STATUTE

CHAPTER I
GENERAL DATA, NAME, LEGAL FORM, BRANDS, OFFICE, DURATION

ART. 1. GENERAL DATA
This Statute is issued in application of the provisions of the Law on Physical Education and Sport No. 69/2000, as amended and supplemented and of the Romanian Government Decision for the approval of the Regulation implementing the provisions of the Law on Physical Education and Sport No. 69/2000 and sets out the organization and functioning of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(2) THE ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION, reorganized under the law, is the continuation of the ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION, documented in Romania since 4th of January 1925. In Paris (France), on July 20th, 1924 the ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION became a founding Member of the International Chess Federation (FIDE). The Romanian Chess Federation is a member affiliated to FIDE, since 1924 and to the European Chess Union (ECU), since 1990.
(3) At Batumi (Georgia), in 1999, the ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION became a founding Member of the International Black Sea Chess Association.
(4) Since 1998, the ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION has been recognised by the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee.

ART. 2. THE NAME
(1) The name of the institution is THE ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION. In the following, it will be referred to as ROUCF or the Federation.
(2) All the acts, announcements, publications and documents of the institution shall state its name, the office, the registration number in the Sports Register and the bank accounts.

ART.3 THE LEGAL FORM
(1) The ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION is a legal entity of private law, of public utility, autonomous, non-governmental, apolitical and non-profit, under the terms of the law.
(2) ROUCF is a sport structure of national public interest, reorganized with the express approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, by associating sport clubs, County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association. ROUCF is entered in the Sports Register for the purpose of obtaining the Sports Identity Certificate.
(3) ROUCF has the authority to organize and carry out the national chess activities, national championships and chess competitions. Its authority shall take full account of the powers conferred by the law for exercising the rights of guidance, supervision and control over affiliated sport structures, in accordance with its Statute, norms, rules and regulations and in accordance with the international regulations.
(4) ROUCF is organized and operates on the basis of its own Statute, developed in accordance with the provisions of the law and with the Charter of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
(5) The amendment of the Statute and of the constituent act is subject to the procedures laid down by law, after the approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports has been obtained.

ART. 4. BRANDS AND COLORS

(1) ROUCF has its own emblem and logo, as shown in the Annex.
(2) Colors are white/black.
(3) ROUCF's pennant has a central chess piece (tower), as shown in the Annex.

ART. 5. THE OFFICE
(1) The office of the Romanian Chess Federation is in 16 Vasile Conta str., sector 2, Bucharest.
(2) If it is considered appropriate and necessary, ROUCF may change his office to another address, in Bucharest or in another locality in Romania by decision of the Directing Council ratifying in the first General Assembly of ROUCF and respecting this Statute and the legislation in force.

ART. 6. THE DURATION
(1) The functioning duration of the ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION is indefinite.

CHAPTER II
THE PURPOSE AND THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY

ART. 7. THE PURPOSE
(1) ROUCF carries out activities of national public interest in the field of sport, with the aim of achieving the framework organized for the practice of one of the oldest sporting disciplines: the chess.
(2) ROUCF aims to organize, develop and promote the chess locally, nationally and to affirm it internationally, in all its forms of manifestation in the three sports branches: over-the-board chess, correspondence chess and chess composition.
(3) ROUCF aims to popularize, disseminate and develop the practice of chess throughout the country as a sporting, scientific-creative, educational, cultural and artistic element, promoting the spirit of harmony, corectness, tolerance and fair-play.
(4) ROUCF organizes and conducts its work on democratic principles, based on equal rights of its members, without discriminatory treatment on national, political, racial, social or religious grounds.
(5) ROUCF competitions are generally opened to players of both genders. A competition called women championship/tournament is reserved for women players, and a competition called men championship/tournament is reserved for men players.

ART. 8. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE ACTIVITY
In pursuit of its aims, ROUCF has as objectives of activity:
(1) MAIN ACTIVITIES
a. the elaboration and implementation of the national chess strategy and programs of activity in the short and medium term, in line with the national sports strategy and the control of their implementation by the affiliated members;
b. the implementation in the chess activity of the legislation in force, its statute, rules and regulations, in accordance with international regulations;
c. the adoption of technical and organizational standards and regulations specific to the area of competence;
d. the adoption, organization and operation of the national competitive system provided for in the annual chess calendars;
e. the promotion of chess at national level and stimulation of regional, county or local chess competitions;

f. the organization of international events scheduled in Romania, foreseen in the annual international calendars;
g. the selection and preparation of national team and ensuring their participation in official and friendly international competitions;
h. exercising of the disciplinary authority within the terms prescribed by law and in accordance with its Statute, rules and regulations by directing, supervising and controlling the organization and conduct of the chess activities at the level of the affiliated sport structures and by providing them with moral, technical and financial support;
i. the organization or supervision of official international competitions taking place on Romanian territory, with the approval of Ministry of Youth and Sports;
j. participation, including as a member, in european and international professional organizations, in congresses, conferences, meetings and all their activities, as well as cooperation with similar legal entities abroad on matters specific to sporting activities;
k. assuring the representation of Romania in the international chess competitions and international bodies;
l. other sporting activities provided for by law.
(2) RELATED ACTIVITIES IN POINT (1) AND OTHER ACTIVITIES
a. The elaboration and realization of training and participation plans of Romanian performance chess in the framework of national representations in official international chess competitions;
b. The approval of sport results in competitions organized in Romania, in order to the award of sport categories and sport titles, in accordance with national and international regulations;
c. The application of FIDE rating and national rating (CIV), also of individual regulations, standards and coefficients;
d. The collaboration with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the Ministry of Education and Research and the institutions in their structures for the training and improvement of the chess specialists;
e. The organization of refresher activities for chess specialists (trainers, instructors, arbiters): training and checking courses, meetings, thematic seminars, refresher and advance courses;
f. The organization and coordination of the entire work of chess trainers and chess arbiters, in accordance with legal, national and international provisions;
g. The promotion and observance of ROUCF's Ethics and Disciplinary Code;
h. The promotion of chess among the olympic sport disciplines and recognition of chess as a sport discipline in the educational process within the national education system;
i. The promotion of measures to prevent and control the use of prohibited substances and irregular methods, aimed at artificially increasing the physical and mental capacity of players or modifying the results of national competitions;
j. To under take measures to prevent and combat violence, as well as to promote tolerance and fair play in sporting activities;
k. The production, publishing and dissemination of its own publications to promote chess and to publicize its activities directly or indirectly related to its object of activity;
1. The collection of fees, levies, visas and licenses for services connected with sporting activity, under the conditions and in compliance with the legal provisions;
m. Other activities and services directly or indirectly linked to the object of its activity, under conditions and in compliance with legal provisions.

CHAPTER III
THE ASSETS

ART. 9. THE INITIAL ASSETS
(1) The initial assets of ROUCF are of minimum 2080 (two thousand eighty) lei.

ART. 10. THE INCREASE OR DECREASE OF ASSETS
(1) The assets of ROUCF may be increased on the basis of the decision of the Directing Council with ratification at the first General Assembly of ROUCF, under the conditions and in accordance with the provisions laid down by law.
(2) The assets of ROUCF may be reduced on the basis of a decision of the General Assembly of ROUCF, under the conditions and in accordance with the legal provisions.

CHAPTER IV
THE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

ART. 11. THE MANAGEMENT BODIES
(1) The collective management body of the Romanian Chess Federation is the GENERAL ASSEMBLY of the affiliated members.
(2) Between two General Assemblies, the collective leadership of the Romanian Chess Federation shall be provided by the Directing Council. Its members will be elected by the General Assembly for a period of four years, except for the General Secretary and the Federal Trainer, who are legally part of this governing body. Interim elections may take place in the event of the resignation or death of the person or in the special circumstances provided for in these Regulations.
(3) The President shall be the incumbent head of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(4) The administrative and management body of the Romanian Chess Federation is the Directorate. The functions of this body are specific, the execution of the decisions taken by the Directing Council.

