

CHIEF ARBITER-CHIEF FAIR PLAY OFFICER DIVISION OF TASKS

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When a CFPO is appointed at a tournament, co-operation between the CFPO, the CA, the Organizing Team (generally represented by the Tournament Director) is of paramount importance. Not all situations at a tournament can be foreseen in advance, and it is expected that the top officials at tournaments will work together to resolve any issues that arise in the best interests of the tournament. Any and all provisions relating to the interaction between the work of the CFPO and primarily the CA (but in reality, any other tournament official), should be read in this light, with cooperation in the interest of the tournament being the guiding principle of any action.

In tournaments where a CFPO is appointed, all Fair Play matters shall be referred to the CFPO. The CFPO is responsible for taking all decisions relating to Fair Play. Whenever possible, the CFPO shall consult with other interested tournament officials (CA and TD) before taking decisions that may gravely impact the tournament. Any decision involving a sanction shall be made in writing. All decisions made by the CFPO on matters within Fair Play jurisdiction shall be deemed as final.

It is essential that the CFPO notifies the CA of a decision immediately with the expectation that the CA will receive the decision. However, the CA reserves the right to overturn a decision of the CFPO. If the CA wishes to overturn the decision, they shall do so in writing, after having consulted the CFPO on the reasons for their decision and shall state the legal grounds on which the overturning decision is based. The overturned decision must be fully explained in the CA's and CFPO's reports and both reports submitted to the Fair Play Commission and Arbiters Commission.

Any decision by the CFPO is subject to the normal appeals procedure. Reversals of decisions may also be the subject of appeals by any interested party, including the CFPO, in accordance with the normal appeals procedure.

The main areas of responsibility of the Fair Play Team at an event are the fair play aspects of: crowd management (including officials, media, VIPs and spectators), use of electronic devices, match-fixing items allowed in the playing hall, venue layout. Before the start of the event the CFPO shall interact with the Organizing Team and the CA with a view to determining the best solution in terms of fair play in each of these areas, and all decisions shall be promptly shared with all interested tournament officials. All Fair Play Measures adopted at an event shall be reflected in the specific event regulation and presented by the CFPO at the Technical Meeting of the event. Please note that the above list is not exhaustive and may need to be modified to suit the needs of the tournament after consultation with the Organizing Team.

The following table gives general areas of responsibility. This list is not exhaustive, but anything not provided for that relates to Fair Play should be referred to the CFPO.

<i>General areas of responsibility</i>	
<i>Implements Event Plan from TD</i>	<i>Construction of Fair Play Plan</i>
<i>In charge of Arbiter team</i>	<i>In charge of Fair Play Team</i>
<i>Inspection of venue with respect to tournament matters. Findings to be reported to Tournament Director.</i>	<i>Inspection of venue with respect to Fair Play Matters. Findings to be reported to Tournament Director.</i>
<i>In collaboration with the CFPO, decides any deviation from the tournament regulations in terms of who may enter the playing hall.</i>	<i>In collaboration with the CA, decides any deviation from the tournament regulations in terms of who may enter the playing hall.</i>
<i>Deals with matters pertaining to the tournament</i>	<i>Deals with matters pertaining to Fair Play</i>
<i>Ensures Event Plan is being enacted by team members</i>	<i>Ensures Fair Play Plan is being enacted by team members</i>
<i>Ensures traffic flow into playing hall does not disturb players</i>	<i>Flow management including VIPs from a fair play risk assessment point of view</i>
<i>Contributes to determining the venue layout with respect to tournament needs</i>	<i>Contributes to determining the venue layout with respect to Fair Play needs</i>
<i>Ensures the smooth running of the tournament</i>	<i>Prior to event and in consultation with the Organizing Team, determines banned items in the playing hall</i>
<i>Sanctioning of players for rules violations.</i>	<i>Sanctioning of players for Fair Play violations</i>
	<i>Fair Play Devices being used</i>
	<i>Checks for unauthorized used of Electronic Devices</i>
<i>Produces a Chief Arbiter's Report at the end of the Tournament and sends it to Fide Office</i>	<i>Produces a Fair Play Report at the end of the tournament and sends it to Fide Office</i>