



TÜRKİYE SATRANÇ FEDERASYONU TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION

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TO EUROPEAN CHESS UNION

Dear Mrs.General Secretary,

I was sincerely hoping that our communication is flowing in the correct tone; however, you obviously have double standards. When, according with what you say, 'all organisers in the last three years, have introduced organising fee' you were arguing about the next year event in Turkey that we should not ask the players. In order to support your argument, you were even misinterpreting contract with ECU, by saying, what is not mentioned in the contract is forbidden. It is obvious; in events where Mr.Sakotic and you had been involved (officially or unofficially) organising fee was logical. And now just because you want to be unpleasant, you were trying to fight about this subject with my federation.

1. It is first time in the history that a sport organisation is introducing **light regulations!** This means that, according to your explanation, those regulations are not valid, and ECU can change them at any moment, event just before the event. I believe this is a very bad start for the new leadership of ECU. I hope that this is a mistake based on your lack of experience, and it will not be common in the future.
2. It was a typing mistake on one of the pages that I have written about two rounds per day. And my players warned me that they had to play two rounds. I thought that one day they play two rounds and the next day, 27 March, is a free day. You may warn them to correct this for further misunderstandings. <http://www.aixlesbains2011.fr/Default.aspx?id=6> click on English option kindly.
3. It is a very bad start to talk with a very active federation to hide the real facts concerning the nominations for the Appeal's Committee. Mr.Sakotic was not proposed by the organisers as a member, but he was proposed by the President of ECU Mr.Danailov, as well GM Zurab Azmaiparashvili as the chairman of the Appeal's Committee. The French Chess Federation accepted to compromise to have Mr.Willy Iclicki as member.

Now I want to move to the Championship in Gaziantep and to complete discussion on contentious issues in the regulations:

So, I am really confused. Do we really need a letter from FIDE, to do what is right to do in Europe? The Deputy President of FIDE, Mr.Makropoulos is here as you know, I had a long conversation with him about this problem, as I told you on phone describing the situation, I asked him to send officially the request to Turkish Chess Federation. After that I received the letter I forwarded to you.



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Total Price for hotel:

Any visitor to come can stay in any hotel. If he wants to come and stay in official hotel, he should communicate with us and we are ready to provide him a package according to his needs. But the regulations (how you probably know) are published for players and for coaches who stay during all period for the event. And the reason of giving a total price is our booking for the whole period.

Organisation Fee:

Unfortunately, I do not agree with your statement: *“this part of misunderstanding is the consequence of very bad contract that you inherited”*. And I do not believe that previous organisers had signed a better contract. It is the first time; ECU succeeded a European Individual Women Championship with such as prize fund. So, instead of using this opportunity to attack your predecessors, I would congratulate them giving this chance to our eminent women players in Europe. Especially when you have been part of a team to which the previous European leadership of chess had awarded many events.

Late Registration fee:

I do not want to affect on you whether you will approve late registrations or not. Just you should inform me, whom you have approved in order to charge them with a late registration fee as my agreement with the hotel is based on it. I do not insist. To accept them or not - it is up to you. But you should not try to be involved in the financial questions and the logistics of our event! For example, imagine, that 20 players are approved by you after the deadline and after everything have been prepared; then how I can cover the additional cost, and run the event with 20 more players? The cost of an additional arbiter, last moment transportation, accommodation, all other logistic needs - it will cost more than the fees I will collect. If you really want to achieve a good organisation, you should be in favour of this late registration fee in this and other future European events.

Based on the above, I am expecting you will withdraw the requests you are patronizing me to follow, and you will show the respect to Turkish Chess Federation who is trying its best for the most successful European Individual Women Championship.

Finally I should say that I have consulted my Executive Board and their opinion is the following: if your unpleasant behaviour is the continuation of conflicts because of the elections, then it is better to give to the new leadership of ECU the right to find another organiser.



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I am not going to come back to the same discussion. I am already feeling very much insulted. I can accept the only one from your accusations, that one about double standards because we provide more than double prize fund ever awarded for a European Women Championship. You have time until my next meeting with my board at the morning of Thursday, December 23. Under all those conditions given above, please inform us if you get the event back or not.

The Turkish Chess Federation reserving all legal rights.

Chess Regards,

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President