



# European Draughts Confederation

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**Executive Board Meeting n. 3 – 2025**, the fifteenth one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023.

On Tuesday, 6th May 2025, at 7.30 p.m., the Executive Board met online by means of Zoom Video Conferencing Application, in the presence of *Carlo A. Bordini* (EDC President - ITA), *Tarmo Tulva* (Vice President and Tournament Director - EST), *Johan Demasure* (Deputy Vice President and Director of Youth and Under 27 Tournaments – BEL), *Jan Ziolkowski* (Tournament Director of Veterans - GER), *Rik Keurentjes* (Charman of Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission - NED) connected via audio, *Felix Shepel* ( Responsible for Draughts - 64 – UKR), *Aare Harak* (Auditor – EST) connected via audio, and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

Magda Pawlowska, Ester Van Muijen and Glib Ushakov were excused absences.

## Agenda:

1. Opening speech by the President (with status of current EDC annual fees paid);
2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 2/2025);
3. EDC Financial Statement 2024 (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement);
4. EDC Annual Fee 2025: status (paid or not) and determination;
5. European Championships 2025;
6. Draughts 64: Rules and Regulations, EC 2025;
7. Other various and possible evaluations.

As for item **1. Opening speech by the President (with status of current EDC annual fees paid)**, after greeting the participants C.A. Bordini informed them about the EDC Bank Account Statement and then he focused on the countries whose annual fee for the present year 2025 (€ 50) is still missing: Israel, that has many back taxes owed and that will pay in cash during the EC Blitz and Rapid; Ukraine, Cyprus, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Portugal.

After that he opened the discussion on the acceptance of an extra financial reimbursement of € 200 to the Veterans and Under 27 Championships organized by I. Ismailov and recently played in Kemer-Antalya-Turkey, to support higher prize money costs depending on the players' low participation.

That had been already informally shared in EDC's whatsapp group during the sporty event, according to J. Ziolkowski's proposal, when he was in Kemer as the Main Referee and as an EDC's Board Member.

In the presence of a legal number the Members approved.

About item **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 2/2025)**, they were accepted in full without any further addition.

Concerning item **3. EDC Financial Statement 2024 (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement)** the President wanted to express his deep gratitude towards the Auditors, the General Secretary and anybody else's cooperation with the Executive Board. Then he shared the screen of his computer with everyone, focusing on entries, profits and losses (the present budget is 12.048,17 euros).

J. Demasure intervened, asking for some clarifications about the year 2023-2024 in terms of entries. On the specific question the President gave full explanations.

Then C. A. Bordini spent some time to congratulate the Auditors for their job: good, detailed and with appropriate suggestions. He expressed his vivid satisfaction with their meticulous analysis of the documents, happy that his personal and financial work, in terms of expenses, could be checked.

In the presence of a legal number the Members approved the EDC Financial Statement 2024 in terms of Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement.

Regarding item **4. EDC Annual Fee 2025: status (paid or not) and determination**, C. A. Bordini shared the decision not to apply an extra charge to a late payment of the annual fee 2025.

As far as item **5. European Championships 2025** was concerned, the discussion opened on the European Youth Championships going to take place in Chianciano Terme (Italy) in August 2025.

J. Demasure asked for an update of the complicated organization in terms of list of players, figures, invoices and e-mail communications.

The President added that Rules and Regulations were online. He even assured that he was going to send them to the involved countries once more, and very soon.

About the EDC General Assembly, taking place every 2 years, a definite date was officially arranged and approved: on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August, at 15.00, the most convenient moment for everyone inside the sporty event.

Consequently, even the previous schedule was going to be changed a little bit.

About the upcoming Championships (Blitz and Rapid in Brussels-Belgium, J. Demasure mentioned some practical questions concerning the right to be registered according to the FMJD present rules, the correct and accurate players' registration and payment: all issues that the President promised to check the day after.

As for item **6. Draughts 64: Rules and Regulations, EC 2025**, C.A. Bordini took the floor and said that V. Vesperis, FMJD General Secretary, T. Tulva and F. Shepel had already worked together on the Rules and Regulations for Draughts 64. So, they had been approved and published by FMJD. Thanks to that real objective the EDC could then work on the organization of Draughts 64 Tournaments to be favourably taken in 2025 or later in 2026.

C. A. Bordini gave the Italian availability for Draughts 64 Tournaments in 2026 if no countries could give theirs. The same availability was offered by T. Tulva in Estonia, but even Poland and other eastern countries could suggest possible venues for the competitions.

About the Brazilian Draughts 64 also the Netherlands and Moldova could be available.

F. Shepel confirmed previous and preliminary contacts with Spanish people interested in Draughts 64 Tournaments, without a further expected development.

Both J. Demasure and T. Tulva suggested the organization of some specific Championships next year thanks to a longer time.

As for item **7. Other various and possible evaluations** J. Ziolkowski took the floor to speak about the reduced number of players in recent Veterans and Under 27 Championships in Turkey. That circumstance involved a free participation for a unique female player in a similar Championship next year. He will propose to the next General Assembly to assign the free participation title to the female Veterans or any other categories of European Champions if there are at least three players for each category (no free participation title if less than three). In addition, he thought that the Under 27 players are not really a Youth Category, proposing to ask the General Assembly to reconsider the prizes involved and even the continuation of this kind of championship in the future, due to the few participations.

The Members agreed and decided to postpone the discussion of those topics during the EDC General Assembly in Italy, in August.

At that moment there were no proposals for the organization of the EC Teams 2025.

The following EDC Board Meeting was arranged for 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 19.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris/Amsterdam time.

At about 09.20 p.m. the President thanked the Participants for their time, declaring the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board  
Carlo A. Bordini