



FIDE ETHICS & DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

The First Instance Chamber of the Ethics & Disciplinary Commission (hereafter called “the EDC Chamber”), sitting in the following composition -

Chairperson: Mr. David Hater

Members: Ms. Olga Baskakova

Mr. Ravindra Dongre

during an exchange of correspondence and an in person meeting, made the following

DECISION

Case no. 1/2025: "Alleged abuse of power by President of the UAE Chess Federation."

INTRODUCTION

1. The EDC Chamber notes its establishment by the EDC Chairwoman on 2nd February 2025.
2. The EDC Chamber notes that the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) received a complaint against Mr. Taryam Matar Taryam FIDE ID: 9304681 on the 11th November 2024 concerning alleged violations of the FIDE Ethics & Disciplinary Code, more particularly a possible breach of:
 - i. Article 11.5 (a) of the Ethics Code- Unworthy of confidence or trust: Office bearers who through their behaviour no longer inspire the necessary confidence or have in other ways become unworthy of trust,
 - ii. 11.5 (b) of the Ethics Code- Lack of impartiality and responsibility: Organizers, tournament directors, arbiters or other officials who fail to perform their functions in an impartial and responsible manner,
 - iii. 11.9 (a) Socially unacceptable behaviour, and
 - iv. 11.9 (j) Attempt to undermine honour.



3. (i) The Complainants are Mr. Omar Deab FIDE ID 12201391 and Mr. Khaled Izzedin Ahmad FIDE ID :11500166.

(ii) The Respondent is Mr. Taryam Matar Taryam FIDE ID: 9304681.
4. The EDC Chamber notes the procedural history and timeline of this case, which contributed to the length of these proceedings:
 - a. Due to complexities in this case, the proceedings were placed on hold pending an EDC meeting in Lausanne in April 2025
 - b. The Complaint was formally sent to the Respondent on 5th June 2025. No response was received.
 - c. Reminders requesting a response were sent. No response was received.
5. The EDC Chamber notes the contents of the following documents received as part of the case file: the Complaint from Omar Deab and the complaint from Khaled Izzedin Ahmad. No response was received from respondent Mr. Taryam Matar Taryam so the complaints represent the entire case file.

ADMISSIBILITY

6. For the Complaint to be admissible, it must meet the minimum substantive requirements set out in Article 5 of the EDC Code.
7. The Complainants are Mr. Omar Deab FIDE ID 12201391 and Mr. Khaled Izzedin Ahmad FIDE ID :11500166. They are both registered FIDE players and thus are members of the FIDE family and therefore have the necessary standing to submit a complaint. (Art. 5.1.a)
8. The Respondent is Mr. Taryam Matar Taryam FIDE ID: 9304681. He is also a registered FIDE player and thus a member of the FIDE Family. (Art. 5.1.b)
9. The allegations made and the documents submitted as part of the complaint indicate, at least prima facie, that the Respondent's actions amount to a violation of the FIDE Charter, specifically Articles 11.5 (a) of the Ethics Code-Unworthy of confidence or trust: Office bearers who through their behaviour no longer inspire the necessary confidence or have in other ways become unworthy of trust, 11.5 (b) of the Ethics Code- Lack of impartiality and responsibility: Organizers, tournament directors, arbiters or other officials who fail to perform their functions in an impartial and responsible manner, 11.9 (a) Socially unacceptable behaviour, and 11.9 (j) Attempt to undermine honour. These alleged violations of the Ethics and Disciplinary Code relate to incidents regarding



the alleged removal of the complainants from ACF Executive Committee, and then further demanding reimbursement for legal fees on a case submitted to CAS.

10. The alleged misconduct must have occurred within the international sphere, which provides the basis of the EDC's jurisdiction (Art. 5.1.d). The misconduct in question occurred during dealings with officers from separate national federations. This qualifies as occurring in the international sphere.
11. The alleged misconduct occurred within the three-year period immediately preceding the date the complaint was received by FIDE. (Art. 5.1.e)
12. Upon due consideration, the EDC Chamber unanimously finds that the complaint meets all the requirements stipulated in Article 5.1 of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code and is therefore admissible.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

13. Upon due consideration of all the facts, allegations, and evidence submitted by the complainants in the present proceedings, the EDC Chamber refers in its written decision only to the relevant submissions and evidence it considers necessary to explain its reasoning
14. The EDC Chamber notes the subject-matter of the Complaint:
 - a. The Complainants allege that they were each duly elected members of the Executive Committee of the Arab Chess Federation (ACF) for the 2022–2026 term.
 - b. On May 14, 2023, an interim committee was allegedly unlawfully constituted for the purpose of managing the ACF, the membership of which included the Respondent.
 - c. On June 22, 2023, the Interim Committee imposed sanctions against certain members of the purported 'Legitimate Executive Committee' without affording them the requisite right to be heard.
 - d. Disputes concerning executive authority gave rise to multiple appeals filed with the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS), in which both Complainants appeared as appellants.
 - e. The Complainants further contended that, as a retaliatory measure designed to obstruct the exercise of their legitimate rights of appeal and to compel the withdrawal of the proceedings initiated before the CAS, the Respondent dispatched correspondence to the national authorities of both Sudan and Palestine, specifically the respective Palestinian Chess Federation. Within said correspondence, the Respondent demanded the payment of



- purported legal fees (allegedly incurred in connection with the CAS proceedings) to the Sharjah Cultural Chess Club within a seven-day period, under threat of legal action in the event of non-compliance
- f. The Complainants contend that the Respondent's conduct constitutes unlawful coercion designed to compel the withdrawal of the pending CAS appeals. The financial claims asserted by the Respondent are entirely baseless, as all arbitration and legal fees were settled via the ACF's accounts in strict accordance with the ACF Statutes. The Complainants maintain that they have no relationship with the Sharjah Chess Club or the UAE Chess Federation; consequently, neither entity possesses the requisite standing to claim such fees, given the ACF's status as an independent sports body. Furthermore, the Respondent's decision to bypass the Complainants and directly address national governmental authorities demonstrates a manifest intent to defame and disparage the Complainants' reputations.
- g. The complainants allege that the Respondent engaged in slander and defamation of the Complainants during the course of the ongoing dispute.
- h. Regarding the merits of liability and the nature of the ethical breaches, the Complainants submit that the Respondent acted in flagrant violation of the principles of integrity, honesty, and responsibility. It is contended that the Respondent abused his office as President of the Emirates Chess Federation to engage in ethical misconduct, which directly resulted in the following of damages:
- Psychological and Dignitary Harm: The Complainants suffered profound affronts to their dignity and a diminution of their professional standing. This psychological abuse was compounded by a sustained campaign of harassment, vilification, and the Respondent's persistent refusal to provide redress or apology.
 - Reputational Damage: The dissemination of false and misleading written statements caused severe and enduring prejudice to the reputations of the Complainants and their respective national federations.
 - Institutional and Diplomatic Prejudice: The Respondent's actions are inconsistent with the standards of cooperation required between federations under the FIDE Charter. Furthermore, these actions prompted the formation of a fact-finding committee by the Sudanese
- (i) Finally, the Complainants respectfully sought the following relief from the EDC:
1. Principal Requests
- Acceptance of the complaints.



- Declaring the Respondent guilty.
- Ordering the Respondent to officially apologize to the Complainants.
- Banning the Respondent from any chess-related activity for five years.

2. Interim Request

Temporarily suspending the Respondent until a final decision is issued regarding the complaints.

15. Despite being given multiple opportunities, the Respondent did not provide an answer to any of the allegations.

DISCUSSION

16. Considering the Respondent has failed/neglected to submit any statements in response to the complaint, the panel rendered its decision based solely on the complainant's submission and accepted the statements from the complainant as uncontested.
17. Regarding article 11.5 (a), the uncontested allegations of the Complainant that the Respondent did not respect existing articles, statutes, and bylaws of the organization is sufficient to establish that the Respondent is unworthy of trust and confidence.
18. Regarding 11.5 (b), the uncontested allegations that the Respondent retaliated against the Complainant is sufficient to establish a lack of impartiality and thus a violation of article 11.5(b).
19. Regarding article 11.9(a), the uncontested allegations of the Complainant that the Respondent engaged in slander, defamation, and insulting language is sufficient to constitute socially unacceptable behavior.
20. Regarding article 11.9(j), the uncontested allegations of the Complainant that the Respondent caused reputational damage and caused institutional and diplomatic prejudice is sufficient to establish that there was an attempt to undermine honour.
21. Again, these allegations of the Complainant were not contested. Because a prima facie case existed and there was no defense offered, there was comfortable satisfaction that the documents submitted supported the allegations and assisted the Panel in its determination of guilt.
22. Failure to respond to EDC enquiries in cases may constitute a breach of the Disciplinary Code (11.4 d). Even if the Respondent is not charged with a violation of the Code, a failure to respond is prejudicial to their interests.



FINDINGS

23. Upon due consideration, the EDC Chamber, by unanimity of its members, finds that:
- a. because the Respondent did not participate in the proceedings despite being given multiple opportunities to do so, the allegations made by the complainant are uncontested and accepted.
 - b. the claims are violations of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
 - c. Since the allegations are accepted by the Panel, the Respondent is found guilty of violation of:
 - i. Article 11.5 (a) of the Ethics Code- Unworthy of confidence or trust: Office bearers who through their behaviour no longer inspire the necessary confidence or have in other ways become unworthy of trust,
 - ii. 11.5 (b) of the Ethics Code- Lack of impartiality and responsibility: Organizers, tournament directors, arbiters or other officials who fail to perform their functions in an impartial and responsible manner,
 - iii. 11.9 (a) Socially unacceptable behaviour, and
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SANCTION

24. Accordingly, and considering all of the above, the EDC Chamber unanimously decides as follows

Mr. Taryam Matar Taryam FIDE ID: 9304681 is found guilty of breach of: (i) Articles 11.5 (a) of the Ethics Code (ii)

11.5 (b) of the Ethics Code

(iii) 11.9 (a) and:

(iv) 11.9 (j).

25. In determining the appropriate sanction, the EDC Chamber notes that the Respondent's refusal to participate is an aggravating factor.



26. In order to function effectively, FIDE and its national federations must adhere to the appropriate regulations, statutes, bylaws and procedures and must follow the FIDE Charter. Allegations of installing officers in violation of existing regulations, statutes, and bylaws represent a serious concern and undermine the confidence and integrity of FIDE and the national federations. Further, of slander and defamation are also quite serious offenses. With regard to the nature of the violations, the necessity of safeguarding the integrity of FIDE's core principles, the need to deter similar future misconduct, and the relevant jurisprudence, the Chamber hereby imposes the following sanction:

Mr. Taryam Matar Taryam is **banned** from holding office in FIDE or any national federation for a period of **24 months effective from the date of this decision**. Twelve months of the sanction are suspended provided that no further violations of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code occur during that time.

27. The parties are referred to Chapter 7 of the EDC Procedural Rules and advised that this decision may be appealed to the EDC Appeal Chamber by giving written notice of such appeal to the EDC Chairman (ethics@fide.com) within 21 days from the date upon which this decision is received. The notice of appeal must clearly state all the grounds for the appeal. An appeal lodgment fee of 500 EUROS must at the same time be paid to the FIDE Financial Department. Failing the due exercise of this right of appeal, the EDC Chamber's decision will become final.
28. The EDC Chamber requests the FIDE Secretariat to communicate forthwith the decision to the Complainant and the Respondent and to publish in due course the decision on the FIDE website.

Dated this 24th Day of May 2026

David A. Hater
CHAMBER CHAIRPERSON
FIDE ETHICS & DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION