

ECU National Online Arbiter (NOA) course and certification program

1. The European Chess Union National Online Arbiter course and certification program is designated for national arbiters who are interested in learning about the FIDE and ECU regulations for online events, various playing zones and Video Conference Systems.

2. The NOA certificate can be given to the arbiters, who fulfil the following criteria:

- Valid arbiters license (NA at least)
- Sufficient knowledge of English (conversational level)
- Sufficient skills to work on a personal computer (advanced user level)
- Sufficient knowledge of at least one platform for online chess
- Deep understanding of fair play principles for online chess
- Attendance at NOA course

3. The NOA course will be organised by the ECU Arbiter's Council.

4.1 The course will be led by the lecturer or lecturers designated by ECU Arbiters' Council in English language.

4.2 In case of interest based on pre-registration, ECU Arbiters' Council will organise the course with translation to other FIDE official European languages (Russian, Spanish, German and French).

4.3 ECU Arbiters' Council may organise the course also with the translation to the different languages, based on the request from federation to start pre-registration in particular language.

5. The NOA course will contain the following topics:

- FIDE laws of chess and fair play regulations for OTB events - overview
- FIDE/ECU online and fair play regulations
- The platforms (playing zones) - overview
- Zoom call management and communications among arbiters (Slack)
- Preparation to the Hybrid Events, the equipment and fair play check
- Monitoring the connections to the playing zones and conference system and problem solving

6. The attendants of the seminar will receive a National Online Arbiter certification by ECU.