



SYSTEM OF APPOINTMENT OF THE ARBITERS IN OFFICIAL ECU CHAMPIONSHIPS

SECTION I – GENERAL

1. The following rules are approved according to ECU Tournament Regulations B.10 as amended in 2019 ECU General Assembly.
2. Only the ECU Arbiters' Council may amend the present Regulation.
3. As per decision of 2019 ECU General Assembly, the ECU Arbiters' Council will appoint directly 20% of the arbiters of any ECU official championship, other than principals mentioned in ECU TR B.10.2.1. The 20% appointed by the ECU Arbiters' Council shall be foreigners arbiters not belonging to the hosting federation (see ECU TR B.10.2.2).
4. The ECU President has always the right to appoint the Chief Arbiter, the Deputy Chief Arbiter and any other needed position.

SECTION II – APPLICATIONS

5. The Arbiters' Council will appoint the arbiters from a list of applicants for concrete positions on specific call of interest to be published every year not later than December 10th.
6. Any qualified (FA or IA) arbiter, having a regular arbiter's license, registered under any Federation included in ECU Statute Annex 1 may apply for one or more ECU official championship by submitting his application directly through the Arbiters' Council website (see <https://arbiters.europechess.org/call-of-interest/>).
In case of any website breakdown, the applications can be collected by e-mail sending the annexed application form to the Arbiters' Council, to its official e-mail address ecuarbiterscouncil@gmail.com.
7. Applicants shall send the application forms mentioned in p. 6 not later than January 10th of every year.
Applications received after the abovementioned deadline will be disregarded.
8. In case of extraordinary changes in the ECU official calendar, if the new term does not suit to the appointed arbiter, the appointed arbiter shall have the right to move his appointment to another tournament agreed with the Arbiters' Council.
Only in extraordinary cases, The Arbiters' Council might open one extraordinary call of interests.

SECTION III – APPLICANTS LIST

9. After the deadline has expired, the Arbiters' Council will publish the list of the applicants in its website within January 12th of any year.
10. Any National Federation can send to the Arbiters' Council, to its e-mail address ecuarbiterscouncil@gmail.com, remarks on the opportunity to appoint the applicant arbiters (with specific reasons in case of negative statements), not later than January 26th of any year.



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Remarks received after the abovementioned deadline will be disregarded.

11. Every sending Federation can only submit remarks on arbiters who are registered under that Federation at the publication of the list of the applicants.
12. Such remarks are not binding for the Arbiters' Council.

SECTION IV – GRADING

13. In order to choose the arbiters, the Arbiters' Council will prepare a list graded on points allotted according to the following criteria and the grading table in appendix I.
14. Anyway, applicants who don't meet basic requirements will be straight excluded.
15. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points according to their title and classification.
16. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points according to their skills on pairing programmes, use of live boards or anti-cheating tools if they are able to manage them.
17. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points for each official FIDE or ECU seminars or refreshing courses attended in the previous two years.

Where in the schedule of the seminar or refreshing course there is an examination test, arbiters receive extra points in case they passed it.

18. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points according to their previous experiences (for any European or World Championship in the previous two years).

Very new entries in the list receive extra points in order to give them more chances.

19. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points for any advanced, intermediate or basic spoken European FIDE Congress language (English, French, German, Russian and Spanish) different from the native one/s of their Federation.

For the purposes of the present Regulation:

- the advance level is considered to fulfil the requirements of C1 and C2 international standard;
- the intermediate level is considered to fulfil the requirements of B1 and B2 international standard;
- the basic level is considered to fulfil the requirements of A1 and A2 international standard.

20. The points given to the Arbiters are reduced in case they don't speak any English.

21. The points given to the Arbiters are reduced for each previous bad evaluations.

SECTION V – APPOINTING PROCEDURE

22. Two months before the starting date of the tournament, according to the ECU official calendar, the Arbiters' Council will send the organizer the list of the appointed arbiters and ask to submit the one of remaining proposed arbiters according to ECU Tournament Regulations B.10.4.



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This does not prevent the organizer to propose extra names or changes on his list even after the deadline in case of significant increase of the registered participants.

23. Within the following seven days the organizer might send to the Arbiters' Council his list and remarks or objections on the proposed arbiters (with specific reasons in case of negative statements).

Such remarks are not binding for the Arbiters' Council.

The Arbiters' Council may do the same for the arbiters included in the organizer's list.

The final list of the arbiters, as well as extra names appointed later, shall be approved by the Arbiters' Council.

24. After having received and duly considered the remarks or after the deadline has expired, the Arbiters' Council will appoint the relevant number choosing from the top of the graded list.

Exceptions may be done in special cases (quotas, bad reports, investigations in progress).

25. In case the organizer sent any remark and the Arbiters' Council decides not to take it into consideration, the Council will send a brief explanation for its decisions;

26. The Arbiters' Council will not appoint arbiters from the organizing Federation.

This doesn't prevent the organizer or the ECU Board to appoint arbiters from the organizing Federation.

SECTION V – SUBSEQUENT OPERATIONS

27. After every appointment the graded list is updated by deducting points in case of bad performances in basic duties according to the reports and the evaluation forms submitted by the Chief Arbiter.

28. After every appointment the graded list is updated by deducting points for the appointed position itself.

SECTION V – FINAL DISPOSITIONS

29. The Arbiters' Council will not appoint arbiters who made false statements in their application forms for the following two years starting from the one for which the false statement was made.

30. The Arbiters' Council will collect information on the arbiters' performances from ECU technical delegate of the tournament.

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APPENDIX I – POINTS TABLE

POINTS PER TITLE (MAX. 12)	IA-A	12
	IA-B	10
	IA-C	8
	IA-D	6
	FA-C	4
	FA-D	2
POINTS PER LANGUAGES (MAX. 15)	ADVANCED	3
	INTERMEDIATE	2
	BASIC	1
	NATIVE	0
POINTS PER SKILLS (MAX. 5)	SOFTWARES (PER ANY, MAX. 3)	3
	LIVE BOARDS	1
	ANTI CHEATING TOOLS	1
POINTS PER TOURNAMENTS (MAX. 20)	PER ANY TOURNAMENT AS C.A. AND D.C.A.	4
	PER ANY TOURNAMENT AS OTHER ROLES	2
POINTS PER SEMINARS (MAX. 12)	PER ANY SEMINARS	2
	PER ANY PASSED EXAM OR BEING LECTURER	2
POINTS TOTAL (MAX.)		64
EXTRA POINTS	PER ANY NEW ENTRANCE (*)	15
REDUCTIONS	NON ENGLISH SPEAKERS	-3
	BAD EVALUATIONS (PER TOURNAMENT)	-2

(*) Arbiters who never served in World or European Championships.

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