

# Statute of the INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR APPLIED CHESS

## GENERAL PRINCIPLES

**Art.1.** The International Society for Applied Chess (hereinafter ISAC) is a non-profit association of persons interested in applying the game of chess in various domains of theory and practice. Individuals, who accept this statute and have declared free will to participate, are eligible for membership.

**Art.2.** (1) ISAC is a non-profit legal entity that carries out public benefit activities in accordance with the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act (NPLEA).  
(2) The association is not limited by term or another termination clause.  
(3) The primary seat of the association is located in the Republic of Bulgaria, Pazardzhik, Dr. Long Street 12.  
(4) The name of the association is written in English as follows: International Society for Applied Chess, abbreviated ISAC.

## OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

**Art. 3** The goals of the ISAC are:  
(1) to unite and represent individuals, who practice or are in the process of providing instruction in the practice of applied chess, while honoring diversity, in order to promote the purity and prestige of their professional activity, as well as the general interest of their members and of the society;  
(2) to support the improvement and the free, dignified and qualified exercise of applied chess all over the world;  
(3) to promote the game of chess and its practical applications;  
(4) to improve the theory and methodology of the application of the game of chess across the whole spectrum of bio-psycho-social applications.

**Art. 4** To achieve its goals, ISAC uses the following tools:  
(1) to create conditions for free discussion of all problems in the field of applied chess by fostering an environment of trust, collegiality and respect for the views and opinions of each member; The basic values for the members of the ISAC are: honest relationships, love, mutual help and significance of chess for life;  
(2) to develop, accept and require compliance with standards of training and practice in the field of applied chess;  
(3) to develop applied chess training programs;  
(4) to encourage and support the professional training and activities of its members, the research work and the information exchange in the field of applied chess;  
(5) to facilitate access and dissemination of knowledge in the area of applied chess for specialists from other domains and the society;

(6) to express the consensus opinion of applied chess specialists on all issues related to defining public policies and legislation in this field;

(7) to promote the establishment of national associations for applied chess;

(8) to work in partnership with all organizations with similar object of activity.

## **SCOPE OF ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC ACTIVITY**

**Art. 5** (1) With the purpose of achieving its objectives and on the strength of art. 3 para 3 of the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act the Association can carry out additional economic activity, related to the objectives determined in art. 3 of the present Statute.

(2) The scope of the related economic activity is:

1. Organization of paid trainings, courses, seminars and other forums supporting the achievement of the objectives of the Association.

2. Providing consultancy, marketing, rehabilitation, sports and other activities related to the objectives of the ISAC and supporting their achievement.

3. Organization and implementation of educational, information, research and other programs.

4. Editing, translating and distribution of information materials, publications, books, symposiums and other similar works which contribute to obtain the objectives of the ISAC.

5. Other economic activities that could be considered as related to the main objectives of the ISAC and which contribute to their achievement.

(3) The Association shall not distribute profit in any case. The incomes from the economic activity can be used only for achieving the objectives indicated in Art. 3.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Art. 6** (1) The members of ISAC are persons, who accept the Association's statute, professional standards and basic values.

(2) Persons applying to become members of the ISAC must submit a written application to the Board of Directors, which will pronounce its decision within one month.

(3) The rejection of an application by the Board of Directors under para. (2) must be justified and communicated in writing to the applicant, who may appeal to the General Assembly, whose decision is final.

**Art. 7** (1) Membership in the ISAC is terminated by submitting a written resignation to the board of directors, death, expulsion or due to dropping out.

(2) A member of the ISAC may be expelled for systematic or gross violation of the statute, accepted professional standards and/or decisions of the bodies of the Association.

(3) A member of the ISAC drops out automatically following the end of one

year for which he/she has not paid membership fees.

(4) The expulsion and the dropping out shall be conducted by the Board of Directors, subject to appeal to the General Assembly.

(5) Upon termination of a membership, a member's material contributions, including paid dues, or the appropriate proportion thereof, will remain in the proprietorship of the ISAC.

**Art. 8** (1) ISAC members are entitled:

1. to express their views and make suggestions for changes to the statute and other documents of the ISAC, as well as on all issues related to the Association's activities;

2. to attend meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors;

3. to be informed about all activities of ISAC;

(2) The Members of the ISAC have the right to elect and to be elected in the bodies of the Association.

**Art. 9** The Members of ISAC are obliged to:

1. comply with the statute, accepted professional standards as well as the decisions of the bodies of the Association and other accepted documents;

2. carry out the commitments they have made to the ISAC;

3. pay their membership fees regularly in the amount and manner established by the General Assembly.

## **GOVERNING BODIES**

**Art. 10** (1) The ISAC's bodies are the General Assembly, the Board of Directors and the Standards Committee.

(2) When necessary, the ISAC bodies may set up subsidiary bodies under the terms and conditions defined by the decision for their creation.

(3) ISAC members may form sections focused on specific themes or regional branches, whose activity is governed by rules approved by the General Assembly.

(4) In ISAC there are three thematic sections:

1. Section for chess therapy;

2. Section for teaching social, emotional and life skills through chess;

3. Section for scientific research in applied chess.

**Art. 11** (1) The General Assembly is the supreme body of the ISAC and consists of all its members.

(2) The General Assembly shall be convened by the Board of Directors at least once a year by means of an invitation sent by mail or e-mail extended one month prior to the date of the meeting. The invitation shall include the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting.

(3) The General Assembly may also be convened at the request of one third of its members, stating the agenda. If in this case the Board of Directors does not convene the General Assembly within two weeks, it shall be convened by the District Court.

