

# **CHARTER**

**The International Draughts Committee**

**of the Disabled**

**- CONSOLIDATED TEXT -**

## CHAPTER I

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### § 1

1. The International Draughts Committee of the Disabled, hereinafter referred to as "the Committee" operates under the provisions of the Act from the April 7, 1989 "The Law about Associations" (Journal of Laws since 1989. No. 20, art. 104, with amendments) and in accordance with the provisions of this Charter.
2. The Committee is a voluntary, self-governing, stable society, linking the national sport Federation of draughts players and unifying separate draughts players around the world.
3. The Committee operates a policy of equality of its members. No member of the Committee may be discriminated on grounds of sex, religion, ideology, skin color and origin. The Committee adheres to the principles of neutrality in relations to other countries.
4. The Committee may use foreign name of "The International Draughts Committee of the Disabled" and the short name "I.D.C.D." The Committee may simultaneously use the Polish name "Miedzynarodowy Komitet Warcabowy Niepelnosprawnych" (The International Draughts Committee of the Disabled) and the short name "I. D.C. D."

#### § 2

1. The headquarters of the Committee is the capital of Poland, the city of Warsaw.
2. The territory of activities of the Committee includes the areas of the whole world.
3. The Committee may be engaged in activities outside the country in other states, complying with the laws of these states.

#### § 3

1. The Committee has the status of a legal person and is founded for an unlimited time.
2. The Committee may be a public benefit organization.

#### § 4

1. The Committee cooperates with national, foreign and international non-governmental organizations and other institutions. It can be a member of these organizations with its full autonomy.
2. The Committee operates in accordance with the rules of the World Draughts Federation and professes its principles and goals.

#### § 5

1. The Committee bases its activities on social work of its members.
2. For the conduct of its activities, the Committee may employ executives and rent offices.

## § 6

The Committee may use symbols, insignia and seals according to the samples, approved by the competent authorities.

## CHAPTER II

### THE GOALS AND MEANS OF ACTIVITY

## § 7

The objectives of the Committee are:

- 1) the development and promotion of draughts sports among the disabled people worldwide;
- 2) the adoption and publication of the laws governing sport competitions for disabled people in draughts sport in accordance with the I.D.C.D.;
- 3) organization of world and continental Championships in draughts in the category of disabled people;
- 4) organization of international draughts congresses among the disabled people ;
- 5) inspiration of cooperation with state agencies, non-governmental institutions and organisation of sports and cultural events;
- 6) representation, protection of rights and interests, as well as coordination of actions of all its members;
- 7) representation of interests of the draughts sport of disabled in the national and international organizations of disabled.

## § 8

The Committee realizes its objectives through:

- 1) implementation of comprehensive care to members of the Committee, as well as monitoring of compliance with its Charter, regulations and rules;
- 2) the development of national and international contacts and cooperation with institutions, organizations, associations, with the groups and sports clubs with similar objectives;
- 3) the promotion of physical culture, sports and tourism among the disabled people;
- 4) representation, protection of rights and interests, as well as coordination of actions of all its members;
- 5) assistance to public initiatives related to the promotion of sports;
- 6) conducting of informational, promotional and publishing activities of the Committee;
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- 8) organization of seminars, readings, meetings on topics related to draughts sports and logical games;

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- 9) interaction with the regional, national and international press and other media;
- 10) organization of charitable activities;
- 11) support of other individuals and legal entities for the activities of the Committee;
- 12) cooperation with institutions, organizations and associations having similar objectives;
- 13) help and care for former members;
- 14) the development of international contacts and cooperation with foreign organizations;
- 15) the conferment of honorary titles for disabled draughts players in compliance with the rules of the I.D.C.D.

## CHAPTER III

### THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE MEMBERS

#### § 9

1. Committee members can be individuals and legal entities. A legal entity can only be a member supporting the Committee.
2. The Committee consists of such members:
  - 1) ordinary members;
  - 2) supporters;
  - 3) honorary members.

#### § 10

1. An ordinary member may be any individual of any country who is at least 16 years old, identifies himself with the goals of the Committee and submits a written statement of the participant.
2. An ordinary member may be any person under the age of 16 years, with the consent of his legal representative, however, such members cannot exercise the rights specified in § 13, paragraph 1 of the Charter.
3. The acceptance of new members is carried out by the Council by resolution adopted not later than within one month from the date of filing the written application.

#### § 11

1. A member of the Committee may be an individual or a legal entity which can declare financial, material or meritorious assistance in the realization of the goals of the Committee.
2. The admission of new supporting members is carried out by the Council adopted not later than within one month from the date of filing written application, which specifies the stated support in favor of the Committee.

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## § 12

1. An honorary member of the Committee may be an individual who has made an outstanding contribution into the activity and development of the Committee.
2. Providing the dignity of an honorary member shall be made by way of a resolution through Congress, on the proposal of the management Council or at least 10 members of the Committee.

