

Resolutions for the 2020 FIDE General Assembly

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FIRST RESOLUTION:

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SECOND RESOLUTION:

Article 17.6 of the FIDE Charter reads:

" 17.6 Presidents and delegates may only represent one Member Federation at a time and must, on the date of the meeting of the General Assembly, have either: - a citizenship or at least two years' residency of the country or territory they represent, or - at least one year experience as an office holder of this Member Federation. They must also be elected or appointed by the appropriate body of that Member Federation."

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THIRD RESOLUTION

Congress notes: The continuing boycotts by Iranians of Israeli players in chess and other sports, most recently at the World Junior 2019 when GM Mohammad Amin Tabatabaei and IM Aryan Gholami refused to play.

Congress notes: The resolution of the ECU passed unanimously at The ECU General Assembly, meeting in Skopje on March 23rd, 2019 requesting of the FIDE Presidential Board:

- ☐ A statement that such individual boycotts will no longer be tolerated.
- ☐ A resolution from the Board banning the practice of 'special pairings' at the Chess Olympiads, FIDE tournaments and in all FIDE rated events. This refers to the practice

of deliberately keeping players or teams from certain countries apart by adjusting the pairing software.

- If required, to take such steps at the next General Assembly to ensure the two points above are on the agenda for the next FIDE GA.

Congress notes: The transfer of Alireza Firouzja to the FIDE flag.

Congress notes: The harassment of Sarasadat [Khademalsharieh](#) by the Revolutionary Guard (IRGC) who was prevented from boarding an aeroplane to the Gibraltar tournament.

Congress notes: The execution of Iranian wrestler Navid Afkari (نوید افکاری) on 12 September 2020 despite the intervention of the IOC President Thomas Bach.

Congress notes: The rejection by the Guardian Council of the Islamic Republic of Iran of the proposed charter of the National Olympic Committee of the Islamic Republic of Iran (N.O.C.I.R. IRAN) at a press conference in Tehran given by Mr. Kadkhodaei on July 11th.

Congress notes: The letter of the FIDE President to the Iranian Chess Federation dated 8th June 2020 (<https://www.fide.com/news/620>) and the reply from the Iranian Chess Federation dated 22nd June 2020 stating that decisions regarding participation are for individual athletes.

Congress notes: The action of the International Judo Federation (IJF) against the Iran Judo Federation including a suspension from all competitions, citing:

Respect for the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding and a spirit of friendship, solidarity, and fair play;

Respect for the principle of universality and political neutrality of the IJF and of the Olympic Movement;

Respect for international agreements for the protection of human rights as they apply to the activities of the IJF and its members and which ensure, in particular:

Rejection of all forms of discrimination, no matter the reason, in particular related to race, colour, sex, sexual orientation, language, religion, political or other opinions, national or social origin, wealth, birth, or any other situation;

And violations of the Olympic charter and the IOC Code of Ethics.

See:

<https://www.ijf.org/news/show/final-suspension-for-iran-judo-federation>

Congress notes: The letter of the Iranian Chess Federation referred to above does not commit to ending boycotts.

Congress requests: The Iranian Chess Federation to ensure no future boycotts.

Congress requests: The Iranian Chess Federation to instruct its players to compete against all nations in FIDE.

Congress resolves: That failure of the Iranian Chess Federation to request their players compete against all countries in FIDE before the next GA, or any future boycott by an Iranian player, will automatically result in the Iranian Chess Federation's suspension from all FIDE activities.

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