



Association
Internationale
Des Échecs
Francophones

Statutes

as adopted by the General Assembly of September 7th 2016 which supersede the previous version of January 5th 2013

The authentic version of those Statutes is the French version. In case of discrepancies between the French version and any translation, the French version shall be considered the official version.

1 Definition and Statement of Purpose

- 1.1 Definition : The Francophone Chess Association¹ is an organization that has been created under the Authority of the July 1st 1901 Law and of the Decree of August 16th 1901, both of which being Laws of the Republic of France. The association is known by its acronym in French AIDEF. AIDEF has been founded in Cannes, France on February 24th 2007. The AIDEF is both a sport association and a cultural association which represents groups of francophone chess players, its duration is indeterminate.

The founding members who attended the Constituent assembly were :

La Fédération Échiquéenne Francophone de Belgique (Jean-Marie Piron)

La Fédération Royale Belge des Échecs (Jean-Marie Piron)

La Fédération Française des Échecs (Jean-Claude Moingt)

La Fédération Suisse des Échecs (René Kesselring)

La Fédération Monégasque des Échecs (Willy Iclicki)

La Fédération Tunisienne des Échecs (Nouredine Tabbane)

La Fédération Luxembourgeoise des Échecs (Ady Christoffel)

Le Comité Valdôtain d'Échecs (Agostino Scalfi)

- 1.2 Statement of Purpose : the purpose of the AIDEF is to regroup francophone chess players in an international association to promote and foster the use of the French language in the chess world.

It has for purpose to help with the development and teaching of the game of chess in the territories of its members. To foster the exchanges and relationships between francophones chess players, it shall create mutual aid and sustainable development.

It organises events, course, conferences, individual and team competitions in francophone Countries and Regions.

- 1.3 Head Office : 56, Boulevard Mantega Righi – 06100 Nice – France

The Head Office can be transferred by a simple decision of the Council which will be confirmed by the next General Assembly.

2 Composition of the Assembly

1 In French, *Association Internationale des Échecs Francophones*

2.1 Becoming a member: the Council approves all membership requests during its regular meetings. All requests are voted upon at the next regular meeting.

2.2 The members: The following entities can become members of the AIDEF.

The National Chess Federations of countries who are members of the *Organisation internationale de la Francophonie*.

Regional entities which have been created for the practice of the game of Chess and have a territorial jurisdiction and which represent a group or an association of francophone chess players in any part of the world

All AIDEF members may take part in all the activities of the association and in the General Assembly.

2.3 The right to vote: Have the right to vote during Assemblies :

The National Chess Federation of States and Governments of the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie* which are members of the AIDEF. The observers members may participate, but cannot vote.

All Entities which have been accepted by the Council and to which the Council has granted the right to vote.

The Council may grant the right to vote to an Entity which has requested it if the following two conditions are met : the Entity must represent a sufficient number of francophone chess players and the Entity cannot substitute itself for a National Federation except if the latter refuses to become a member of AIDEF or has been expelled from AIDEF according to the Article 2.4 below.

2.4 The termination of the membership: membership of AIDEF can be lost by resignation. The Council, for serious reasons, may decided, with a two thirds vote, to temporarily suspend a member pending the next General Assembly. The member shall be notified by Registered Mail. The next General Assembly shall vote and decide if the suspension will become permanent. The suspended member has the right to address the General Assembly and can speak in his own defence.

3 The General Assembly

3.1 **Functions:** the General Assembly define, adjust and control the general policies of the Association. It has the exclusive power

3.1.1 to hear, every two years, the reports on the management of the Association by the Council, those reports shall covers both the moral and financial situation of the Association;

3.1.2 to vote the budget and approve the accounts of the last financial year and

3.1.3 to elect the members of the Council

3.2 **Composition** : the General Assembly is composed of the delegates of the Federations and of the Entities affiliated to the Association, each being represented by its president. If the president is unable to attend, a delegate can be designed by a special mandate or by proxy.

3.3 **Convening:** the General Assembly met when convene by the President of the Association every two years, during the Chess Olympiad, during the assemblies period and the FIDE elections.

The President or the Council may decide to convene the General Assembly at another location, at a different date or to use electronic means of communications that enable remote participation.

The Notice of Meeting and the agenda shall be sent to all members at least one month before the beginning of the General Assembly.

3.4 **The Extraordinary (or Special) General Assembly:** the Extraordinary General Assembly is convened by an absolute majority vote of the Council or by one third of the voting members of the association. The Council will determine the details of the convening of the Extraordinary General Assembly.

3.5 **Voting:** each voter, the President or his representative mandated by a Federation, have one vote and cannot represent by proxy more then one other affiliated member.

4 The Council

4.1 **Function:** the Council directs an ensure the daily administration of the Association.

It has the authority to adopt any rules, except those that have been adopted by the General Assembly or that are written in the Statutes.

4.2 **Composition:** the Council must have at least four members with the following titles: President, Vice-President, General Secretary and Treasurer.

Any candidate to the Council must be at least eighteen years old and be a member for at least twelve consecutive mounts of a Federation or and Entity affiliated to the AIEDF.

The President convene and preside the meeting of the General Assembly and of the Council. He shall authorize all expenditures, he represents the Association in all activities of a civil nature. The president may delegate some of these functions, but the

legal representation of the Association requires a Special Power of Attorney.

The Vice-President, permanently assist the President and replaces him in case of an absence of less than three months. If the president is, for any reason, unable to perform his tasks for more than three months, his function shall be provisionally exercised by the first Vice-President.

The Secretary General: under the supervision of the President, the Secretary General is in charge of the official administrative functions of the Association and of the transmission of information. He writes the Minutes of the meetings of the Council and of the General Assemblies. He transmits to the members, those reports, other management reports and the Treasurer report.

The Treasurer keeps the accounts of the Association, collects the revenue and pays the expenses approved by the President. He prepares the financial report that will be transmitted to the members by the President before every General Assembly.

- 4.3 Terms of office: the terms of office of the persons elected to the Council is four years, it is renewable. The elections are organized every 4 years during the General Assembly.

Between elective General Assemblies, the Council may add a new member to the Council or replace a member who has withdrawn. Those appointed members remain in office until the next General Assembly where elections will be organized.

The General Assembly may terminate the mandate of any Council member under those conditions.

- 4.3.1 The request to terminate the mandate of a Council member must be on the Agenda of the Extraordinary General Assembly convened at the request of at least one third of the voting members of the Association.
- 4.3.2 At least two thirds of the voting members must attend the General Assembly.
- 4.3.3 The motion to terminate the Council member must have an absolute majority of all votes cast.

In order to preserve the cohesion of the Management and to ensure the smooth running of the Association, the Council may terminate the mandate of any member of the Council if the member's work is judged unsatisfactory or contrary to the goals of the Association. This decision must be approved by a majority of the two thirds of the Council.

- 4.4 Elections: the members of the Council are elected by the General Assembly separately and by secret ballots.

The nominations must be sent to the President at least seven days before the beginning of the General Assembly. If no nomination have been received for a position on the Council, a person who complies with the conditions of the Statutes can be nominated during the General Assembly.

During the election, the computation of the number of votes takes into consideration void and blank votes. In case of a tie, a second vote will be organized. If still tied after the second vote, the youngest candidate will be considered elected.

5 Endowment and resources

- 5.1 Accounting: the accounting of the association is maintained according to the Laws and regulations of France; the currency used for all accounting documents is the euro.

The following document shall be presented to the members at each General Assembly: a Balance Sheet, a Statement of Revenue and Expenditure and an annex. The Treasurer is responsible of the production of those reports.

The end of the financial year of the Association is the last day of the month before the General Assembly.

- 5.2 Resources: apart from those authorized under the Law, the ressources of the Association includes :

- 5.2.1 the revenue of its goods;
- 5.2.2 the entry fees and member's due;
- 5.2.3 the profits made from events;
- 5.2.4 the income resulting from partnership related to the right to use, under the control of the Association, of its brand image, its name and its logo;
- 5.2.5 private and public subsidy;
- 5.2.6 exceptional resources created, if necessary, with the permission of the Competent Authority and
- 5.2.7 the revenues collected for services rendered.

The members of the Council may organise actions and events to gain the resources necessary to their activities.

6 Amendment to the Statutes and Dissolution

- 6.1 Amendment procedure: the General Assembly that will amend the Statutes is convened with all the proposed amendments on the Agenda. Amendments can be proposed by the Council or by at least one third of the voting members of the Association.

The notice of meeting and the agenda must be send to affiliated members of the AIDEF at least fifteen days before the beginning of the General Assembly.

The General Assembly can amend the Statutes only if more the fifty percent of AIDEF voting members are present or represented by proxy. If this quorum is not met, the General Assembly is quickly reconvened and during this second meeting, can vote on the amendments without any quorum requirement.

The Statutes can only be modified by an affirmative vote of the two thirds of the AIDEF voting members present or represented at a General Assembly.

Any amendment to the Statutes must be transmitted the Prefecture of the department where the Head Office of the Association is located within three months of its publication on the AIDEF web site.

- 6.2 Dissolution procedure: the General Assembly can vote the dissolution of the

Association only if it has been especially convened for this purpose.

The decision to dissolve the Association must be taken in the same conditions of majority and quorum then the amendment of the Statutes.

If the dissolution have been decided by at least two thirds of the members present at the General Assembly and if the Association owns any assets, one or more liquidators are nominated by the General Assembly. What remains of the assets after the payment of all debts will be disposed of in accordance with the Article 9 of the July 1st 1901 Law and of the Decree of August 16th 1901².

2 Both of those are Laws of the Republic of France.