



# European Draughts Confederation

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## Executive Board Meeting n. 3 - 2022 of the Executive Board elected on 03.08.2019

In presence (Osio Sotto, Bergamo – Italy) and Zoom Platform, 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

At 16.05, 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), elected as members of EDC Board. *Ingrida Drukteynite* (LIT) and *Uladzislau Splendzer* (BLR), have motivated their absence. *Rik Keurentjes* was invited as Representative of Trainers and Athletes Commission (no voting rights), he connected through Zoom Platform. Considering the legal number of presences, the EDC Executive Board started working with the following

### Agenda:

1. **Opening speech by the President**
2. **EDC Financial Statement 2021** (*Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement*)
3. **European Championships 2022: report and planned**
4. **Anti-doping control**
5. **EDC new website (also to allow online payment)**
6. **Annual Fee of EDC Federation from 2023**
7. **Calendar 2023**
8. **EDC General Assembly 2023**
9. **Other various and possible evaluations**

In the opening speech, the EDC President thanked the participants.

Then point **2. EDC Financial Statement 2021** (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement), was discussed. The President Bordini showed the documents and the movements of the account n. 561905177 at the FMJD bank account, sent on June and kindly given by Aare Harak, the Treasurer of FMJD.

EDC Revenues 2021 concern Inscription fees for European Championships Teams, Blitz and Rapid (3.410,00 €), EC Veterans (495,00 €), EC Under 27 (860,00 €), a contribution of FID for General Assembly 2021.

EDC Expenses 2021 concern the costs for the European Championships Team, Blitz, Rapid (-1.709,10 €), for General Assembly 2021 (-821,63), and to register officially the new EDC Statute, additional diplomas and postal expenses (-879,27 €); for EC Veterans (-217,50 €) EC Under 27 (-501,50) and the forwarded WC 2021 pre-inscription fees (-2.400,15 €).

Total Revenues 2021: 7.514,52 €; total Expenses 2021: -6.878,37. Results 2021: a Profit of 636,16 €.

Consequently, the current EDC total liabilities increased from 3.691,33 € (2020) to 4.524,48, so as showed in the Balance Sheet (Statement of Financial Position).

EDC President Bordini also recalled that, as informed through e-mail, since 12<sup>th</sup> September EDC has an own bank account at bank Intesa Sanpaolo, with Bank account named to:

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IBAN: IT88P0306909606100000190151. Another goal achieved.

The Board approved unanimously the **EDC Financial Statement 2021**.

Then point **3. European Championships 2022: report and planned** was examined and Johan Demasure, TD Youth, had a speech about the success of EC Youth in Cappadocia (Turkey) in August, with a very good organization. There was a satisfying number of participants, considering the increasing cost of flights tickets and that neither Russian nor Belarusian could participate.

About the European Championships Under 27, in Dalmine (Italy) 19<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> September, it was remarked that Anastase Leclerc wasn't accepted because lacked of application of France Federations, despite requested many times. About the European Championships Veterans, in Osio Sotto (Italy) 19<sup>th</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> September, it was remarked that a good number of players sent inscriptions.

Both players of EC Under 27 and EC Veterans, in the final list, were applied by their national Federation.

Furthermore, it was decided that Jury d'Appel of EC Under 27 it's composed by *Tarmo Tulva* (President), *Carlo Bordini* and *Jan Ziolkowski* members; while Jury d'Appel for EC Veterans it's composed by *Tarmo Tulva* (President), *Carlo Bordini* and *Johan Demasure* members.

The Board unanimously agreed on that.

About European Championship 2022, Open and Women, set in Kortrijk from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October, the point was shifted at the end of Meeting.

For what concerns point **4. Anti-doping control**, in agreement with FMJD, FID and the FMJD and EDC Medical responsible, the EDC anti-doping tests (4 players) will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September in Dalmine and Osio Sotto (Italy), during the EC Veterans and Under27, with supervisor dr. Renato Capurro, Medical Responsible EDC. Those tests will be paid by FID which organizes the championships.

The Board unanimously agreed on that.

About point **5. EDC new website (also to allow online payment)** after the evaluations of costs for re-building the website, despite not so expensive, it is also clear that currently EDC finance don't allow to develop a new one. Then Tarmo Tulva, expert in the matter, will check the possibility to renew the existing website in a cheaper way than build a new one. At the end of October, disposable money of EDC will be clearer, then other evaluations can be done.

Then point **6. Annual Fee of EDC Federation from 2023** was treated. President recalled what determined during the GA 2021 and the final reply he received in Riga, from FMJD, about impossibility to have a part of FMJD Federation fees to the Continental Federation.

After various evaluation, the Board determined that from 2023 the EDC annual fee for Ordinary Federation is fixed in 50 € per each. The Executive Board unanimously approved it.

For what concerns point **7. Calendar 2023**, Tarmo Tulva remembered that for EC Youth could be asked to LDF (there were something already asked) and he will write (again) to the President LDF to see if there are real possibilities to hold it in Lithuania. Jan Ziolkowski told that he has to verify some proposal for Veterans, and Carlo Bordini informed about the FID will to host EC Blitz and Rapid in Italy. Anyway, after the last EC 2022, at the end of October, will be sent an e-mail to all the Federations, asking for proposals for the European Championships 2023.

About point **8. EDC General Assembly 2023**, President EDC informed about the possibilities to hold it close to a European Championship 2023, to spare EDC money.

For what concerns point **9. Other various and possible evaluations** the Board shared the opportunity to realize two new EDC rubber stamps for the Tournament Director Youth, and Tournament Director, considering that Tournament Director Veterans and President already got one. That because at the end of European Championships most of players need the standings with stamp and signature of EDC. The President will provide to realize the two new rubber stamps.

After a little coffee break the Meeting started again, with the last part of point **3. European Championships 2022: report and planned**, and exactly treating of European Championship 2022, Open and Women, set in Kortrijk from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> October. Number of players in the provisional list is about the same of 2018, when Russian and Belarusian players could play.

Johan Demasure explained that the main sponsor, Mr. Harry Otten, promised 15.000 €, of which 10.000 € already given to the local organizers. Johan Demasure spoken also about an email he received on 5<sup>th</sup> September with a payment for Darya Tkachenko, Ukrainian until 2016 when started playing as Russian. She currently takes part of the same Club of Mr. Otten (WSDV of Wageningen, Netherlands).

After a check of the registrations, the Board has taken note that EDC didn't receive any official and regular application about Darya Tkachenko within the deadline, 10<sup>th</sup> September, by the address indicated in the EC Rules and Regulation in which is written that "Application by National federations to the EDC office: [registration@europedraughts.org](mailto:registration@europedraughts.org)"

It was remembered that FMJD statement of 30<sup>th</sup> March had cleared that "Players from Draughts Federation of Russia and the Belarusian Draughts Federation cannot participate in any official tournaments as FMJD/EDC only accept applications from federations and not from individual players. "

Furthermore, the president of NUDF (National Ukrainian Draughts Federation) didn't add in the list Ms. Darya Tkachenko, and on 16<sup>th</sup> September explicitly explain the reasons: against FMJD internal rules Art. 6, page 2: "A player who possesses double nationality must choose once and for all the Federation he or she wishes to represent and is not allowed to be selected by both of them" and a similar requirement is provided in the rule 41 of the Olympic Charter: Bye-law to Rule 41 "1.A competitor who is a national of two or more countries at the same time may represent either one of them, as he may elect. However, after having represented one country in the Olympic Games, in continental or regional games or in world or regional championships recognized by the relevant IF, he may not represent another country unless he meets the conditions set forth in paragraph 2 below that apply to persons who have changed their nationality or acquired a new nationality. The situation with Tkachenko corresponds to paragraph 41.1, since 2016 (when she received a second citizenship), she has an unchanged position: the first citizenship is Ukrainian and the second citizenship is Russian."

Demasure asked to reflect, anyway, that unusual request also considering the letter of FMJD General Secretary of 7<sup>th</sup> September, in which there is written "FMJD has adopted the following decision:

. FMJD allows Mrs. Darya Tkachenko participate in official tournaments under FMJD flag;

. FMJD forbid Darya Tkachenko to participate in official tournaments which have athletes per country quota.

This decision could be changed regarding year 2023 if till the end of year 2022 FMJD gets clear information regarding citizenship of Mrs Darya Tkachenko."

The most of Board members shared the idea that the letter doesn't add anything, it's a possibility (allows) not an oblige and looking into the "EC Rules and Regulation 2022", published on 18<sup>th</sup> June, there is no possibility to play as neutral or under FMJD flag, but only as representative of a Federation: in EC Rules and Regulation it is stated that the "tournament is open for each European player who accepts these rules & regulations and make the registration through his (her) federation" and in the case of Darya Tkachenko can be only Russian or (in case, if accepted by NUDF) Ukrainian. It was also remembered that she wasn't admit on WC Bliz in Riga, in July.

Then, the only possibility to admit Ms. Darya Tkachenko at EC 2022 is to change the "EC Rules and Regulation 2022" introducing the possibility to play under FMJD flag, and President Bordini, accepting the request of the Vice President, Demasure, asked a vote by the Board for an extraordinary evaluation on the issue: 3 against Tarmo Tulva, Jan Ziolkowski, Carlo Bordini; in favor Johan Demasure.

Then the Board concluded that << In the matter of Darya Tkachenko, EDC board took into account FMJD internal regulations article 6 ([https://www.fmjd.org/downloads/FMJD\\_internal\\_regulations.pdf](https://www.fmjd.org/downloads/FMJD_internal_regulations.pdf)) where is written "A player who possesses double nationality must choose once and for all the Federation he or she wishes to represent and is not allowed to be selected by both of them." Ms. Tkachenko chooses once and for all Russian Draughts Federation and played the most recent international championships in Russian team. Therefore, she is considered to be Russian player and according to FMJD and EDC joint decision, Russian and Belarusian players are not allowed to participate in title events because of Russian invasion to Ukraine. This decision applies to all European Championship events until decided differently.>>

In any case the President will send a letter to FMJD asking clarification about the effects of letter of 7<sup>th</sup> September (note: letter sent on 18<sup>th</sup> September with a prompt reaction of President FMJD in which clarified EDC is free to decide and that in any case she can't participate in World Championship 2023. After that reply nobody of the EDC Board changed idea and also Uladislav Spendzer said that if he had been present, he would have voted against).

Then the Board defined the Jury d'Appel for EC Open and Women 2022 with Frank Teer (Chairman, Netherlands), Aare Harak (Estonia) and Jan Ziolkowski (Germany) members.

At the 19.45, since there was nothing else to discuss, the President thanked the participants for their time and the great work and closed the EB Meeting.

The President of the EDC Board  
Carlo A. Bordini