ART. 12. THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(1) The GENERAL ASSEMBLY is the leading body of the Romanian Chess Federation, which decides on its strategy and its economic policy. The General Assembly shall exercise the legislative power.
(2) The General Assembly shall supervise and analyze the work of the Directing Council, the Directorate and the affiliated sport structures.
(3) For the validation of General Assembly's decisions, it is required the presence of at least half plus one of its members and decisions shall be taken by half plus one of the votes cast.
(4) If the General Assembly of the members is unable to work because the conditions set out in paragraph (3) have not been met, the General Assembly, which will meet by a new convocation, may deliberate on the items on the agenda of the first General Assembly, irrespective of the number of members present, by half plus one of the votes cast.
(5) The convocation of the second General Assembly will be made no later than 15 days after the date of the first General Assembly and may be announced at the convocation of the first General Assembly, in the event of a quorum not being achieved.
(6) When there is no session, the General Assembly may delegate the exercise of its tasks to the Directing Council, but the Directing Council shall not take any legislative or executive decisions in respect of:
a. The election of the governing bodies of ROUCF;
b. The election of the Audit Commission;
c. Amendments to the Statute of ROUCF;
d. The election of the Federal Appeal Commission;
e. Changes in the amount of the Federation's contributions, taxes and fees;

f. Changes in the competitive system;
g. Amendments to the Rules of Sporting Classifications;
h. Amendments to the Rules of Sporting Transfers.
In exceptional cases as: for obtaining the legal personality under private law, for other cases determined by law or by the Ministery of Youth and Sports, for cases of force majeure, the General Assembly shall give mandate to the Directing Council for exercising the powers specified in subparagraphs d., e., g., h. The General Assembly may give the Directing Council a limited term mandate for changing the competitive system.
(7) The General Assembly may be: Annual Ordinary General Assembly, Extraordinary General Assembly or General Election Assembly.
(8) The ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY has the following tasks:
a. To determine the strategy of action of the Federation; to analyze the work carried out by the Federation in the previous year;
b. To consider and approve the balance sheet after hearing the report of the Directing Council, presented by the President and the report of the Censors Commission;
c. To approve the income and expenditure budget and, where appropriate, the work program for the following financial year;
d. On a proposal from the Directorate or, where appropriate, from the Directing Council, annually approves the amount of the contributions, the fees and charges levied by the Federation;
e. Other powers provided for by law.
(9) The EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY has the following tasks:
a. approves the transfer of the registered office of ROUCF;
b. approves the reorganization of the activity;
c. approves the reassessment of the property, in accordance with the law, approve the increase or reduction of the assets and the conditions for such increase or reduction;
d. approves the conclusion of legal acts by which ROUCF acquires, disposes, leases, exchanges or provides a guarantee of assets in its property, whose value exceeds half the book value of its assets at the time of the conclusion of that legal act;
e. analyzes the work carried out by the Federation over different periods; approves the national competition system, the regulations on national and international transfers and the regulations on sports classifications;
f. approve the level of the statutory reserve fund;
g. upon proposal by the President of the Federation, the Directing Council or one third of the members affiliated to ROUCF, appoint honorary members of the Federation;
h. on a proposal from the Directorate or, as the case may be, of the Directing Council, approve changes to the amount of contributions, fees and contributions levied by the Federation;
i. dismiss the members of the Directing Council;
j. elect every 4 years the Directing Council or complete its composition;
k. other duties prescribed by law.
(10) in exceptional cases, the Extraordinary General Assembly shall delegate to the Directing Council the exercise of the tasks referred to in paragraph 9 (a-d), and the decisions made by the Directing Council shall be subject to ratification at the first General Assembly.
(11) for the validation of the deliberations of the Extraordinary General Assembly of the affiliated members, 2/3 (two-thirds) of its members are required and the decisions shall be taken by half plus one of the votes cast.
(12) if the Extraordinary General Assembly of members is unable to work because the conditions set out in paragraph 11 have not been met, the Extraordinary General Assembly which will be convened may deliberate on the issues on the agenda of the extraordinary

General Assembly, whatever the number of members present, by a majority vote (half+one). The second Extraordinary General Assembly will take place no later than 15 days after the date of the first Extraordinary General Assembly.
(13) The GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTIONS is held every four years, with the aim of electing collective management bodies.
(14) ELECTORAL CONDITIONS
The eligibility for the Directing Council is subject to the following conditions:
a. The candidates must be over 18, residents in Romania;
b. Only one representative of an affiliated sport structure, institution, commercial company may be elected to the Directing Council;
c. The candidates are required to file a criminal record.
(15) THE NOMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES FOR THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
At least 15 days before the date of the General Assembly of Elections, the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association, as well as the affiliated sport clubs, will send applications to the Federation for the posts in the Directing Council (President, Vice President, members), accompanied by the presentation of the candidates' activity, the membership of candidates to an affiliated sport structure, institution, sport organization or company, confirmation of acceptance of their application and curriculum vitae of each. Candidates may promote their electoral platform. Proposals for the position of President shall be accompanied by written programs of each candidate, concerning the strategy and the objectives he wishes to achieve during his/her term of office. ROUCF shall draw up and formalize the list of applications resulting from the proposals and communicate it to the affiliated members, not later than 10 days before the General Election Assembly date.
(16) THE ELECTIONS FOR THE DIRECTING COUNCIL shall be held by secret ballot, on posts, and shall be declared elected as follows: The President, Vice presidents and members.
(17) THE PRESIDENT shall be appointed by a vote of the Extraordinary General Assembly of Elections for a term of four years. The term of office may be renewed in accordance with this Statute. The persons proposed to apply for the position of President of ROUCF must fulfill the following conditions:
a. long-term tertiary education, graduate of a bachelor's degree;
b. domicile in Romania.
Where only one candidate is proposed for the office of President, The President shall be elected directly and by an open vote of the General Assembly.
In order to elect the President of the Federation, it is necessary to obtain a majority (half plus one) of the votes cast and validated.
If, after the first ballot has been held, no candidate has received half plus one of the votes cast, a second round of voting will be held, in which only the first two candidates will participate in the order given by the number of votes cast in the first round.
If there are several candidates in the first place who have received an equal number of votes, higher than that achieved by the next candidate, the vote will take place between them.
Where there are several candidates in second place who have obtained an equal number of votes, the vote will take place between them and the first candidate.
If a majority of the votes cast, without the votes cast in the first ballot, is still not cast in the second ballot (no candidate shall receive an absolute majority of the votes), the candidate who obtains the highest number of votes will be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the vote shall be repeated.
(18) The two VICE PRESIDENTS shall be appointed by vote by the General Assembly for a term of four years. The persons proposed to apply for the position of Vice President of ROUCF shall fulfill the following conditions:

a. long-term tertiary education, graduate with a degree of bachelor;
b. domicile in Romania.
The two Vice Presidents of ROUCF shall be elected directly only if they receive half plus one of the votes cast and validated.
If, after the first ballot has been held, for the office of vice president, no candidate has obtained an absolute majority of votes, a second ballot will be held, in which only the first three candidates will participate, in the order of the number of votes won in the first ballot. If multiple candidates for the post of vice president are on a par in the first vote, all of them will participate in the second vote.
If a majority of the votes cast are not cast in the second ballot, without the votes cast in the first ballot being combined, in the situation when no candidate meets the absolute majority of votes, the first two candidates who got the highest number of votes from the total votes cast and validated will be declared elected. In the event of a tie, the vote shall be repeated.
(19) THE MEMBERS of the Directing Council shall be designated by vote by the General Assembly, for a term of office of four years.
(20) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY shall elect by open vote the Audit Committee on the basis of proposals from its members.
Having regard to the provisions of Art. 12, point (6), the Federal Appeal Commission may be elected by an open vote of the General Assembly.
(21) INTERIM ELECTIONS. If, for different reasons, in the period between two General Assembly elections, the Directing Council is discompleted, the Ordinary General Assembly may elect, within a limit of up to 30 % of the number of members, on a proposal from the Directing Council, other persons to fill vacant posts.
(22) where, for various reasons, in the period between two General Assemblies, the Directing Council becomes non-statutory, discompleting over the 30% limit, the President of the Federation will convene the General Assembly.

ART. 13. THE CONVENING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES
(1) The convening of the General Assemblies shall contain the date, place and time of the start of the General Assembly's work, the explicit agenda. The notice of meeting will be sent to the affiliated members 30 days before the date scheduled for the General Assembly's work.
(2) For cases established by law, for the reorganization of national sports activity, The General Assembly shall be convened by the President and the General Secretary, following the Order of the Minister of Youth and Sports.
(3) The General Assembly may not take its decisions without the formalities laid down for convening it, in compliance with all the legal provisions and this Statute relating to the validation of the decisions adopted.
(4) The General Assemblies may be held at the ROUCF's office or at any place mentioned in the convocation.
THE ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY shall take place once a year, following the end of the preceding financial year, in order to approve the activity report, to examine the balance sheet and the achievement of the proposed sport objectives and to establish the work program and the income and expenditure budget for the current year.
THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY shall be convened as follows:
a. by the President of the Federation;
b. by the Directing Council, if requested in writing by 2/3 (two thirds) of the members of the Directing Council;
c. following the submission of a motion of no confidence in the work of the Directing Council signed by at least 2/3 (two thirds) Delegations entitled to vote in the General

Assembly.
(7) The GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF ELECTIONS shall be convened by the President following the decision of the Directing Council.

ART. 14. THE ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES
(1) The meetings of the General Assemblies shall be conducted by the President of the Federation or, failing that, by the person designated to replace him.
(2) In the case of elections, the General Assembly shall be led by the General Secretary or by a person nominated by the Directing Council, with the condition to not candidate for a post.
(3) The President (or designated person) shall appoint a Secretary of the meeting of the General Assembly to complete the formalities required by law.
(4) The General Assembly will approve the composition of the Voting Validation Commission, which will consist of 3 members and 2 observers.
(5) Minutes shall be drawn up at the General Assemblies.
(6) The minutes shall be signed by the President of the meeting and the Secretary of General Assembly's meeting, nominated for their taking.

