.** 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 56.** The Board shall have jurisdiction:

- 1) to represent the Organization in the person of the President;
- 2) to organize execution of decisions of the General Assembly;
- 3) to determine the order and organize the activities of the Organization and take responsibility for it;
- 4) to propose plans and programs of the Organization to the General Assembly;
- 5) to propose for consideration of the General Assembly draft of the budget, organizational and managing structure of the Organization;
- 6) to determine the procedure for the appointment and dismissal of staff and other internal rules of the Organization;
- 7) to liaise and coordinate with members of Organization and other Bulgarian and international organizations;
- 8) to prepare a report on the activities of the Organization and the budget for the General Assembly;
- 9) to decide on the acquisition, management and disposal of movable and immovable property and approve cost estimates of the Organization;
- 10) to perform other activities that are not within the exclusive competence of the General Assembly and other bodies of the Organization.
- 11) to receive and to exclude members of the Organization;

**Article 57.** The Board shall announce the report and election General Assembly 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 President and members of the Organization Board.

**Article 58.** Termination of powers of the members of the Board occurs in case of:

- 1) expiration of the term of the Board and election of new members of the Board by the General Assembly;
- 2) early termination of a member of the Board or of the Board by the General Assembly;
- 3) own will of a Board member;
- 4) other grounds established by law.

**Article 59.** 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 60.** The President:

- 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 Assembly;

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- 3) leads the Board and directs its activities;
- 4) proposes staffing chart of the Organization to the Board and enters employment contracts with the employees of the Organization, civil contracts, including to perform additional activities and other types of contracts related to the main activities of the Organization;
- 5) exercises control over the implementation of the decisions of the Board;
- 6) appoints advisers and assistants to the President;
- 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 Assembly or the Board of the Organization;
- 10) has the right to delegate his powers of this paragraph to others.

## **X. LIQUIDATION OF THE ORGANIZATION**

**Article 61.** The organization may be liquidated:

- By the decision of the General Assembly, by the vote of two thirds of the members present at the meeting;
- By the court in accordance with the law.

**Article 62.** Liquidation of the Organization shall be in accordance with the law.

**Article 63.** Assets remaining after the liquidation of the Organization are distributed after payments to creditors by decision the General Assembly in accordance with the law.

## **XI. FINAL PROVISIONS**

**Article 64.** 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 65.** This Charter was adopted by the Constituent Assembly held on 12.07.2012; Amendments and additions adopted at the General Assembly on 19.10.2014