



# European Draughts Confederation

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**Executive Board Meeting** n. 4 – 2025, the sixteenth one of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023.

On Wednesday, 18th June 2025, at 19.30, 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), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Felix Shepel* (Responsible for Draughts - 64 – UKR), *Aare Harak* (Auditor – EST), *Glib Ushakov* (Responsible for International Marketing - UKR) and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

Rik Keurentjes was excused absence.

## 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. 3/2025);**
- 3. European Championships 2025: in progress and in planning;**
- 4. European Championships Classic, Blitz, Rapid 2026: proposal from Draughts Club Hijken DTC;**
- 5. Other various and possible evaluations.**

About item **1. Opening speech by the President (with status of current EDC annual fees paid)**, C.A. Bordini greeted the participants and informed that the status of current payment for annual fees 2025 by the missing countries is constantly under control.

As for item **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 3/2025)**, they were completely accepted without any further addition.

Concerning item **3. European Championships 2025: in progress and in planning**, the discussion was opened by C.A. Bordini on the European Youth Championships that will take place in Chianciano Terme (Italy) during the first decade of August. He updated information in terms of Athletes (a good number of subscribed participants) and Federations involved (almost all represented except the Hungarian One).

J. Demasure took the floor and added information about other players who were going to be subscribed but identities were not defined yet.

C. Bordini showed the list of Referees, with special reference to the number of available Referees, both from the Italian and other European Federations, especially from Poland, three of them with M. Pawlowska as co-Main Referee included, and J. Demasure as Main Referee.

All Referees were selected taking into consideration even their knowledge of English and French, suitable to the specific sporty skills and terminology.

After that some other practical questions concerning availability were discussed: M. Pawlowska will replace J. Demasure as Main Referee for the Blitz Tournaments, due to his return home.

J. Demasure mentioned a letter written and sent to the Dutch Federation by Edvard Bužinskij, trainer of the Lithuanian Draughts Federation. He asked for the clarification about the inclusion of two female Dutch players in a Dutch male group. In the same letter he specified that according to the current Rules and Regulations of the European Youth Championships such a decision is against the specific regulation that boys and girls are allowed to play in their age groups.

In the World Youth Championships, in the section *Categories*, it is clearly specified that *‘formally the groups for boys are open (girls can play there)’*.

J. Demasure highlighted that in the EYC 2025 Rules and Regulations, in point “9 - Other questions regarding tournament regulations”, it is written: *“In any other cases – FMJD rules decide. In the case of something not being clear in the FMJD regulations or in this regulation, the decision will be made by the main referee in consultation with the organization and the EDC tournament director.”* So, it is formally accepted that the groups for boys are open (girls can play there). In addition, even FMJD clearly refers to boys and girls playing together, and that the Teams of boys are open to girls.

Therefore, girls are allowed to play in Team Competitions, to be even clearer and more specific in details.

Such a matter will be included on the Agenda of the General Assembly, scheduled in Chianciano Terme, considering the input of Mr. E. Buzinskij about no-gender equality. The matter needs to be discussed to formulate better and clearer rules for fair sports treatment.

After that, going back to the Championships that had taken place in Brussels in April 2025, J. Demasure wanted to focus on some aspects concerning time and costs, particularly the loss of money linked to a missing participation by an athlete. He added that he was confident about a possible financial refund. The higher number of players had determined higher costs, witnessed by Tarmo Tulva who was present and J. Demasure took advantage to thank him publicly, for his help.

C. A. Bordini answered that an extra reimbursement of 200 euros could be guaranteed. The same financial support for prize money costs was given to the organizer I. Ismailov, after the Veterans and Under 27 Championships in Kemer-Antalya-Turkey. The President even added that a balance is necessary between the costs for referees on one side and the costs for prizes on the other side in each sporty event, and that each organizer should have to plan costs and entries well.

Furthermore, it is even fundamental, when necessary and unpredictable, to support organizers' interest and enterprise made available for the Draughts world.

About the European Teams Championships, the President hoped in a possible organizer to be known during the General Assembly in Italy, a country where several draughts events have already been scheduled in 2025.

Then, on C.A. Bordini's question about Checkers 64 Tournaments, F. Shepel referred that he was going to get in touch with a Spanish organizer, hoping in a scheduled championship at the end of November 2025, in Brazilian version to involve more countries.

The President thanked F. Shepel and T. Tulva for their job, replied that for a real organization of it everything involved in terms of venue, accommodation, days, costs, rounds and so forth must be made official by August. On that occasion it would be a great opportunity to give birth to a Spanish Draughts Federation.

F. Shepel assured that step by step most of detailed news will be transmitted in a short time.

As for item **4. European Championships Classic, Blitz, Rapid 2026: proposal from Draughts Club Hijken DTC** whose venue will be in Beilen (Netherlands) in October 2026 (probably scheduled from 10<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>), the President could update the Members on the information about them, after an email exchange with J. Demasure and Wim Koopman, shared with T. Tulva and Frans De Jonge.

In the last email W. Koopman made the proposal of planning Blitz and Rapid first, to avoid too much tiredness of players after Classic games.

Everybody agreed to undertake Blitz and rapid at the beginning (on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup>) and even to accept the proposal about Time scheduled (like the Italian one): 5 min. + 3 sec for Blitz, 15 min. + 5 sec. for Rapid.

The organizational item to discuss was the 200-euro fee from the fourth player on, in the Individual Classic Championship, being 100-euro fee for the first three players. The Dutch KNDB's proposal is to ask each player for 100-euro fee. At the end the Executive Board decided to keep the 200-euro fee as already specified and they agreed unanimously. Otherwise, it would create unequal treatment between players from nearby countries, who already have lower travel costs, and those from faraway countries, who also have to pay higher costs. Furthermore, it would reduce the players' prize money for the players themselves.

#### About item 5. **Other various and possible evaluations**

Then the Agenda of next bi-yearly EDC GA was defined. It will take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> August in Chianciano Terme at 15.00.

Agenda of GA:

1. Opening and Welcome;
2. Report on activities;
3. Status of Ordinary and Associated Members;
4. Discussion on items (proposals by the Executive Board or Federations);
5. Closing.

The following EDC Board Meeting was arranged for 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025, at 19.30 Rome/Berlin/Brussels/Paris/Amsterdam time, only to discuss about proposals for the next EDC GA.

At about 21.00 the President thanked the Participants for their time, declaring the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board  
*Carlo A. Bordini*