



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n. 1 - 2023 of the Executive Board elected on 03.08.2019

Zoom Meetings, 10th January, 2023

At 17.30, with the presence of *Carlo A. Bordini* (EDC President – ITA), *Johan Demasure* (Vice President Vicary and Tournament Director Youth - BEL), *Tarmo Tulva* (Vice President and Tournament Director, EST), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director Veterans, GER), *Uladzislau Splendzer* (BLR) elected as members of EDC Board and *Rik Keurentjes* invited as Representative of Trainers and Athletes Commission, the EDC Executive Board Meeting started working with the following

Agenda:

1. Opening speech by the President
2. Calendar 2023
3. Other various and possible evaluations

In the opening speech, the EDC President thanked the participants and briefly remembered what happened in the time after the previous Board Meeting and especially about the CAS.

On 22nd December the Court of Arbitration for Sport (TAS/CAS) of Lausanne took the pronouncement for the procedure CAS 2022/A/9196 Darya Tkachenko v. European Draughts Confederation (EDC).

The procedure can be summarized as follows:

- Whereas, on 10 October 2022, Ms Darya Tkachenko (the "Appellant") filed a Statement of Appeal with the Comi of Arbitration for Sport (the "CAS") against the European Draughts Confederation (EDC) (the "Respondent") with respect to a decision taken by the EDC in September 2022;
- Whereas, on 14 October 2022, the CAS Court Office initiated an appeals arbitration procedure under the reference CAS 2022/A/9196 Darya Tkachenko v. European Draughts Confederation (EDC);
- Whereas, on 7 November 2022, the Respondent filed its Answer;
- Whereas, on 14 November 2022, the Respondent informed the CAS Court Office that it was not in a position to pay its share of the advance of costs;
- Whereas, on 15 November 2022, the CAS Finance Director invited the Appellant to pay the entire advance of costs no later than 29 November 2022;
- Whereas, on 18 November 2022, the Appellant informed the CAS Comi Office that she would pay her share of the advance of costs;
- Whereas, on 21 November 2022, the CAS Court Office reminded the Appellant that she was obliged, pursuant to Article R64.2 of the Code, to pay the totality of the advance of costs (including the Respondent's share), on or before 29 November 2022, to the CAS bank account, and that, should she request an extension of such time limit to pay all or part of the total amount due, she should file a request for extension in accordance with Article R32(2) of the Code;
- Whereas, on 14 December 2022, the CAS Court Office noted that it did not receive proof of payment or any communication from the Appellant and that, accordingly, the appeal shall be deemed withdrawn and a termination order shall be rendered by the President of the CAS Appeals Arbitration Division, or her Deputy, in due course;
- considering that the Appellant was duly invited to pay the Respondent's share of the advance of costs;
- considering that, in view of the above, the appeal filed by Ms Tkachenko shall be deemed withdrawn and the procedure CAS 2022/A/9196 Darya Tkachenko v. European Draughts Confederation (EDC) shall consequently be terminated and deleted from the CAS roll.

On these grounds, the President of the Appeals Arbitration Division of the Court of Arbitration for Sport, ruling in camera, pronounces:

1. The procedure CAS 2022/A/9196 Darya Tkachenko v. European Draughts Confederation (EDC) is

terminated and removed from the CAS roll.

2. The present order is rendered without costs, except for the Court Office fee of CHF 1,000 paid by Ms Darya Tkachenko which is retained by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

On 27th December, 2022, Mr. Carlo Rombolà, defender of EDC wrote to the TAS/CAS and in copy to Mr. E. (Bert) Bakhuis, lawyer of Mrs. Darya Tkachenko, pointing out that the initiative of Mrs. Tkachenko, who filed, in October 2022, a Statement of Appeal with the Court of Arbitration for Sport against the decision taken by EDC in September, obliged EDC to bear the huge legal costs of an international arbitration. But after the Appellant retired his Statement, and EDC must face the consequences of such a reckless activity.

Mr. Rombolà underlined that is unconceivable and totally unfair that EDC must bear the cost of a sort of whim of the Appellant, who started the procedure and then, realizing she is wrong, simply abandoned the arbitration, leave EDC in bad shapes from an economic point of view.

For Appellant's fault, the European Draughts Confederation have no economic availability to organize, manage and sustain the 2023 activities, and the Court of Arbitration for Sport should not permit such an irresponsible use of the Sports Justice.

The EDC Board took note that it seemed strange that Mr. Bakhuis is President of Ethical Committee, where the only member is Darya Tkachenko, considering that unfair and that in this case persons in charge before leave their chair.

President Bordini, informed EDC Executive Board that Mr. Rombolà, just few hours before the Board Meeting, considering the finance of EDC and that proceeding was dismissed, cut his honorary (already extraordinary low for standard CAS procedure) to 5.000 € + tax.

Furthermore, the FMJD President informed that FMJD Board decided to give 2.500 € to help EDC for the 2023 activities.

The EDC answer to the Appellant and CAS/TAS final decision can be asked to the EDC.

Then point **2. Calendar 2023** was treated and after some evaluations of the Board members was listed the European Championships planned, as the following ***Calendar of European Championships 2023:***

Time	Tournament	Country	City
<i>March 18-26</i>	<i>European Championships Veterans and Under 27 – standard, Blitz, Rapids</i>	<i>Poland</i>	<i>Julinek</i>
<i>June 12-18</i>	<i>European Teams Championships - Standard, Blitz, Rapid</i>	<i>Italy</i>	<i>Follonica</i>
<i>August, 1-9</i>	<i>European Youth Championship (Junior, Cadets, Mini-Cadets, Hopes) - Standard, Blitz, Rapid</i>	<i>Estonia</i>	<i>Tallinn</i>
<i>October, 28-29</i>	<i>European Rapid & Blitz Championship</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>Hijken</i>

The Executive Board, the respective Tournament Directors and organizers, will work to define the Rules & regulations, referees and any other details that will be announced as soon as possible.

EDC President will manage the agreements with organizers, including in the path also the respective Tournament Directors and set in 7/8 euros per medal the cost to recognize to the organizers who will buy them directly.

About point **3. Other various and possible evaluations**, the Board faced the matter of entry fee for not Ordinary Members of EDC, that means those Federations who haven't pay the annual fee. The Board agreed to set 10 € extra for each championship, for players/team of Federation who have not pay the EDC annual fee.

Next Board Meeting will be held in the middle of March and President will send the call with a certain time before of it.

At the 19.30, since there was nothing else to discuss, the President thanked the participants for their time and closed the EB Meeting.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini