European Draughts Confederation



EDC Protocol Number: 19/2021/ Deeds

Date: 21st April, 2021

Executive Board Meeting n. 4 - 2021 of the Executive Board elected on 03.08.2019

Google Meet, April 5th, 2021.

At 18.00, with the presence of *Carlo A. Bordini* (EDC President – ITA), *Johan Demasure* (Vice President Vicary- BEL), *Ingrida Drukteynite* (Vice President - LIT), *Tarmo Tulva* (EST), *Jan Zioltkowki* (GER), *Uladzislau Splendzer* (BLR), elected as members of EDC Board, and *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. Current possibility to hold the European Qualifiers Tournament for World Championship 2021.
- 2. Other 2021 European Championships

In the opening speech, the EDC President showed gratitude to the participants, informing about the FMJD Board Meeting on 31st March, at which he took part, and that the FMJD will take a final decision about World Championship 2021 in the end of May.

In fact, there is a progressive negative trend of pandemic in Europe, with new lock-down and travel restrictions in all countries, extended at least until the end of April without seeing any glimmer for improvement nearby. The President Carlo Bordini, then, shared his thoughts: in this scenario is neither wise, nor safety, to hold an EQT in May, also because is not possible to travel for anybody.

All the Executive Board Members expressed their own thoughts, and everybody agreed that it is not possible to organize the European Qualifiers Tournament for World Championship 2021, with the current pandemic trend, travel restrictions, quarantine and duties about Covid-19 tests. If something will change EDC can reconsider to organize a QT, but for the currently scheduled World Championship there is no other choice possible.

The EDC Executive Board after the evaluation of the above determined, with great regret, that the European Qualifiers Tournament is cancelled. Consequently, European places in the next World Championship are assigned according to the EDC qualification list, which was previously published on the European Draughts Confederation official website.

About the European Youth Championships, the EB took note that the Belarus Draughts Federations renounced to organize them, caused of the pandemic. The members shared their thoughts that is impossible that the youth participants would be vaccinated before September, considering they will be left for last. A safe EYC may be not expected before the end of the year. In August might be organized the online European Youth tournament as in 2020. The Board postponed any determination on that to the end of May.

The EB had set a new EDC Meeting on 29th May 2021 at 18.00 (Italian Time), to discuss the annual balance, the eventual Youth Cup online, the European Veteran Championship, and any other various and possible evaluations.

At the 19.10, 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

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