ART. 15. THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
(1) One delegate from each affiliated member shall participate in the General Assembly, with the right to vote.
(2) The Ministry of Youth and Sports' delegate near ROUCF will participate in the General Assembly and will exercise the powers laid down by law and other tasks, on the basis of the mandate established by Order of the Minister of Youth and Sports.
(3) Each affiliated member, with the right to vote, is represented in the General Assembly by a delegate accredited by a representation mandate, which must be signed by the authorized person of the sport structure he represents; the mandate must be registered at ROUCF.
(4) The validation of representatives with voting rights shall be carried out before the beginning of the General Assembly, on the basis of the written mandates issued by the sport structures in question, which have appointed them.
The right to vote of an affiliated sport structure shall be one-person and non-transferable. Each affiliated sport structure, present in the General Assembly, shall have one vote:
a. a delegate appointed by the management of each affiliated club;
b. a delegate designated by the management of each County Chess Association affiliated and of the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association.
Members of the Directing Council who do not have a mandate of representation from any affiliated member may attend the General Assembly. As invited persons, may participate: honorary members of ROUCF, presidents of the Federation's Colleges and Committees, representatives of the media, other persons invited by the CD.
The invited persons do not have the right to vote.

ART. 16. THE RESOLUTIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLIES
(1) The sessions of the General Assemblies may be public. Voting in the General Assembly shall be open. Voting in the General Assembly for Elections shall be by secret ballot.
(2) In the General Assembly, each proposal of the Directing Council shall be put first, after discussion, to a vote.
(3) Amendments shall be voted first in special cases. Additional proposals shall be put to the vote only if they are accepted from the point of view of the Statute and of the law.
(4) The General Assembly will appoint a temporary committee of five members to examine the proposals and amendments made, the temporary committee verifying their legality. The

deliberations and proposals of the temporary committee shall be forwarded to the Directing Council, which shall be able to take them or reject them. The decisions of the Directing Council will be submitted for ratification at the first General Assembly.
Whenever discussions result in a decision, the Secretary of the Assembly shall announce a quorum by nominating persons with voting rights and shall centralize the votes cast.
(6) In the event of a tie, The President of ROUCF shall decide, with the exception of the elections. Electoral regulations are operative for the elections.
(7) The proposals for inclusion in the General Assembly agenda will be submitted by sport structures to the President of ROUCF no later than 20 days before the General Assembly date, together with the technical arguments justifying the proposals.
(8) Tthe decisions of the General Assemblies will be published within 30 days, in extract, in one of the official publications of ROUCF.
(9) In the event of the adoption of decisions amending this Statute, only the addendum will be published, drawn up on the basis of the minutes of the General Assembly, which will include the full text of the amendments.
(10) The resolutions of the General Assemblies cannot be executed until these formalities have been accomplished and, where appropriate, any requirements laid down by law have been fulfilled.

ART. 17. THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
(1) The Romanian Chess Federation has as a collective governing body named THE DIRECTING COUNCIL – composed of 11 members, namely: 9 members elected and 2 members ex officio (employees: The General Secretary and the Technical Director/Federal Trainer).
(2) The members of the Directing Council shall be elected to their posts (President, 2 Vice-Presidents, 6 members) by the General Assembly for a period of 4 years, with the possibility of reinvesting for new periods of the same duration.
(3) The work of the Directing Council shall take place between the annual General Assembly, in quarterly sessions or, where appropriate, as determined by the President. The sessions of the Directing Council may be held in plenary or by correspondence. The convening procedure, the agenda, the locality, the date and duration of the session shall be determined on a case-by-case basis by the President and carried out by the General Secretary. The members of the Directing Council shall be responsible for paying their own costs of participating in the meetings of the Directing Council.
(4) The activity of the Directing Council shall consist of the work of the President and the other members of the Directing Council, in collaboration with the permanent Federal Colleges and Commissions and the affiliated sport structures, in order to achieve the purpose and objectives of the Federation. The annual report presented by the President includes the main activities: presentation of the actions taken, analysis of the technical and material implementation and recommendations for the future. For the improvement of work and for the absence of divergent interests which could lead to controversy, on the proposal from the President, the Directing Council may include proposals for amendments to federal regulations on the General meetings agenda for discussion and decision by vote.
(5) The Directing Council shall be chaired by the ROUCF President or by the person designated by him. The President may appoint a Secretary of meeting either from or outside the Directing Council.
(6) For the validation of the decisions, the participation of at least seven members of the Directing Council is required. Decisions shall be taken by open vote, the highest number of votes cast. The Directing Council can also make decisions by letter, fax or e-mail, but the plenary meetings will be at least 4 in a year. In the event of a tie, the vote of the President

shall be decisive.
(7) The discussions of the Directing Council shall take place on the agenda approved by the President. They shall be recorded in minutes of the hearing, which shall be entered in a register sealed and signed by the President. The minutes shall be an official document of the ROUCF and shall be signed by the members present and the Secretary of the meeting. Tape recorders or other recording equipment can be used, in which case the tapes are counted and kept in the Federation as official documents
(8) The decisions of the Directing Council may not be executed before carrying out these formalities and, where appropriate, any requirements laid down by law. Extract from the decisions made by the Directing Council will be published in one of the official publications of the Federation or displayed at the Federation's headquarters or on the Federation's website.
(9) The Directing Council may delegate to one or more of its members powers on limited matters, by appointing temporary working committees of the Directing Council and can also use specialists to survey some issues.
(10) The sessions of the Directing Council are not public. The meetings of the Directing Council may be open only when the members of the Directing Council decide by consensus. In making special technical decisions, the Directing Council may invite specialists or observers to its sessions without the right to vote. Affiliated members may request the President to be invited to attend the Directing Council's meetings when decisions are taken in relation to their work, being able to defend their rights or express opinions about federal regulations.
(11) Representatives of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and of the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee may attend meetings whenever they deem it necessary and shall notify in advance their intention.

ART.18. THE PRESIDENT
(1) THE PRESIDENT is the incumbent head of the Romanian Chess Federation and also acts as President of the Directing Council.
(2) The President shall officially represent the Romanian Chess Federation in relations with third parties in the country and abroad. The President is the legal representative of the Romanian Chess Federation in the European and international organizations with similar activity profile to the Romanian Chess Federation. He may appoit another person for this purpose, fixing the duration and limits of the term of office granted. The President shall be authorizing officer and may be salaried.
The President shall chair and direct meetings, General Assemblies and sessions of the Directing Council and, where appropriate and necessary, the meetings of the Directorate. It shall supervise the work of these bodies. In the interests of promoting and spreading the chess game, the President can offer himself as an intermediary of the affiliated members. The President presents his annual report to the General Assembly.
(4) the President shall issue decisions in the form of an Order of the President of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(5) The President of ROUCF hereby approves:
a. the income and expenditure budget for each scheduled action;
b. the requirements for equipment and sports facilities for the national teams, in order to prepare for and participate in international competitions;
c. the necessary amounts to be committed, in accordance with the financial rules in force;
d. promotion, reward and sanction of affiliated members and their members (players, trainers, other specialists and officials) as well as of ROUCF's salaried staff;
e. other problems, within the limits of the powers laid down by law;

(6) The President of ROUCF shall propose to the Directing Council for approval:
a. the appointment of presidents and members of temporary and permanent Colleges and Committees;
b. The composition of the Romanian delegations in international competitions, meetings and congresses;
c. The list of national arbiters and candidates for classification as international arbiters and FIDE arbiters, as proposed by the specialized College;
d. The participation of arbiters in national and international competitions, as proposed by the specialized College;
e. The appointment of paid staff.
(7) The President of ROUCF shall sign orders, the main documents and works produced by the Federation – programs and plans of activities, the income and expenditure budgets, internal and international sports calendar, decisions of the Directing Council relating to the conduct of international sports actions, as well as internal and international correspondence in relation to third parties. The President may appoint a ROUCF spokesman.
(8) The President of ROUCF participates in the main internal and international actions, represents the Federation in relation to national and international sports organizations, central and local public authorities, Romanian or foreign individual or legal entities.

