



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n.3 – 2026, the twenty-third meeting of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023.

On Tuesday, 23rd April 2026, 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), *Magda Pawlowska* (Technical Director, Responsible for FMJD Calendar - POL), *Rik Keurentjes* (Charman of Athletes, Trainers and Referees Commission - NED), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor - NED), *Feliks Shepel* (Responsible for Draughts - 64 – UKR), *Glib Ushakov* (Responsible for International Marketing - UKR), *Aare Harak* (Auditor – EST) and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

Agenda:

1. Opening speech by the President;
2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 2/2026);
3. EDC Financial Statement 2025 (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement);
4. EDC Annual fee 2026: status (paid and not) and determination;
5. EDC Calendar 2026:
 - 5.1 European Youth Championships 2026;
 - 5.2 European Championships Draughts-64 (registrations);
 - 5.3 Other and various about the Calendar.
6. Other various and possible evaluations.

As for item **1. Opening speech by the President**, C.A. Bordini greeted the group and mentioned the important evolution of antidoping at FMJD level and the letter received from Mr. Bengt Kvisth welcoming future birth of the Swedish Federation.

Then he introduced item **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 2/2026)**. A. Harak noted that he had been appointed to the Jury d'Appel for the upcoming European Youth Championships in Tallinn. What he feared was that being involved as a referee could create conflicts of jurisdiction. The President C.A. Bordini and the Board agreed that if he is, indeed, appointed as a referee, he will be replaced. There was time to make such a decision, if necessary.

There were no other replies, so the text was approved.

Regarding item **3. EDC Financial Statement 2025 (Explanation Notes to the F.S., Balance Sheet, Financial and Bank Statement)**, sent to the Advisors and the Board by the President at the beginning of March, some modifications were proposed in relation to settle the typos concerning the bank movement and to remark the invoices related to the missed annual fee payments by some Federations.

Talking specifically about the financial statement 2025, both the present Auditors, E. Van Muijen and A. Harak, also on behalf of the third auditor, appreciated the accurate, precise and transparent work of the last years which will continue to guarantee real and useful support, when motivated and approved, for proposals and initiatives in the European Draughts World.

Carlo A. Bordini was grateful to everybody who cooperated with effective and timely commitment to the EDC Financial Statement 2025, that was unanimously approved at the end.

As for item **4. EDC Annual fee 2026: status (paid and not) and determination**, on the President's suggestion, the participating Members agreed to grant additional time, without a penalty, to those

Federations that are not yet up to date with their payments, but that intend to pay the fee. The President will send a reminder to those Federations. It was recalled that Players participating in the European Championships from Country-Federations that have not yet paid the annual fee will be required the payment of an additional fee for each championship played (usually €10 for each tournament). The Federations that will fail to meet their EDC annual fee for two years or more will unfortunately be relegated from Ordinary Members to Associated Members, as provided in the EDC Statute.

The discussion went on to item **5. EDC Calendar 2026: 5.1 European Youth Championships 2026, 5.2 European Championships Draughts-64 (registrations) and 5.3 Other and various about the Calendar**. As for item **5.1 EYC 2026**, including also the Under 27 this year, the President sincerely thanked the Estonian Federation, represented by T. Tulva and A. Harak at the meeting, for the availability to host the European Youth Championships next August, involving a lot of efforts in terms of people and money. T. Tulva, who had already sent the Rules and Regulations to the Board by email, added that technology will be more useful and efficient during the future Tournaments. Sharing his screen, he showed how easier electronic registration will be, the direct links for every official Federation to be informed about venues, how to book accommodation, the organization of meals and costs. Attention will be given to save EDC's and Federations' money as much as possible despite hotel costs in Estonia that are increasing a lot, if compared to the 2023 edition. Every Federation will be sent a specific email with all information in detail. The Youth Tournament Director and so as the Main Referee, costs for travel and accommodation supported by the EDC funds, will be allowed to check everything concerning each participating Federation. Even accompanying parents with referee's knowledge, or referees who want to increase their experience will be welcomed to help during the tournaments, by first agreeing with the conditions (such as free hospitality, etc.) set by the organizers until availability. R. Keurentjes confirmed that he will be available to organize a Draughts Seminar with clear and accurate ideas and schedule. All the Board appreciated the plans and at the President's request the Rules and Regulations and the Agreement were unanimously approved, with the few brought changes.

Opening the discussion on item **5.2 European Championships Draughts-64** about the players' registration, the Board debated the matter of the Israeli players. Their President refused to issue an application form for their participation due to security concerns, but he apparently agreed to their direct registration by themselves. The Board decided that, granting an exception for that specific tournament, all Israeli players will be allowed to participate, although their Federation has not submitted an official statement to the EDC yet. As the Tournament Director, T. Tulva will respond to the requests from Israeli players on behalf of EDC.

Concerning item **5.3 Other and various about the Calendar**, after a request for clarification prompted by A. Shvartsman to the organizers of the European Classic, Blitz and Rapid Championships 2026, the EDC Board discussed the accommodation arrangements for last year's winners of the European Blitz and Rapid Championships. The Board decided that, as an exception in 2026, the EDC will cover a one-night accommodation (€90) for last year's Blitz winners, both men and women, as well as for the Rapid winners, both men and women.

As in the past, for a future clarity and even beyond, free accommodation will be provided only to the winners of the Classic Tournaments, in both male and female categories.

About the **Calendar** there were neither changes nor additions. Further details, linked to the European Checkers Championships, will be shared afterwards.

With regards to item **6. Other various and possible evaluations**, no topics were suggested in the end.

The next Board Meeting was set for 28th May, at 7.30 p.m. Rome time.

At about 09.00 p.m. the President thanked the Members for their time and declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini