



International Correspondence Chess Federation

Regulations for the ICCF Disciplinary Committee

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1. The Disciplinary Committee

- 1.1 ICCF has a Disciplinary Committee for resolution of serious breaches of ICCF rules.
- 1.2 Members of the Disciplinary Committee must be experienced International Arbiters or experienced ICCF officials.
- 1.3 The World Tournament Director (WTD) is the chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee.
- 1.4 The 7 members of the Disciplinary Committee (excluding its chairperson) are proposed by its chairperson, from 4 different member federations, and nominated by the Executive Board.
- 1.5 The ICCF Congress must approve these nominations, though a nominated member may participate as a member until Congress' first opportunity to review the nomination.
- 1.6 The Disciplinary Committee is independent in its judgements.

2. Disciplinary Procedure

2.1 A claim should be sent to the chairperson of the Disciplinary Committee

2.2 The chairperson considers whether the claim can be resolved at the WTD level or requires investigation and decision by the Disciplinary Committee.

2.3 Where a particular player is under investigation, this player must always be informed of the investigation and given the opportunity to submit evidence in his or her defence.

2.4 Depending on the complexity of the claim, the chairperson decides upon the procedure for dealing with it. He or she can appoint one or more of the members to lead the investigation. The result of these investigations is then submitted to the full Disciplinary Committee for the final decision.

2.5 In case of a tie vote, the chairperson will have a casting vote.

2.6 The chairperson informs the persons concerned of the decision.

2.7 Any ICCF member federation, or the ICCF Executive Board, may request a review of a decision made by the Disciplinary Committee or any other ICCF individual or body with the power to impose sanctions; providing:

1. A sanction or warning was issued
2. The deadline for appeal has passed
3. The decision was not appealed
4. No more than twelve months have passed since the decision

The review will be carried out by the ICCF Arbitration Committee. The review will be limited in scope to the following two questions:

1. Did the individual or body making the decision have jurisdiction in this case?
2. Were the proper ICCF rules and procedures followed correctly?

The reviewing body will not have the power to reverse the original decision (although it may make recommendations). If any procedural issues are identified, the body making the original decision will be obliged to submit a response to the Executive Board within six weeks and to include that response in a report to Congress.

3. Relation with other ICCF Commissions

3.1 If the Disciplinary Committee finds a weakness in the Playing Rules, then the chairman can send a proposal for a change of these rules to the Rules Commission.

3.2 Based upon the experiences of the Disciplinary Committee, the chairman can also send recommendations to the Tournament Director Committee.

4. Scope of the Disciplinary Committee

4.1 The Disciplinary Committee is active for all tournaments for which ICCF rules apply and all cases involving ICCF players.