ART. 19. THE TASKS OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
(1) The DIRECTING COUNCIL shall have the following tasks:
a. Ensures and is responsible for compliance with national law throughout the entire chess activity, for the implementation of the national strategy, for the application of the General Assembly decisions, programs and plans of operations, and for compliance by all members of the Federation with the Statute and regulations of ROUCF, as well as the existing rules of the chess activity;
b. Ensures and is responsible for the implementation and enforcement of existing international chess legislation;
c. Approves the members' affiliation and the exclusion of members;
d. Approves and is responsible for the observance of the Federation's rules of organization and operation;
e. Draws up the draft for the annual budget of incomes and expenditure, provides the financial funds for the organization and conduct of the activities of the Federation, approves and provides the funds necessary for the functioning of the Federation's headquarters;
f. Regularly analyzes the activity of the Federation and is responsible for the use of the Federation's financial funds;
g. During the fourth quarter of the year, approves the national competitive calendar and the calendar for international sports actions for the following competitive year;
h. Proposes to the General Assembly for approval: the national competition system, the regulations for internal and international transfers and the regulations for sports classification, the definitive exclusion of affiliated members who have proved to be guilty of serious infringements of the Statute, of federal rules and regulations, of non-payment of their fees, taxes and financial obligations;
i. Ensures and is responsible for the respect of the national competitive calendar and the timetable for international sport actions, ensuring the proposed budget for each sport action.
j. Approves the regulations governing the organization and conduct of official internal competitions, the design of selection, preparation and participation in competitions of performance players and the system of technical-methodical rules and requirements specific to performance check;
k. Establishes the organizational chart, approve and ensure the level of remuneration of the

staff needed to perform the tasks necessary to achieve the purpose of the Federation;
l. On the proposal from the President, approves: the composition of the Central Colleges and Commissions; organizes and ensures the guidance and control of the work of the Central Colleges and Commissions and of the County Chess Associations, as well as of the affiliated chess clubs and chess sections; through the Central Colleges and Committees, as well as through the affiliated members, ensures and is responsible for the organization and conduct of official internal and international competitions;
m. On the basis of proposals made by the Central College of Trainers, approves the composition of the olympic and national teams, the structure of the technical teams and the preparation plans, including the objectives to be achieved, providing the funds necessary for the proper conduct of selection, preparation and participation in official international competitions aimed at the national teams, and to organize the control of their work;
n. On the proposal from the President, approves the composition of delegations and provides the necessary funds for participation in official international competitions of objective purpose, the mandate of the Federation representatives to attend meetings of international sports fora, the Federation candidates to be proposed for election or appointed to international bodies;
o. Periodically reviews the work carried out, the funds allocated and the results achieved in national and international competitions and the conclusions of meetings, conferences, congresses, on the basis of the reports submitted by the delegates;
p. Approves the Federation's membership in regional, continental or international sports fora, after obtaining the Ministry of Youth and Sports' approval, according to the legislation in force;
q. Approves the list of national arbiters and candidates for classification as international arbiters and FIDE arbiters, as proposed by the specialized College;
r. Approves the participation of arbiters in the internal competitions organized by ROUCF and in international competitions, as proposed by the specialized College;
s. Convenes the General Assembly, approves the agenda and the materials to be submitted.
t. The Directing Council approves the Ethics and Disciplinary Code, containing disciplinary misconduct and sanctions, the disciplinary courts of the Federation and their powers, disciplinary proceedings, the way in which cases are dealt with and the adoption of decisions to sanction those guilty. The Ethics and Disciplinary Code shall be submitted for ratification to the first General Assembly;
u. The Directing Council is authorized to maintain, amend or annul the decision of the disciplinary bodies of ROUCF (except the Federal Appeal Commission) concerning disciplinary misconduct, and to adopt new decisions in respect thereof, in accordance with the rules;
v. Resolves the disputes arising between the members of the Federation or between them and federal bodies; on the sports side, the decisions of the Directing Council are executive;
w. Decide on any question relating to the chess activity, provided that the measure adopted is not against this Statute or the rules of organization and operation or within the competence of another body;
x. Other powers established by law.

ART. 20. THE VICE PRESIDENTS
(1) The Vice Presidents of the Romanian Chess Federation shall coordinate the work of some sections of the Federation, according to the tasks assigned by the President of the Federation, within limits of competence, to guide and coordinate the work of the Federation's Colleges and permanent Committees.
(2) The Vice Presidents shall also have other responsibilities assigned by the Regulation of

organization and functioning of the Federation.
(3) The Vice Presidents of the Romanian Chess Federation may be appointed by the President to participate on behalf of ROUCF in certain chess events, for the purpose of promoting the image of the Federation and of the „mind sport".

ART. 21. THE DIRECTORATE
(1) The Directorate is the administrative and management body of ROUCF, which shall provide the operational management of the Federation and shall consist of executive staff: The General Secretary, the Technical Director/ Federal Trainer and the Chief Accountant. The General Secretary shall lead the work of the Directorate.
(2) The Federation organisational chart and the establishment plan shall be approved by the Directing Council. Employees shall not be chosen by the General Assembly. The staff employed by the Federation shall be appointed to posts by Order of the President, with the duties set out in the job description.
(3) The GENERAL SECRETARY is member of the Directing Council, with right of vote and performs the following duties:
a. To organize the work of the Federation in order to enforce the decisions of the General Assembly, of the President and of the Directing Council, the statutory and legal provisions.
b. To establish, together with the President of the Federation, the date and agenda of the meetings of the Directing Council, prepare the materials and works to be presented to the Directing Council;
c. To organize, coordinate and support the work of the Central Colleges and Commissions, prepare together with them and submit proposals to the Directing Council for the approval of:
c.1. The programs and plans of activities of the Federation;
c.2. The internal and international sports calendar;
c.3. The draft of the annual incomes and expenditure budget, the regular status of the implementation of the budget and the material insurance of the activity;
c.4. The programs and training plans of the olympic and national teams, their composition and technical groups;
c.5 The nominal membership of delegations traveling abroad;
c.6. The money prizes, benefits, bonuses and other rewards for sportsmen, specialists or collaborators;
d. To arrange, through the central and territorial colleges and committees, the organization of the actions provided for in the internal and international competition calendar; to submit the income and expenditure budget for each action scheduled for approval to the President of the Federation and to commit the necessary amounts, in accordance with the financial rules in force;
e. To organize the control and support of the activities of national teams and affiliated sections, presenting conclusions and proposals to the Directing Council for the optimization of their sporting activity;
f. To organize and direct the work of the employees of the Federation; to make proposals for promotion, recompensation and penalties;
g. To sign with the President the main documents and works produced by the Federation: programs and activity plans, income and expenditure budget, internal and international sports calendar, decisions of the Directing Council on the conduct of international sports actions, as well as any other current work;
h. To receive, resolve and sign part of the correspondence addressed to the Federation and inform the President of the main problems arising in the course of the work;
i. To observe the editing, printing and periodic dissemination of the Federation's Internal Bulletin and of techno-methodical nature, intended for members of the Federation;

j. To attend the main meetings, internal and international conferences and competitions;
k. To make the link with domestic and international sports organizations, central and local public authorities, romanian or foreign natural or legal entities;
l. To make the functionally link with the specialist compartments within the Ministry of Youth and Sports for the operational resolution of technical and environmental problems, administrative, financial, international relations and other aspects of the Federation's activity;
m. responds operationally to the information requirements of the Ministry of Youth and Sports management and regularly presents summaries of the work carried out and the problems of the sport branch concerned;
n. in carrying out his duties, he works with the County Sport Directions, with the National Institute for Sport Research, the Institute of Sports Medicine, the National Sports Complexes, the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee, the National University for Physical Education and Sport, the National Center for the Formation of Trainers and other institutions or organizations;
o. other powers established by law.
(4) THE TECHNICAL DIRECTOR/FEDERAL TRAINER is an employee of the Federation, a Member of the Technical Director/ Federal Trainer with voting rights. The Technical Director / Federal Trainer is the highly qualified specialized technical framework that coordinates the technical-methodical field in chess. The Technical Director / Federal Trainer has the following tasks:
a. submits proposals for the overall strategy and design for the selection, preparation and participation in competitions of performance players, as required by chess; follows and controls how the strategy and design is applied to departments and to national teams, after the approval by the Directing Council;
b. organizes, coordinates and supports the work of the Central College of Trainers, ensure the convening of members, the drafting of materials and documents that are presented at the meetings of the College;
c. guides and controls the selection and preparation process at the level of the national teams, national olympic training centers and training camps;
d. is responsible for organizing and carrying out refresher courses for chess trainers and methodical specialized meetings; cooperates for this purpose with the specialized compartment from the Ministry of Youth and Sports;
e. ensures the systematic control of the performance sections' activity, analyzes their work within the Central College of Trainers and proposes measures to improve the activity;
f. analyze in the Central College of Trainers the composition of national teams, the content of their preparation plans and presents them to the approval of the Directing Council;
g. proposes to the Directing Council the composition of the technical groups of the national and olympic teams and periodically analyzes within the College the work carried out by the team trainers;
h. participates in the main national competitions, reviews their deployment and level and regularly present conclusions and proposals to optimize the internal competitive activity in the Central College of trainers and the Directing Council;
i. works with other colleagues and Central Commissions to improve the national competition system and the rules for organizing and holding national Championships and local and international competitions;
j. participates in the main competitions, technical meetings and international conferences; produces synthesis works on the development of the Chess Olympiads, World Championships, European Championships, results recorded, guidelines and new trends in the world-wide practice of the chess;
k. continuously studies chess literature, the national and international scientific and technical

practice of chess and periodically produces technical-methodical works, observing their printing in the official publications of the Federation and their dissemination to specialists in the field;
l. cooperates, in the performance of his tasks, with the specialized sections of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, as well as of other specialized institutions and bodies, for the development of studies and research specific to the chess and to make national teams preparation plans and provide interdisciplinary support services.
(5) where the establishment plan of the Federation comprises more than one post of Technical Director / Federal Trainer, the concrete powers for each position will be determined by areas of competence, usually adult-junior, woman-man or other criteria specific to the activity of the Federation. These duties shall be approved by the Directing Council, on a proposal from the General Secretary, and shall be included in the Federation's rules of organization and functioning and in the employee's job description.
(6) THE CHIEF ACCOUNTANT has the powers laid down by law. The Chief Accountant shall be empowered to grant a preventive control visa and shall be obliged to refuse, in accordance with the law, any financial operation contrary to legal provisions. The Chief Accountant will be hired by contest, in accordance with the law.
(7) Powers for the other paid office are included in the ROUCF's Rules of Procedure, on the basis of which the General Secretary shall approve the schedule of posts for each member of staff.
(8) Termination of employment of staff is the cause of the end of the individual employment contract, in accordance with the law.
(9) The tasks of the DIRECTORATE shall be as follows:
a. implements the decisions taken by the General Assembly, President and Directing Council,
b. administrates and manages ROUCF;
c. establishes the organization and functioning rules of ROUCF and submit them to the Directing Council for approval;
d. establishes the Rules of Procedure of ROUCF and be responsible for applying it;
e. implements the Federation's plans and programs of activities;
f. applies the registration and transfer of players from a sport structure to another, in accordance with the regulations in force;
g. endorses the membership of sport structures and submit it to the Directing Council for approval;
h. endorses and registers with FIDE the organization in Romania of any national and international competition involving official approval of the results for the calculation of individual internal (CIV) and international (rating) value coefficients and the ratification of the norms for sports titles;
i. allocates the income and expenditure budget to programs and actions;
j. endorses the contractual conditions for the Romanian players and technicians who are to work abroad, as well as for foreign players and technicians who want to work in Romania;
k. for the smooth operation of the chess activity, it may take any action which is not contrary to the Statute or is not the responsibility of any other body;
l. it shall make available to the Audit Commission all the information necessary for the verification of the economic documents;
m. other powers established by law.
(10) The Directorate shall have powers and tasks which are laid down in the Regulation of organization and functioning of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(11) The Directorate shall meet in regular meetings, between meetings of the Directing Council and in special meetings whenever necessary. Meetings shall be convened by the General Secretary.

(12) When it is not in session, the Directing Council may delegate to the Directorate the exercise of its powers, but the Directorate will not be able to decide on:
a. approval of the Federation's membership in regional sports fora, continental or international;
b. amendments to the date of the meeting of the General Assembly;
c. changes in the internal competitive calendar.
(13) The Directorate shall carry out its activities and adopt decisions by a simple majority of the present members presents. In the event of a tie, the matter shall be referred to the President, who will decide.

ART. 22. THE FEDERAL COMMITTEES AND COLLEGES
(1) The Federal Committees and Colleges are advisory working bodies (specialized in the different fields of activity) of the Directing Council. For the implementation of certain ROUCF projects or programs, the General Assembly may approve the setting-up of temporary committees composed of delegates. The number of such temporary committees is not limited and can be created for technical or organizational reasons. Federal Committees and Colleges may act through temporary subcommittees.
The powers of Committees and Colleges shall be laid down in the Federation's Regulations of organization and operation.
(2) THE CENTRAL COLLEGES shall be as follows:
a. THE CENTRAL COLLEGE OF TRAINERS
b. THE CENTRAL COLLEGE OF ARBITERS
(3) THE COMMISSIONS shall be as follows:
a. THE CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR CORRESPONDENCE CHESS
b. THE CENTRAL COMMISSION FOR CHESS COMPOSITION
c. THE COMPETITION COMMISSION
d. THE COMMISSION FOR TRANSFERS, SPORTS CLASSIFICATIONS AND RATING
e. THE ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
f. THE PRESS COMMISSION
g. THE COMMISSION FOR CHESS IN SCHOOL, CHILDREN, JUNIOR AND YOUTH
h. THE FEDERAL APPEAL COMMISSION
i. THE COMMISSION ON WOMEN CHESS
j. THE CHESS PLAYERS COMMISSION
k. THE TECHNICAL COMMISSION OF REGULATIONS
l. THE COMMISSION OF COMPETITION ORGANIZERS
m. THE COMMISSION OF COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATIONS AND OF THE BUCHAREST MUNICIPAL CHESS ASSOCIATION
n. THE COMMISSION OF ROMANIAN PLAYERS ABROAD
o. THE FEDERAL ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION
(4) THE COMPOSITION
The Presidents and the members of the Committees shall be proposed by the President of ROUCF and approved by the Directing Council, except for the Audit Commission and the Federal Appeal Commision, which shall be elected by the General Assembly. The commissions shall consist of: l president, 1 secretary and members. The Committees may have 3 to 7 members in their membership. Decisions shall be taken by open vote, by a simple majority of the members present. In the event of tie, the vote of the President shall be taken.
(5) The Presidents and the members of the Central Colleges shall be appointed by the President of ROUCF. The Colleges shall consist of: l President, 1 Secretary and 5 members. No member of a College can be member of another Commission or of another College, nor can be member of the leading boards of the Federation.

(6) DETAILS AND EXCEPTIONS:
a. THE FEDERAL APPEAL COMMISSION shall consist of a minimum of three members, one of whom shall be the President of the commission, elected by the General Assembly (or, in exceptional cases, elected by the Directing Council and ratified in the first General Assembly).
None of the members of this Commission can be a Member of another Commission or of a College, nor can they be a member of the leading bodies of the Federation. The Federal Appeal Commission shall meet whenever necessary and shall judge the appeals brought by the members of ROUCF against the decisions of the Central Colleges and Commissions of the Federation, as well as of the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association. The Federal Appeal Commission may decide to apply any sanction (excepting the removal from sports activity), provided that the measure adopted is not against this Statute or against the Rules of organization and operation or within the competence of another body. The Federal Appeal Commission of may appeal to any player or person in his/her entourage accused of violating anti-doping regulations.
Its decisions shall be enforceable.
b. THE ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION shall consist of 5 members (one of whom shall be the Chair of the commission). No member of this Commission can be a member of another Commission or of a College, nor can be member of the leading bodies of the Federation). The Ethics and Disciplinary Commission has its own rules of operation. The Ethics and Disciplinary Commission's decisions shall be enforceable and final unless the Appeal Commission has been challenged within 15 days of the communication.
The ruling of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission may be challenged to the Federal Appeal Commission only if new evidence is provided in the case under discussion.
c. THE CHESS PLAYERS COMMISSION shall consist of a minimum of five members, one of whom shall be the President of the Commission. The President of this Commission is a consulting member of the Central College of Trainers, without the right to vote. The members of the Commission will have responsibilities and duties of observers for issues relating to adults, i.e. female-male or other criteria specific to the activities of the Federation.
d. THE PRESS COMMISSION is made up of chessplayers, publicists and specialists. The Commission shall collaborate with ROUCF Directorate for the centralization of the Federation's sport results and statistical data with a view to publication in the official publications of the Federation.
e. THE FEDERAL ANTI-DOPING COMMISSION is responsible for preventing and combating doping and aims at training players and staff on the effects and consequences of using prohibited substances and methods.

CHAPTER V
THE MEMBERS OF THE ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION

ART. 23. THE AFFILIATION
(1) The affiliation at ROUCF shall be in accordance with the legal provisions in force. Affiliation is the act by which the Federation recognizes as a member a sport structure with a right to participate in the national and international competition system, and the affiliated sport structure recognizes the authority of the Federation. A change in the legal status of an affiliated member shall require membership of ROUCF, in accordance with the provisions of this Statute and the relevant Regulations of the Federation.
(2) The Romanian Chess Federation may include only sport structures with legal personality, legally established (for the purposes of organization, the pursuit and management of sport and which have as their objective the promotion and pursuit of the sport by their members and the

selection, initiation, training of players and participation in the activities and competitions of the national sport system and officially recognised respectively, legal entity under private law and legal entities under public law, whose teams and players are participating in the competitions organized by ROUCF, as well as the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association.
(3) Officially recognised sport structures may affiliate as follows:
a. at ROUCF, for participation in official national and international competitions, organized by the Federation;
b. at the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association, for participation in the local official chess competitions;
(4) For participation in competitions organized by the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association, the affiliated members of ROUCF must also be affiliated to these sport structures. The affiliation of sport structures to the County Chess Associations will be made in accordance with the conditions laid down in their statutes and in accordance with this Statute.
(5) The affiliation of sport structures referred to in paragraph 3 may be effected only after official recognition of the quality of sport structure as a result of registration as in the Sport Register kept by the Ministry of Youth and Sports or the County Sports Direction of the territorial area and by the Municipal Direction for Sport in Bucharest, in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Physical Education and Sport No. 69/2000 and the procedures laid down in the Implementing Regulation of the provisions of Law No. 69/2000, approved by Romanian Government Decision No. 884/2001.
(6) The applicants who may be granted membership of the Federation shall meet the following conditions:
a. The Statute of the affiliated members shall underline that the purpose and the statutory objectives and the activities of the applicant are in accordance with the sports legislation and the Statute of ROUCF;
b. The members' own statutes shall contain, without exception, provisions laying down the obligations of the members specified in this Statute;
c. An affiliated member shall pay the annual contribution for the year in which it is admitted. The payment of the contribution must be made within 30 days of the date of admission to ROUCF, otherwise the disciplinary measures provided for in this Statute shall apply;
d. Each member shall notify the Romanian Chess Federation, within 15 days, and the Ministery of Youth and Sports within 30 days of the date on which the judgment given by the court remains final and irrevocable, of any change in the instrument of constitution and the Statute, in order to be operated in the Federation's documents and in the Sport Register respectively;
e. The sport structures, whether or not having legal personality, whose teams or players promote from the County Championships in the National Championship organized by ROUCF at a competitive level, must join ROUCF. For the affiliation to ROUCF of sport associations without legal personality, it is necessary to transform them into sport clubs, in accordance with the law and to register in the Sports Register. The sport clubs affiliated to ROUCF whose teams are relegated in the County Championship must be affiliated to the local competent County Chess Association in order to have the right to participate in the county competitions.
(7) For the purposes of paragraph 6, a sport club or a County Chess Association that wishes to become a Member of ROUCF must submit a written request to the Federation, requesting membership and obliging it to comply with its statute, regulations, rules and decisions. The sport structure in question must pay an affiliation fee to ROUCF, once it applies for

