



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n. 4 - 2020 of the Executive Board elected on 03.08.2019

Google Meet, August 22nd, 2020.

At 9.30, with the presence of *Carlo A. Bordini* (EDC President – ITA), *Johan Demasure* (Vice President Vicary- BEL), *Uladzislau Splendzer* (BLR), *Tarmo Tulva* (EST), and (which a little later they joined also) *Jan Ziolkowski* (GER), and *Ingrida Drukteynite* (Vice President - LIT), elected as members of EDC Board, *Milena Szatkowska* (General Secretary), *Daniele Macali* (Tournament Director Youth FMJD), *Rik Keurentjes* (Trainer member of EDC Athletes and Trainer Committee), checked the legal number, the EDC Executive Board started working with the following

Agenda:

1. Opening speech by the President
2. Activities 2020 and Covid-19: analysis, evaluations and possible determinations
 - 2.1 European Championships (adults) 2020
 - 2.2 European Youth On-line Cup: results of the check for cheaters and final standings
 - 2.3 European Championships Youth 2020 (eventually for certain categories)
3. Activities 2021 and selection for World Championships 2021
4. EDC new Statutes
5. Other various and possible evaluations.

After a welcome speech of the President, the participants at the Meeting start talking about **point 2 - Activities 2020 and Covid-19** and especially about the **subject 2.2 European Youth On-line Cup: results of the check for cheaters and final standings**, with the analysis of a GMI and former World Champion (...“omitted”...) about the top players in the standings with doubts about electronic-doping,. The conclusions that he found obvious cheating of three players from Armenia“omitted”... The GMI has detailed, through documented analyses, the reasons that bring out a clear cheating (as different level of blitz game cause of lack of time, with weak beginner without basic strategy of tactic skills, while in the rapid there are sudden great abilities, as a GMI, and so precise moves, in a very short time; in a way to be made evident an assistance of human player and /or additional use of computer).

The EDC President Bordini informed that the Ukrainian Federation President, has just communicated about a case of not fair play of a Ukrainian player, who self admitted a cheating.“omitted”... The Board EDC has really appreciated this self-admission with a lot of repentance.

Probably other case of e-doping or cheating (eg. by elder friends/bother/sister) have been committed from some other guys, but without sure proofs. It is the reason because this event was called “Cup” and not “Championship”, in any case it was a huge success for the most evident fair play. The Executive Board shared the thought to do not publish the name of the guys, for privacy, but simply to recalculate standings cut off the results of cheaters*.

The EB then passed to the **subject 2.1 - European Championships (adults) 2020** and the EDC President recalls his e-mail to the Turkish Organizers and EDC Federations in which he emphasizes that “since 7th August and until 8th September, in EU and Schengen area's there are restriction for travel. The Member States should start lifting the travel restrictions at the external borders for residents of few third countries, as you can see on the official EU page at link: https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/travel-and-transportation-during-coronavirus-pandemic_en

These restriction should also not apply to other travellers with an essential function or need, including: Healthcare professionals, health researchers, and elderly care professionals; Frontier workers; Diplomats, staff of

international organisations, military personnel and humanitarian aid workers in the exercise of their functions; Passengers in transit; Passengers travelling for imperative family reasons; Persons in need of international protection or for other humanitarian reasons. Unfortunately tourism or sport are not mentioned, and then it is currently not allowed to travel from the UE/Schengen Countries to Turkey.

The EDC EB in the previous days had heard also the thoughts of the players members of EDC Athletes and Trainer Committee. Natalia Sadowska underlined this particular moment, with a sort of second waves of covid spread, that indeed does not allow to travel, and you have to organize Championships ONLY if you are sure, that it's allowed for ALL European countries to travel to Turkey. Alexander Georgiev underlined that for some players it might be important to play European Championship (EC) this year. Rik Keurentjes agrees with both these thoughts and think is currently not possible to imagine an EC where most Countries and most players (for which is very important to take part) can't participate.

The members of Board recall the needs to have the EC also as selection before of the World Championship (WC) 2021, and the President will ask to the FMJD about possible shift of WC2021, planned in March, to leave time to "postpone" and organize EC2020/Qualifying Championship in a useful time before of WC. So the Board decides to postpone a final decision to early October 2020, hoping for a decline of the Covid spread and an opening of borders also for sports travel, evaluating if it is reasonable to hold the EC in the end of the 2020 or beginning 2021. Therefore, the EDC Executive Board consider that it is not possible to hold the EC in Turkey in October, because laws don't allow to travel in most of Countries. The EDC board will do whatever it takes to have the European Championship in the end of 2020 or in the early 2021, if there will be possible, to play and travel in safety. Otherwise it will be necessary to consider other way of selection and write any criteria.

The Executive Board, then, talked about the **subject 2.3 - European Championships Youth 2020 (eventually for certain categories)** and has decreed that for 2020 there will be no European Youth Championships and that the activity is considered concluded with the EYOCup.

About the **point 3 - Activities 2021 and selection for World Championships 2021** the Board consider concluded the topic already faced in the previous points.

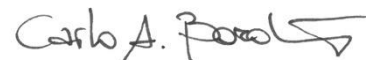
The EB then passed to the **point 4 - EDC new Statutes** and the President Bordini recalled that the draft on the new Statute was sent on 24th July to the Board, and it will be sent in the early of October, after next Board Meeting, to National Federations, which will have two months to send suggestions and proposals for changes.

With reference to the **point 5 - Other various and possible evaluations** there are no topics to discuss.

The EB had already set a new EDC Meeting on October 3rd.

At the 10.50, since there was nothing else to discuss, with a thanks to the participants for their time, the EB Meeting ended.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini



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