## § 13

Ordinary members have the right to:

- 1) passive and active participation in the elections of the authorities to the Committee, Subject to Article 3, Clause 2 and 3 of the Act from April 7, 1989 – The Law about Public Associations;
- 2) participate with a voice component during the Congress, Subject to Article 3, Clause 2 and 3 of the Act of April 7, 1989 – The Law about Public Associations;
- 3) to use the achievements and all forms of activities of the Committee;
- 4) to participate in meetings, lectures and events held by the Committee;
- 5) to make proposals concerning all the activities of the Committee;
- 6) to have an identity card of the Committee and its symbols;
- 7) to use the premises and equipment of the Committee.

## § 14

The members of the Committee are required to:

- 1) to comply with the provisions of this Charter;
- 2) to actively participate in the activities of the Committee and implementation of its objectives;
- 3) to observe the rules of material unselfishness in the context of personal life, and on behalf of the Committee;
- 4) to comply with the resolutions of Congress and the Executive Council of the Committee;
- 5) systematic payment of membership fees and other payments in favor of the Committee, within the time and in the amount established by the Council of the Committee;
- 6) to take care of the good name of the Committee, and by his /her behavior and actions, to promote the growth of the role and importance of the Committee;
- 7) to promote the cultural behavior before, during and after sporting events.

## § 15

1. Supporting members and honorary members do not have passive and active suffrage, but they can take part with deliberative votes in the statutory bodies of the Committee, in other cases they have the same rights as ordinary members.
2. Supporting member is obliged to carry out the claimed exemptions, the observance of the present Statute and the decisions of the management of the Committee.
3. Honorary members are required to comply with the provisions of the Charter and to take care of the good name of the Committee.

## § 16

The Committee membership is terminated if:

- 1) a voluntary refusal in writing to the Committee is submitted to the Council,
- 2) the death of the member or loss of legal entity status to a legal entity;
- 3) exclusion of a member of the Committee by the Council on the proposal of the Matey Court;
- 4) loss of civil rights on the basis of a final court decision.

## § 17

1. Exclusion of members of the Committee shall be based on the decision of the Council, at the suggestion of the Matey Court adopted by open ballot if:
  - 1) non-compliance by the member of the provisions of the Charter, decisions of Congress or decisions of the council adopted within the limits of their powers;
  - 2) the actions of the member bringing damage to the Committee;
  - 3) unjustified retention of the member with payment of dues or other obligations for a period exceeding three years;
  - 4) lack of activity of the participant in favor of the Committee.
2. Upon the Council's decision on expulsion of a member from Committee, this member has the right to contact the nearest Congress through the Council within 14 days from the date of delivery of the respective decision. The appeal shall be considered at the next Congress. The resolution of the Congress is final.
3. In the case when as a result of the events described in §16 and §17 sec. 1 hereof, the number of Committee members drops below 7, the Council is obliged to take measures to obtain within 1 month from the date of the occurrence of the above events, the Declaration of the desire of joining a new member, so that the total number of consistent members with the statutory requirement has to be 7 persons.

## CHAPTER IV

### AUTHORITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

#### § 18

Authorities of the Committee are:

- 1) Congress;
- 2) The Council;
- 3) The Audit Commission;
- 4) The Matey Court.

#### § 19

1. Authorities of the Committee are selected by the Congress by secret ballot or by open voting, depending on the resolution of the Congress by an absolute majority of votes.
2. In the case where the composition of the Committee is reduced during the following term, its composition can be changed by cooptation carried out by the members of the body that has been lowered in number. In this mode, the Council can appoint not more than half of the composition of the body.

#### § 20

All decisions of the collegial bodies of the Committee are taken by open vote by a simple majority of the votes in the presence of at least half of the members eligible to vote in the first term, in the second term, regardless of the number of present members, apparently, the further resolution of the Charter is to be provided.

#### §21

The term of office of all elected bodies of the Committee lasts 4 years.

### CONGRESS

#### § 22

1. The Congress is the Supreme body of the Committee.
2. The Congress may be ordinary or extraordinary.
3. The ordinary Congress shall be convened by the Council every two years as accounting and 4 years as a reporting and election term.
4. Extraordinary Congress shall be convened by the Council:
  - 1) on its initiative;
  - 2) at the request of the Audit Commission;

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- 3) at the written request of at least  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total number of permanent members of the Committee.
5. The extraordinary Congress will be convened before the expiration of two months from the date of submission of the application or request and sit only on cases for which it was convened.
6. If the Council does not comply with the provisions contained in clause 4 extraordinary Congress shall be convened by the Audit Commission.

## § 23

The competence of the Congress includes, in particular:

- 1) the adoption of bylaws and amendments to the Charter;
- 2) approval of the program of activities of the Committee;
- 3) adoption of the rules of the meetings of the Congress;
- 4) selection and removal of members of the Council, the Matey Court and members of the Audit Committee;
- 5) the approval of decision about the mandate of the Council to determine the timing and amount of the membership fee;
- 6) review and approval of the reports on the activities of the Council of the Committee;
- 7) to express confidence/nonconfidence to the Council on demand of the Audit Commission;
- 8) appeal against any/ all decisions of the Council;
- 9) making decisions on the termination of the Committee and use of its property;
- 10) making decisions on membership of the Committee in other associations and organizations;
- 11) granting the dignity of honorary member and withdrawing of it;
- 12) the final interpretation of the provisions of the Charter;
- 13) making decisions on all matters within the competence of other bodies of the Committee.

## § 24

The Council shall notify about the date, place and agenda of the Congress by providing information to the public at least 1 month prior to the starting day of the meeting. The effective method of notification is considered to be a correspondence by post and by posting up the information about the Congress at the headquarters of the Committee. In addition, effective notification is the informing of the members about the date and agenda of the Congress by electronic means of communication.



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## § 25

1. Congress meets according to the approved rules and agenda.
2. For the legality of the resolutions of the Congress the presence of half of the members entitled to vote on the first date, as well as, regardless of the number of participants, for a second term, if this term was specified in the notice convening the first term of the Congress.

## § 26

The Congress is opened by the President of the Council or another member of the Council, after which the Congress shall elect from those present a Chairman and a Secretary.

## § 27

1. The participant can take part in the Congress in person or by proxy.
2. The power of attorney on participation in the Congress shall be granted, under rygour of nullity, in writing and must be submitted to the Council at least 3 days before the planned day of the Congress.

## § 28

1. Sessions of Congresses are recorded.
2. The Protocol is signed by the Chairman of the Congress and and the Secretary.
3. The Protocol should be available to all members of Congress in the headquarters of the Committee not later than 30 days after the end of the Congress.

## THE COUNCIL

## § 29

1. The Committee directs the Council.
2. The Board consists of 3 to 7 members, including:
  - 1) The President of the Council;
  - 2) The Secretary-General;
  - 3) 1-5 Members of the Council.

## § 30

1. The Council is elected by Congress by secret ballot or by open voting, depending on the decision taken by Congress.
2. Right to stand for election to the Council, including the position of President of the Council which shall be given to a person who has appropriate expertise in the management of a sports organization.
3. The President of the Council is elected by a separate ballot in the first place from among the declared candidates.
4. The President of the Council is elected from about the candidates who has received absolute majority of votes (50% + 1 votes). In a situation when none of the candidates for the presidency of the Council in the first vote has received the required number of votes, a second ballot is carried out between the two candidates who have received the most votes in the first ballot.
5. Members of Council are elected from about the candidates who have achieved the highest number of votes among those candidates.
6. The term of office of the Council is four years and it begins on the date of election and continues through election to the day of the regular reporting - election Congress.
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## § 31

The jurisdiction of the Council includes:

- 1) the orientation of the current work and the objectives of the Committee;
- 2) the implementation of the resolutions of the Congress;
- 3) exercise control over the property and funds of the Committee in accordance with applicable law;
- 4) planning and conducting of the financial economy;
- 5) representation of interests of the Committee abroad and activity on its behalf;
- 6) the convening of Congress;
- 7) developing of programs and working plans of the Committee;
- 8) drafting and submitting to Congress reports on the activities of the Council;
- 9) preparation of sample Declaration of the participant;

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- 10) making decisions on admission and exclusion of members of the Committee and maintenance of records of Committee members;
- 11) taking decision on the purchase, sale or encumbrance of property of the Committee;
- 12) making decisions on the conduct of the economic activities by Committee from which the achieved income serves for realization of the statutory purposes;
- 13) making decisions on hiring and dismissing of employees and determining of the amount of remuneration;
- 14) the determination of the amount of the entrance fee for members of the Committee and the size and term of payment of the membership fee based on the resolution of the Congress;
- 15) adoption of regulations of the Council.

### § 32

1. The work of the Council is led by the President of the Council, who shall convene the meetings of the Council.
2. Council meetings are held as there is a necessity, but not less than once in 1 year.
3. The Council adopts decisions by a simple majority of the votes in the presence of at least half of the members of the Council. In the case of equality of votes, the vote of the President of the Council is decisive.
4. Meetings of the Council are recorded. The Protocol is signed by all members of the Council present at the meeting.
5. The members of the Council may receive remuneration for their work committed in connection with the fulfilment of the functions.

### THE AUDIT COMMISSION

### § 33

1. The Audit Commission is attracted to exercise control over the activities of the Committee.
2. The Audit Commission consists of 3 - 5 members, including a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary, elected by Congress for a term of four years.
3. At the first meeting the Audit Commission shall elect from its members the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary.

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4. The Audit Commission works on the basis of agreed by itself working conditions.
5. The work of the Audit Commission is headed by the Chairman, who shall convene its meetings.
6. Meetings of the Audit Committee are held not less than once per quarter.
7. Decisions of the Audit Commission are taken by simple majority of the votes in the presence of at least half of the members. In the case of equality of votes the vote of the Chairman is decisive.
8. Meetings of the Commission shall be recorded. The Protocol is signed by all Commission members present at the meeting.

### § 34

The duties of the Audit Committee include:

- 1) control of the activities of the Committee, taking into account financial management from the point of view of feasibility, reliability and cost efficiency;
- 2) study and control of accounting books, documents and accounts of the Committee;
- 3) monitoring of compliance with closures of the account and balance for each accounting year;
- 4) submitting applications and request of explanations from the Council in cases arising out from audit findings;
- 5) reporting on its activities to the Congress together with assessment of the activities of the Council;
- 6) approval of the report of the Finance Committee;
- 7) communicate with Congress on granting absolutorium to the Council;
- 8) convocation of the Extraordinary Congress in cases specified in the Charter.

### § 35

Members of the Audit Committee are entitled to participate in Council meetings with a consultative vote.

### **THE SOCIAL COURT (Matey Court)**

### § 36

1. The Social Court or Matey Court is the supreme body deciding internal disputes in the Committee.
2. Matey Court consists of 3-5 members, including a Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary, elected by Congress for 4 years.

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3. At the first meeting the Matey Court elects from its members the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman and the Secretary.

### § 37

The Matey Court considers cases of violation by members of the Committee of bylaws of the Charter, actions which are considered unethical and conflicts arising between the Members of the Committee.

### § 38

The Matey Court may use the following penalties:

- 1) comments;
- 2) reprimands;
- 3) the prohibition to hold positions in bodies of the Committee within one term of office;
- 4) suspension of the Committee member of his rights for a term of 4 years;
- 5) submitting of proposal to the Council or to the Congress about the exclusion of a member from the Committee.

### § 39

1. The Matey court decides in full composition and its decisions are taken by absolute majority of votes.
2. Matey Court decisions can be appealed to Congress.

### § 40

1. The Matey Court reports every two years on its activities to the Congress.
2. The members of the the Matey Court have no right to perform other functions in the Committee.

### § 41

To implement its statutory objectives the Committee can appoint the commissions, including a technical commission governing the rules for international competitions and the medical commission, which governs the admission of athletes to start the competition, organized by the Committee.

## CHAPTER V

### PROPERTY AND FINANCIAL ECONOMICS

#### § 42

1. The Committee conducts the financial activity in accordance with applicable law.
2. The properties of Committee are: real estate, movable property, securities, monetary means accumulated in the bank account of the Committee and means that are used exclusively to implement the statutory purposes of the Committee.
3. The funds of the Board shall consist of:
  - 1) entry payments;
  - 2) membership fees;
  - 3) subsidies for implementation of tasks coming from public authorities;
  - 4) donations;
  - 5) wills and inheritance;
  - 6) incomes from property;
  - 7) incomes received from entrepreneurial activity;
  - 8) other incomes received from the statutory activities of the Committee.
4. Funds and property of Committee are governed by the Council.

#### § 43

The Committee may carry out economic activities in accordance with the rules set in separate provisions and may join companies, associations and foundations with other economic entities in accordance with applicable regulations.

#### § 44

One can submit declarations on behalf of the Committee, but in matters of property obligations the signature of the President of the Council or the Secretary-General, or three signatures of other members of the Council are required.

## CHAPTER VI

### THE DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION OF THE COMMITTEE

#### § 45

1. The resolution on the dissolution of the Committee is taken by the Congress by qualified majority of 2/3 votes in the presence of at least half of the members entitled to vote.
2. Decision on the issue of Charter changes and decisions about the fate of the assets of the Committee remaining after the liquidation of the Committee and in order to be operative, they have to be adopted by majority of 2/3 votes in presence of at least half of Committee members eligible to vote.
3. Taking the decision to dissolve Committee, Congress determines the way of its liquidation and the destination of the Committee property.
4. In matters relating to decisions of liquidation of the Committee not specified in the Charter, they have to use the appropriate provisions of the Law of 7 April, 1989 – The Law about Public Associations.

## CHAPTER VII

### FINAL PROVISIONS

#### § 46

In matters not regulated by this Charter the Committee may apply to the Law about Public Associations.

#### § 47

The right of interpretation of this Charter belongs to Congress.

#### § 48

This Charter shall enter into force in the day of registration of the Committee in National Court Register.