membership.
(8) ROUCF issues a standard form application for membership to be completed by the applicants, under the sanction of invalidity, in accordance with the annexes. The application for membership must be accompanied by documentary evidence in accordance with the law. The provisional membership of an applicant shall be decided by the Directing Council.
(9) The provisional membership of an applicant shall be decided by the Directing Concil.
(10) The membership should be ratified in the first General Assembly. The approval of the final membership will be communicated by the ROUCF to the sport structure concerned. By order of the President, the Federation formalizes the existence of a sport structure with legal personality, taken into account and registered as a full member, with full rights of participation in the chess events, meetings, official competitions.
(11) The statistical records of affiliates are kept by ROUCF with the support of affiliated sport structures which, by March 1st of each calendar year, will transmit to the Federation all new elements arising in activity.
(12) The Sport Identity Certificate and the Identification Number should be issued under the conditions required by law.
(13) THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE AFFILIATION. Through affiliation, the sport structure and all its legitimate members commit to recognize the authority of ROUCF and to comply with the provisions of the Statute, Regulations, norms and decisions of ROUCF, such as the international regulations in force;
(14) The disciplinary authority of ROUCF shall be exercised under the conditions laid down by law by:
a. Guidance, supervision and control;
b. The Statute of ROUCF, the rules, regulations, norms and decisions of the Federation.
(15) The disciplinary authority gives the Romanian chess Federation the faculty to investigate and, where appropriate, sanction persons and institutions at fault.
(16) The procedures for the exercise of the disciplinary authority of ROUCF are those laid down by law, Provided for in the Regulation of organization and operation of the ROUCF and may be effected by:
a. the penalty and fine system of the Ethics and Disciplinary Code;
b. gradual differentiation of facts, application of sanctions, exclusion of the possibility of double penalties for the same offense, the exclusion of retroactivity in the application of sanctions and the prohibition to provide sanctions for acts committed prior to the time when the act in question was committed;
c. causes or circumstances exempting or mitigating the liability of the perpetrator and the requirements for the termination or suspension of the penalty;
d. powers concerning investigation of the offense, the determination and enforcement of the sanction;
e. to guarantee the right of defense by providing for remedies against the sanctions imposed.

ART. 24. THE MEMBERS OF THE ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION
(1) The members affiliated to ROUCF may be only those legal entities who recognize and comply with the Statute, regulations, standards and technical-methodical requirements and regulations of the Federation and pay the fees and charges established by the Federation. The members of ROUCF have rights and duties;
(2) The members affiliated to the ROUCF are assuming responsibility for the chess activity they carry out;
(3) The members affiliated to ROUCF may be legal entities who acquire, by way of membership, formal recognition by ROUCF. The members affiliated to ROUCF may be the

following legal entities governed by private law and legal entities governed by public law:
a. sport clubs;
b.the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association.
(4) Honorary members are individual persons, residing in the country or abroad, appointted by the General Assembly among former players, specialists, technicians or sport managers, who have brought an important contribution in supporting the activity of the Federation and the chess.

ART. 25. THE RIGHTS OF THE ROUCF MEMBERS
(1) The definitive affiliated members of ROUCF shall be entitled to participate in and vote in the General Assembly. Members affiliated to ROUCF shall have the right to make proposals to the Federation and to participate in all the chess events of ROUCF, in accordance with the Regulations in force.
(2) Affiliated members shall be entitled to withdraw from ROUCF. The President shall be informed in writing of the withdrawal at least three months before the date of actual withdrawal. Payment of membership obligations and other contributions shall remain mandatory until the effective withdrawal date. Following the withdrawal or exclusion of a member, none of the financial obligations and contributions paid by him shall be repaid.
(3) THE RIGHTS OF AFFILIATED MEMBERS are as follows:
a. participate through its delegations in the General Assembly of the Federation;
b. to elect and be elected to the governing bodies of the Federation, In accordance with this Statute;
c. to organize their work on the basis of rules of procedure, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force;
d. to support the organization of the national competition system, in accordance with the mandate given by the Federation;
e. to register players via ROUCF, to organize their own competitions, localc and international, complying with the relevant sporting legislation and regulations of ROUCF, FIDE and ECU.
Affiliated sport clubs have the following rights regarding the subparagraphs a.-e.:
a. to select and to train players for representing the sport structure in individual or teams competitions;
b. to participate in official competitions, in accordance with the rules of competition, in compliance with the laws and regulations in force of ROUCF, FIDE and ECU.
(4) THE RIGHTS OF HONORARY MEMBERS are as follows:
a. to participate in the General Assembly of the Federation as guests, without the right to vote and without the right to be elected to the governing bodies of the Federation;
b. to participate in international and local sports actions, with the purpose of promoting the image of the Romanian chess in the public opinion, having an important contribution to the work of the Federation;
c. for special merit in organizing important chess events, for long service brought to ROUCF, the General Assembly of ROUCF may nominate the former President of ROUCF as the Honorary President; he will not have the right to vote.

ART. 26. THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE ROUCF's MEMBERS
(1) The affiliated members of ROUCF shall be required:
a. To comply with the Romanian legislation, the national sports strategy, the Federation strategy, the Statute of ROUCF, the Federation's internal regulations and norms, the FIDE Laws of Chess, as well as the principles of loyalty, cohesion, ethics and sport spirit. They

must enter this provision in their own statutes and must ensure that players and officials comply with it;
b. The members of the Federation undertake to defend the sporting interests of Romania, to respect and defend the image and prestige of ROUCF, as well as of the Romanian players, to morally, technically and materially support the organization and conduct of the official internal and international competitions of ROUCF;
c. The members of the Federation undertake to actively contribute to the development of the chess, to the continuous improvement of the performance of the chess activity, to the management and preservation of the material base, to the increase of their own income;
d. To preserve and respect the purpose and objectives of their statutes and regulations; to ensure that their members (players, trainers, other specialists and officials) take over their obligations to ROUCF;
e. To ensure the appointment of their management bodies by free elections, a provision to this effect being included in the statute of each affiliated member. ROUCF will not recognize a management body of a related member if it has not been legally appointed;
f. In accordance with the provisions of FIDE and the ECU to transmit, by means of ROUCF, correspondence addressed to FIDE and ECU;
g. To be subject of control by the Federation;
h. To discharge all obligations to ROUCF, within the deadlines and under the conditions laid down by the Federation. The members of ROUCF shall be obliged to pay the annual contribution and other fees, visas, licenses and contributions within the period fixed by the financial regulations of ROUCF in force after their approval in the General Assembly: affiliation fee, players registration fee, annual visa fee, organization fee, participation fee in competitions, license fees ROUCF and FIDE for the organization of internal and international competitions, fees for the award of international titles, deposit fees charged by ROUCF, FIDE and ECU for the organization of official competitions, appeal fees etc.;
i. The members affiliated to the Federation undertake to request the prior approval of ROUCF and the early registration with FIDE for the organization in Romania of any domestic and international competition involving official approval of the results with the calculation of individual internal and international value coefficients (CIV) and the ratification of the rules for internal sports titles and international;
j. If during the year there are changes relating to: the name and address of the affiliated sport structure, the name of the chairman of the sport structure, the name of the technical director of the sport structure, the affiliated member concerned shall be obliged to transmit these changes to the secretariat not later than 15 days after the date of the change.
k. To be subject to the anti-doping control ordered by the National Anti-Doping Agency through the Federation.
(2) During the period of a disciplinary action, an affiliated member cannot designate an individual person as a voting delegate to the General Assembly or as a candidate for an eligible office in the General Assembly.
(3) A suspended member shall be deprived of the right to vote in the General Assembly until the penalty has been lifted. Suspended members may also not have contracts relating to chess with other members of ROUCF.
(4) if the affiliated members fail to comply with these provisions and the time limits specified, the President of the Federation may initiate the procedure of severe warning upon the mistakes made and of sanction.

