**1.0 Introduction**

FIDE’s primary mission is the development of the sport of Chess across the globe. This requires a renewed focus on strengthening National Chess Federations, Association Bodies and by extension FIDE. These guidelines provide the criteria for the funding of <Association name> for the purposes of chess development and promotion among the < name of region>.

FIDE has delegated the responsibility for funding of FIDE’s affiliated associations to the Planning and Development Commission (PDC). The Planning and Development Commission will review all funding requests and provide recommendations on the level of funding to FIDE Leadership.

**2.0 Criteria for Funding/Assistance for Associations**

Associations will be eligible for funding/assistance from FIDE given the following Conditions:

* Signing of the Agreement/Contract –**Partnership Agreement for the Development of Chess in the Association by the Association President**.
* Completion of **Appendix B: Request for funding** template.
* Completion of **Appendix C: Association Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).**
* Evidence by Association of existing governance structures. These include:
  + Constitution/Statutes/By Laws
  + Articles of Incorporation or other evidence of legal status of the Associational entity
  + Minutes from General Assembly/General Meetings,
  + Strategic/Operational plans with accompanying budgets
  + Audited Financial reports.
* Fulfilment of funding reporting requirements for the duration of the Agreement with FIDE.
* Approved proposal of FIDE Branding at the event(s).

2.1 Funding Levels

The maximum value of the total funding/assistance to the Association shall be **EUR 10 000**, which should represent **no more than 20%** of the annual budget for the Association. This funding will include direct payments to the Association, funding to the Organiser/Federation of FIDE-approved event or direct payments to vendors. This assistance can be in the form of cash and/or other chess assets e.g. chess equipment, provision of trainers, etc…

**3.0 Eligible Projects/Programmes**

Though the Association will have the right to engage in programmes that assist in the development of the sport of Chess, FIDE will provide funding to the programmes that it views as being aligned to its objectives and priorities. These programmes include:

* Capacity Building
  + Technical Training of arbiters, organisers, chess trainers, school chess trainers
  + Professional and skills development of Chess Officials in areas such as: Governance, Project management, Planning and Financial Management, Marketing and Promotion
* Social Projects e.g. work with prisons, refugees, vulnerable citizens, etc…
* Association chess events (e.g. Association championships)
* Training programmes and activities for female chess players

**4.0 Association Performance**

The Association will strive to meet its targets as identified in **Appendix C-Association Key Performance Indicators**.

**5.0 Funding Requests and Approval**

Requests for funding will be sent to the Planning and Development Commission on the template identified in **Appendix B-Request for Funding**. The PDC will review these requests to ensure alignment with pre-approved activities before sending for final approval by FIDE Executive Director and FIDE Treasurer.

Any payments to be made directly to the Association will be made in a minimum of 2 tranches.

As per the agreement, FIDE reserves the right to adjust the conditions related to funding of the Associations with prior notice.

**On Behalf of the Association**

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President