



European Draughts Confederation

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Executive Board Meeting n.5 – 2026, the twenty-fifth meeting of the Executive Board elected on 05.08.2023.

On Tuesday, 30th June, 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), *Feliks Shepel* (Responsible for Draughts - 64 – UKR), *Ester Van Muijen* (Auditor – NED), *Aare Harak* (Auditor – EST) and *Bellita D. Dottor* (General Secretary - ITA).

Glib Ushakov (responsible for International Marketing - UKR) and Bart Stegeman (Auditor - SLO) were excused absences.

Agenda:

1. Opening speech by the President;
2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 4/2026);
3. EDC Calendar 2026:
 - 3.1 European Youth Championships 2026;
 - 3.2 European Championships Classic, Blitz, Rapid: the organizer 's request (again) to lower the fee to € 100 for everybody (see EDC EB Minutes E n. 4 – 2025, with the previous decision to reject the request)
 - 3.3 Other and various about the Calendar.
4. Other various and possible evaluations.

Concerning item **1. Opening speech by the President**, C.A. Bordini greeted everyone and expressed his gratitude, happiness and pride referring to the whole Board, able to discuss and support important and involving issues in balance and harmony, showing commitment and responsibility in the name of the beloved sport.

Then he opened the discussion on item **2. Reading and ratification of the minutes of the previous Board Meeting (n. 4/2026)**. The content was approved without any changes or additions.

About item **3. EDC Calendar 2026: 3.1 European Youth Championships 2026; 3.2 European Championships Classic, Blitz, Rapid: the organizer's request (again) to lower the fee to € 100 for everybody (see EDC EB Minutes E n. 4 – 2025, with the previous decision to reject the request)** and explicitly **3.1**, the President gave the floor to T. Tulva to get updated information on the upcoming EYC in Estonia. Rules and regulations are complete, everything is under control and even the Staff is ready. He shared with the Board that there will be two final ceremonies due to the great and unexpected participation of almost 350 players from all over Europe. Cups, medals and diplomas are ready. Even Referees' and Assistants' accommodation are defined. He added that he had not received any news from the Ukrainian athletes yet, hoping that there would have not been any problems for their accommodation. He even mentioned that he had not got any requests from the Belarusian athletes, after the FMJD statement on 12th June. It is enough to say that the Estonian Government would not give them the visa to overcome the Estonian borders, while they will be allowed to go through the Chinese ones in the future Draughts Tournaments.

Asked by the President, A. Harak could confirm his participation in the championships as a member of the Jury d'Appel.

Regarding **3.2 European Championships Classic, Blitz, Rapid** and the related request from the Dutch organizer to lower the fee to € 100 for everybody (instead of € 200 from the fourth player of each Country) participating in the **European Championships Classic, Blitz and Rapid**, all the Board was involved in an open discussion that, at the end, took into consideration the *pros* above all: on one side the opportunity for a larger number both Dutch and from other countries' players to participate, on the other side a wider success for the competition and a favourable economic outcome for EDC. The result would involve less amounts for the fourth player and more amounts for the Home Country, but such an extra number of players would compensate for the total amount and even overcome it. The Board agreed and gave the decision-making mandate to the President to update the Rules and Regulations of the European Championship 2026.

As for item **3.3 Other and various about the Calendar**, the President informed the Board about some written contacts with the President of the Azerbaijan Draughts Federation, Boris Mushailov, who showed interest in organizing the European Youth Championships in 2027, in Baku.

In relation to item **4. Other various and possible evaluations**, no topics were suggested in the end.

The next Board Meeting was set for 2nd September, at 7.30 p.m., Rome time.

At about 8.15 p.m. the President thanked the Members for their time and he declared the online meeting closed.

The President of the EDC Board
Carlo A. Bordini