ART. 27. HOW TO ACQUIRE AND TO LOSE MEMBERSHIP
(1) The affiliation, disaffiliation and reaffiliation to the Federation shall be effected in accordance with the conditions and procedures laid down in the Regulation of organization

and operation of ROUCF, drawn up in accordance with this Statute.
(2) THE ACQUISITION OF MEMBERSHIP by Romanian legal entities shall be subject to the provisions of this Statute as follows:
a. LEGAL ENTITIES, by affiliation, approved by the Directing Council of ROUCFand signed by the President;
b.MEMBERS OF HONOR by recognition of this status by the General Assembly.
(3) The term of membership of the ROUCF shall expire by:
a. withdrawal from the Federation;
b. dissolution of the affiliated member;
c. revocation of recognition as a sport structure, in accordance with the law and, consequently, its removal from the register of sport;
d. dissolution of ROUCF.
(4) LOSS OF MEMBERSHIP of the ROUCF shall be effected by temporary or definitive exclusion in the following cases:
a. an affiliated member who has not fully discharged its financial obligations to ROUCF may be proposed for temporary exclusion by the Directing Council; the temporary exclusion shall be canceled if the affiliated member has fulfilled all its financial obligations by the date of the General Assembly's notice that would approve its temporary exclusion. No participation in official competitions or in chess events of ROUCF shall be permitted during the period of temporary exclusion. Only the General Assembly will approve the definitive exclusion of the member who has not honoured its financial obligations to the Federation.
b. EXCLUSION. Affiliated members who do not respect the authority of the Federation, depending on the gravity of the misconduct, shall be sanctioned in accordance with the provisions of this Statute and the Ethics and Disciplinary Code until excluded from ROUCF. If an affiliated member repeatedly infringes the Statute, the regulations and the decisions ROUCF, the Directing Council may temporarily exclude it with immediate effect. The temporary exclusion may last no more than until the next General Assembly, which may decide to extend it or to exclude the member concerned from the Federation for a definitive period.
Against the order for the temporary exclusion of a sport structure, the person who considers that he/she is aggrieved may apply to the Federal Commission of Appeal within 15 days of the communication.
From the date of the abovementioned appeal until the judgment of the Federal Appeal Commission, the order for the temporary exclusion of that sport structure shall be suspended.
The definitive exclusion shall immediately entail the removal of the affiliation from the ROUCF of the affiliated member.
The final exclusion, implicitly the cancellation of membership, will be approved by the General Assembly, on a proposal from the Directing Council.
THE DELETION OF MEMBERSHIP may be the consequence of:
a. abolition or cancellation of the right to operate for a lack of organization and competition in chess competitions for a period of two years;
b. if sport clubs – legal entities governed by public law or legal entities governed by private law – have ceased to operate in accordance with the laws in force and in accordance with the provisions of their statutes.
At the end of each year, the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association will propose to the Federation to remove chess sections which, within three years, did not organize any more chess activities and have no longer participated in official competitions.
The General Assembly shall determine the date of the removal from the accounts of the respective department.

Definitive exclusion, implicitly the cancellation of the affiliation will be communicated within 10 days to both the County Chess Association and the respective department.
(6) THE READMISSION. The sport structures which have been deleted may be reaffiliated to ROUCF, in accordance with the law.
(7) THE REVOCATION of the right of the functioning for any sport structure, including the Romanian Chess Federation, falls within the competence of the Ministry of Youth and Sports and is made in accordance with the law, in the following cases:
a. the purpose or object of the sport structure has become unlawful, contrary to good morals, public order and national security;
b. sportive structure, without authorization, pursue a purpose other than that for which it was established and declared;
c. General Assembly's decisions are made in breach of statutory provisions, instruments of incorporation and law.
(8) the revocation of the recognition of any sport structure, including the Romanian Chess Federation, is done by order of the Ministry of Youth and Sports, on the basis of the findings resulting from the supervision and control of the bodies empowered by law and shall have the effect, where appropriate, of temporarily suspending the Sport Identity Certificate or removing that sport structure from the Sport Register.
(9) in accordance with the legislation in force, against the order revoking the recognition of the operation of a sport structure, the person who considers it to be unentitled may apply to the court within 30 days.
(10) from the date on which the above-mentioned appeal is lodged until the final judgment of the court is delivered, the order temporarily suspending the Sport Identity Certificate or revoking that sport structure shall be suspended.
(11) the withdrawal of recognition of the functioning of a sport structure including the Romanian Chess Federation is made by the Ministry of Youth and Sports's notification of the competent court in order to lose the legal personality of the sport structure concerned.

ART. 28. THE REGISTERING AND TRANSFER OF PLAYERS
(1) Players, trainers, arbiters and specialists in the chess activity enrolled in sport clubs and sports associations may be legitimized for that sport structure by ROUCF on application.
(2) The application for registering shall contain the following data: surname and forename(s), personal data, address, commitment to observe the disciplinary authority of the Federation, request to be granted for the sport structure that certifies the application and confirms the agreement.
(3) Registration cards shall be issued by the Romanian Chess Federation and shall be binding on all sporting structures and all legitimate players. The Romanian Chess Federation will be able to mandate the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association to register the players from the respective territory, The sport structures that apply for membership will then buy the registration cards from the Federation.
(4) The Federation shall issue identification cards which shall state the membership of the sport structure concerned and the date of approval of the participation in friendly/official competitions.
(5) Double registrations for junior players are made upon request clubs for participation in adult-level divisional competitions, with the agreement of the Federation only and junior sport clubs on a contractual basis. Failure to comply with the contractual clauses will void the double identification.
(6) The transfer of players is subject to the rules of national and international law on the transfer of sportspeople:
a. the transfer shall be made upon request by the player to the Federation;

b. the transfer is made on the basis of sporty disconnects granted by the sport structure to which the sport belongs, without charge of fees, sports compensation or property;
c. the transfer may be effected by negotiation, with compensation for financial obligations by the club requesting the transfer.
(7) The Federation may mandate the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association to carry out the cards and transfers of the players from that county except:
a. double registration;
b. international transfer;
c. transfer of members of the national teams;
d. transfer of players from one county to another.

ART. 29. THE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATIONS AND THE BUCHAREST MUNICIPAL CHESS ASSOCIATION are legal persons under private law, set up with the aim of organizing the chess activity at county level. The acquisition of legal personality is done under the terms of the law as a non-profit organization-association.
(1) THE TASKS of the County Chess Associations and of the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association are as follows:
a. To direct, supervise and control the chess activity in the county;
b. To promote, support and organize selection, initiation and training programs for the chess practitioners;
c. To promote, support and organize national competitions in accordance with the mandate given by the Federation;
d. To organize and are responsible for the development of the county competition system, according to the approval of the Federation;
e. To organize (with the approval of ROUCF and FIDE) individual and team international competitions for national and international sports categories and titles, in order to calculate the internal and international rating;
f. To keep records of affiliated sport structures, players, trainers and instructors, arbiters and other persons who support the chess activities in the territory;
g. To organize training and refresher courses for arbiters;
h. To approve the identification and transfer of players from affiliated chess stations in accordance with the powers conferred by the Federation;
i. To levy fees, licenses and visas from affiliated members;
j. other tasks laid down by the Regulation of Procedure of ROUCF.
(2) THE FORMATION OF COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATIONS AND OF BUCHAREST MUNICIPAL CHESS ASSOCIATION is done in accordance with the law, by the association of sport structures included in the county chess competition system, affiliated and recognised by the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association. The County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association can be formed by the association of at least three sport structures (in all three sports branches: over-the-board chess practical, correspondence chess, chess composition) that are operating in the respective territory. In the organizational structure of the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association, there can be included colleges and specialized commissions (distinct, in all three sports branches: over-the-board chess, correspondence chess, chess composition).
At the meeting of the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association, delegates of the affiliated sport structures that support and carry out activity on the territory of the county can participate with voting right. At the meeting to set up County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association, the document of the setting up and the status of the County Chess associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess

Association will be adopted. The General Assembly of the formation can mandate the leadership of the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association to draw up the rules of organization and operation of the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association, activity programs, specific regulations, rules on the system of levies, duties and visas.
(3) THE ASSEMBLY OF ELECTION for the leadership of the County Chess Associations and Bucharest Municipal Chess Association is organized every 4 years.
(4) TASKS AND RESPONSIBILITIES of the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association:
a. The County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association draw up, update annually and whenever necessary the database containing the records of the affiliated sport structures and their members, presenting statistical reports to the Federation.
b. The County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association apply the regulations approved by the General Assembly regarding the regime of fees, fees and visas charged by the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association. The Romanian Chess Federation yearly approves the fees and visas regime.
c. The General Assembly of County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association can approve the way and the amount of the contributions and the fees they have received. The amount of these fees must be notified to the County Directions for Sport and the Municipal Direction for Sport Bucharest.
d. The members will pay for County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association in the first quarter of the following year: the annual fee of its affiliated members, the fee for the registration of the players, the annual visa of the players for participation in territorial competitions.
e. In case the affiliated members fail to meet their financial obligations, the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association can cancel the right to participate in the local competitions.
f. In case the affiliated members fail to pay their money obligations in the first quarter of the year, the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association will charge a percentage raise.
g. The County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association can grant exemptions from rental fees game halls and sports material to sport structures with chess sections for children and juniors.
h. The County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association will grant exemptions to the annual financial obligations to sport structures with chess sections for children and juniors.
i. Other technical tasks (relating to the granting of sports categories) laid down by the Regulation of organization and operation of ROUCF.
(5) THE ORGANIZATION OF THE COUNTY COMPETITIVE SYSTEM
a. The leadership, general organization and the conduct of official internal and international competitions included in the annual calendars (internal calendar and international calendar) are coordinated by the Romanian Chess Federation, with the participation of territorial sport structures, affiliated members and organizers of sports competitions, legally authorized and accredited by the Federation.
b. The County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association organize the individual and teams (by qualifications) County Championships – the local stages and county finals.
c. The County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association organize the local and inter-county associations according to the competences assigned by the Federation.

d. Under the legal provisions in force and the internal and international regulations, the County Chess Associations and the Bucharest Municipal Chess Association can acquire the right to organize and conduct individual and teams international competitions.

