



SYSTEM OF APPOINTMENT OF THE ARBITERS IN OFFICIAL ECU CHAMPIONSHIPS

PREAMBLE

One of the responsibilities of the ECU Arbiters' Council is to train, manage and appoint European arbiters to Championship events organised by the European Chess Union.

We seek to create a system that will:

1. Provide equal opportunity for all qualified European arbiters to be appointed to an ECU Championship;
2. Improve the quality of arbiters working at ECU Championships.

To achieve this objective, we propose a ranking methodology for European arbiters who are qualified and interested in being selected for appointment.

The purpose of this document is to define a point system, based on each arbiter's skills and experience, which will resolve a ranking of applicants each year.

In addition to ranking, the system should motivate arbiters to:

- Gain experience as an arbiter;
- Continue their professional development;
- Master new tools and skills;
- Study more foreign languages.

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 14th.
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/>).



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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 14th 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 16th 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 30th of any year.
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, including the ones regarding online chess.
Where in the schedule of the seminar or refreshing course there is an examination test, arbiters receive extra points in case they passed it.



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18. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points according to their previous experiences at Over the Board or Hybrid European or World level events in the previous two years.
19. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points according to their previous experiences in FIDE rated events where a FIDE Arbiter norm is achievable, in the previous two years.
20. Very new entries in the list receive extra points in order to give them more chances.
21. In order to grade the list, arbiters receive points for their capability to speak English.
For the purposes of the present Regulation:
 - the advance level is considered to comply a fluent conversation;
 - the basic level is considered to comply some basic communication on chess topics.
22. Arbiters receive extra points if they speak additional languages, including their native ones, at least at a basic level.
For the purposes of the present Regulation non-European or extinguished languages are disregarded.
23. The points given to the Arbiters are reduced in case they don't speak any English.
24. The points given to the Arbiters are reduced for each previous bad evaluations.

SECTION V – APPOINTING PROCEDURE

25. 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.
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.
26. 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.
27. 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).

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28. 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;
29. 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

30. 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.
31. After every appointment the graded list is updated by deducting points for the appointed position itself.

SECTION V – FINAL DISPOSITIONS

32. 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.
33. The Arbiters' Council will collect information on the arbiters' performances from ECU technical delegate of the tournament.

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 ENGLISH LANGUAGE (MAX. 3)	ADVANCED	3
	BASIC	1
POINTS PER ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES (MAX. 3)	5 OR MORE ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES	3
	3-4 ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES	2
	1-2 ADDITIONAL LANGUAGES	1
POINTS PER SKILLS (MAX. 5)	SOFTWARES (PER ANY, MAX. 3)	3
	LIVE BOARDS	1
	ANTI CHEATING TOOLS	1
POINTS PER WORLD OR CONTINENTAL EXPERIENCE (OTB OR HYBRID – MAX. 10)	PER ANY TOURNAMENT AS C.A. AND D.C.A.	2
	PER ANY TOURNAMENT AS OTHER ROLES	1



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POINTS PER ANY OTHER EXPERIENCE IN FIDE RATED EVENTS (MAX. 10)	PER ANY TOURNAMENT AS C.A.	2
	PER ANY TOURNAMENT AS OTHER ROLES	1
POINTS PER SEMINARS (MAX. 12)	PER ANY SEMINARS	2
	PER ANY PASSED EXAM OR BEING LECTURER	2
POINTS TOTAL (MAX.)		55
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 (OTB or Hybrid).

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