**Art. 12** (1) The General Assembly is considered legitimate if more than half of the regular members of the ISAC are present. If the required number of members is not present, the meeting shall be postponed for an hour, keeping the same agenda. At this point, it shall be considered legitimate, regardless of how many members are present.

(2) In the General Assembly it is allowed to vote by proxy.

(3) No member shall have the right to vote on matters concerning:

1. him/her, his/her spouse, his/her direct and collateral relatives and by marriage to a second degree;
2. Legal entities, in which he/she is chairperson or can impose or prevent decision taking.

**Art. 13** The General Assembly:

1. amends and supplements the statute, adopts the professional standards of the Association;
2. interprets, if necessary, the ISAC statute;
3. decides on the termination or the transformation of ISAC;
4. elects the members of the Board of Directors and the Standards Committee, determining and amending the total number of members;
5. approves the budget of the ISAC, determines the annual membership fee, as well as the procedure for its collection;
6. receives the reports of the ISAC bodies and makes decisions on them;
7. expel ISAC members in justified cases,
8. resolves disputes between the bodies and the members of the ISAC;

**Art. 14** The General Assembly shall ratify decisions by a majority of more than half of the members present. Amendments to the statute and the accepted professional standards, as well as the termination or consolidation with another association, shall be voted on following the proposal by the Board of Directors and ratified by a majority of 2/3 of the members present.

**Art. 15** (1) The Board of Directors consists of a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer, who are elected by the General Assembly. Until the election of a new board, the old Board of Directors continues to perform its functions.

(2) The Board of Directors is elected by the General Assembly for a term of 3 years.

**Art. 16** (1) The Board of Directors shall be convened by the Chairman at least 2 times between two General Assemblies. The Board of Directors may also be convened at the request of one third of its members. If, in this case, the chairman fails to convene it within two weeks, the persons requesting the convocation will have this right.

(2) The Board of Directors may ratify decisions if more than half of its members are present at the meeting.

**Art. 17** The Board of Directors:

1. represents ISAC through its chairman;
2. determines and directs the activities of the ISAC according to the statute and the decisions of the General Assembly;

3. adopts and amends other internal acts of the ISAC;
4. proposes and administers the budget of the ISAC;
5. decides on the selection of permanent paid employees of the ISAC and sets and modifies their remuneration
6. manages and authorizes the allocation of ISAC funds;
7. takes decisions on any other matters, which contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the ISAC.

**Art. 18** The Board of Directors ratifies decisions by a majority vote of more than a half of its members present. If the number of votes is equal, the Chairman's vote is decisive.

**Art. 19** (1) The Chairman of the Board of Directors resolves all current issues of the ISAC in accordance with the statute and decisions of its bodies.

(2) The Chairman appoints and dismisses the employees of the ISAC according to the decisions of the General Assembly.

(3) The Chairman may set up temporary committees, councils, working groups on various issues with the participation of ISAC members or other experts.

**Art. 20** (1) The Secretary of the Board of Directors organizes the current work of the Board; He/She is also responsible for the ISAC documentation, correspondence and relations with individuals and institutions; He/She shall prepare the annual report on the activity of the ISAC.

(2) The Treasurer of the Board of Directors manages the financial activity and assets of the ISAC in accordance with the statute and decisions of its bodies. He/She also prepares the financial statement and the draft budget.

**Art. 21** (1) The Standards Committee consists of at least 3 members of the ISAC and is elected by the General Assembly for a term of three years.

(2) The Standards Committee develops the standards for preventive, therapeutical, research, teaching, educational, social and other professional activity related to the application of the game of chess, as well as the criteria for their assessment and the licensing and accreditation procedures.

**Art. 22** The activity of the Standards Committee is governed by rules approved by the General Assembly.

## **PROPERTY**

**Art. 23.** The property of ISAC consists of:

1. annual membership fees;
2. receipts from additional business activities;
3. receipts from bequests, donations, and other activities permitted by law.

**Art. 24.** ISAC can create funds, ancillary funds, can create and participate in foundations and other organizations, which help to achieve its goals. Decisions concerning these activities are taken by the General Assembly.

**Art. 25.** (1) The Association shall be terminated:

1. By decision of the General Assembly;

2. By a decision of the district court under the law terms.

(2) Upon termination of the Association, liquidation takes place except if it has been declared in bankrupt.

(3) Following the satisfaction of all outstanding obligations to creditors, the property, upon the decision of the General Assembly, is donated to a non-profit organization in public benefit with a similar objective in order to be used for the achievement of closely related non-profit purposes.

**Art. 26** (1) The Association keeps books for the written records for the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors. The chairmen of the meetings of the General Assembly and the Board of Directors and the persons who have prepared the written records shall certify and be responsible for the correctness of its contents with their signature.

(2) ISAC prepares a report on its activity once a year, which shall contain data regarding:

1. the carried out activities; the spent resources, their relation to the objectives and program of the Association and the achieved results.

2. the size of the gratuitously received property and the revenue from the other activities for raising funds.

3. the type, the amount, the value and the objectives of the donations received and granted, as well as information about the grantors.

4. the financial result of them.

(3) The annual report on the activity and the annual financial report of ISAC are public and shall be published according the provisions of Non-Profit Legal Entities Act (NPLEA).

## **CONCLUDING PROVISIONS**

§1. The present Statute has been approved on 08 October 2017 at the Founding Meeting of the Association.

§2. Working languages in ISAC are Bulgarian and English.

§3. The laws of Republic Bulgaria shall be enforced about in case of points which are unsettled in the present By Laws.