CHAPTER VI
ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY RULES

ART. 30. THE ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY CODE

(1) In order to fulfill its principles, goals and objectives, the Romanian Chess Federation recognizes and appropriates its national and international norms regarding combating violence in sport, promoting the tolerance and the spirit of fair play, having its own regulations detailed in the Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
(2) The rules of ethics and discipline of the Romanian Chess Federation are contained in the Ethics and Disciplinary Code, an integral part of the Regulation of Organization and Functioning of the Romanian Chess Federation. The ethics and disciplinary norms of the Romanian Chess Federation are mandatory for all the members of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(3) The chess games and the concept of chess are based on assuming responsibility for observing and applying the rules and regulations existing in full agreement with the ideas of fair play and team spirit.
(4) The incidents during a match shall be settled by the arbiters in accordance with the rules of the game and the rules of the respective competition or shall be referred to the appeal commission, set up at the technical meeting of each competition. Players or members of the delegation will not bring unfounded allegations against other players, officials or sponsors. All the protests will be addressed to the arbiter, the technical director of the tournament or, as the case may be, to the Appeal Commission of the respective competition.
(5) In direct agreement with the Ethics and Disciplinary Code, disciplinary proceedings will be taken for the unauthorized use of the Romanian Chess Federation image, the manipulation of chess information, sports results and statistical data.
(6) SANCTIONS. The deviations from the Statute and the Regulations of the Federation are analyzed by the Federal Colleges and Commissions, which, depending on their severity, may propose to the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission the application of the following sanctions: warning, fine, temporary suspension from the competitive activity, temporary lifting of the right to organize the competitions, cancellation of affiliation and deletion of the section from the Romanian Chess Federation records. The amount of the fines, the period of application of the sanction (established in accordance with the type of offense committed) will be described in detail in the Ethics and Disciplinary Code.
(7) Failure to comply with the authority of the Romanian Chess Federation by violating the provisions of the Romanian Chess Federation Statute, the Federal regulations, norms, regulations and decisions shall be sanctioned according to the gravity of the facts with the following sanctions:
a. For the affiliated sport structures: warning, fine, temporary suspension from the competition activity, temporary lifting of the right to organize competitions, cancellation of affiliation and cancellation of the section from the records of the Romanian Chess federation;
b. For the legitimate members of the sport structures (players, trainers, arbiters, instructors, other specialists in the field): warning, fine, temporary suspension from national and international competitive activity, definitive suspension from sports activity;
c. Refusal to comply with a disciplinary sanction leads to a gradual higher penalty, with the exception of the definitive suspension from the sporting activity.

(8) The persons (players, trainers, arbiters, instructors, other specialists in the field) may lose the status of legitimate member of an affiliated sport structure: by death, by resignation, by exclusion for criminal convictions that make the person concerned incompatible with as a legitimate member of the Romanian Chess Federation, by exclusion as a result of the approval of the Directing Council, for serious violations of the Statute of the Romanian Chess Federation and the regulations, resolutions or decisions of the Romanian Chess Federation. In this case, the Directorate will convene the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission which will investigate the case and hear the parties involved. The Ethics and Disciplinary Commission will communicate to the guilty person the conclusions of the investigations made and the measures taken. The sanctioned person has the right to appeal to the Federal Appeal Commission, within 10 days from the communication.
The decision of the Federal Appeal Commission remains final and enforceable.
(9) ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES. Deviations from the Ethics and Disciplinary Code will be reported to the Secretariat of the Federation, which will transmit the notifications to the ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION.
a. Any notification regarding the deviations from the chess ethics must be made in writing and proved with documents or witnesses. The defendant will be informed of the content of the accusation and will be allowed to defend himself in writing or verbally.
b. The deadline to appeal at the competition appeal commission is 1 hour after the conclusion of the match in which the arbiter's decision was applied. Calls that do not meet this deadline will be classified.
c. The time limit for appeal the ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION against the decision of the competition Appeal Commission is 3 days from the application of the decision. Calls that do not meet this deadline will be classified.
d. The deadline for appeal to the FEDERAL APPEAL COMMISSION against the sanctions applied by the ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION is 10 days from the date of issuing the document. Calls that do not meet this deadline will be classified.
e. The appeal against decisions made by the Federation officials must be made in writing to the FEDERAL APPEAL COMMISSION, with the deposit of an amount whose value is contained in the financial norms of the Federation. The amount will be returned if the decision has not been proven to be justified. Only in the case of new evidence, a decision of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission may be appealed (within 20 days) to the FEDERAL APPEAL COMMISSION.
The decisions of the FEDERAL APPEAL COMMISSION are enforceable and final.

ART. 31. THE DOPING AND DRUG USE
(1) The Romanian Chess Federation and its members subscribe to the agreement between FIDE and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and to the national and international regulations, as well as to the national programs in force regarding the fight against doping and against the use of drugs in all chess competitions and accept the medical check.
(2) The Romanian Chess Federation has the obligation to communicate to the National Anti-Doping Agency, at the beginning of each year, detailed information on the national and international sports calendar, as well as the plans for the preparation of their teams and players.
(3) During a competition, in case of detection of the use of prohibited substances, the Romanian Chess Federation will resort to the disciplinary sanctions provided in the functioning Regulations of the Romanian Chess Federation and of the anti-doping legislation in force.
(4) In accordance with the national and international provisions in force, the Romanian Chess Federation will elaborate its own regulations on combating violence in sports, promoting

tolerance, fair play and doping control in the Rules of organization and functioning of the Romanian Chess Federation.

CHAPTER VII
THE ADMINISTRATION

ART. 32. THE AUDIT
The body for the administration and management of the budget and the patrimony of the Romanian Chess Federation is subject to the financial checks according to the law, the Statute and the regulations of the Romanian Chess Federation.
The management of the Romanian Chess Federation is controlled by the Audit Commission, consisting of three auditors, one of them being the President of the Audit Commission. The Directing Council sets the amount of the remuneration for the auditors.
The General Assembly may appoint an independent external auditor, legal entity, according to the law. The Audit Commission will be appointed by the General Assembly, according to the law.
In carrying out their control tasks, the auditors have the right to make available the documents regarding the economic and financial situation of the Federation.

ART. 33. THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE AUDITORS
The auditors have the following main obligations:
a. to verify the economic activity of the Federation; convene the General Assembly if it has not been convened by the President or the Directing Council.
b. to participate in the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies of the affiliated members, without voting rights, being able to determine the insertion in the agenda of the proposals that they consider necessary and inform the irregularities of the administration and the violations of the most important statutory and legal provisions, found after the checks;
c. to check the balance sheet and bank accounts in terms of their legality and their conformity with the Federation's registers, their regularity, as well as whether the valuation of the assets has been done according to the rules established for the preparation of the balance sheet;
d. to draw up and present annually to the General Assembly a detailed report containing the results of the checking undertaken in the exercise of the powers included in the letter c) and their proposals regarding the balance sheet;
e. to supervise the fulfillment by the Directing Council or, as the case may be, by the liquidators of the provisions of the law and of the present Statute, inspect the house monthly, unexpectedly and verify the existence of the values, property of the Federation or received in the warehouse;
f. to fulfill any other obligations provided by law and by this Statute.
The auditors will fulfill their obligations together or separately, according to the law.

CHAPTER VIII
THE FINANCIAL ACTIVITY

ART. 34. THE FINANCIAL MEANS
(1) ROUCF has the assets in its property; it can conclude loan agreements and it can issue credit titles, provided that these legal acts are concluded for the realization of the activity object.
(2) In order to ensure the technical-material conditions required for the activity, ROUCF may own, rent or use: sports bases, land, facilities, canteens, accommodation spaces, as well as other facilities necessary for its own activity profile.

(3) ROUCF may set mortgages or alienate the movable or immovable assets, financed wholly or partially from public funds, through programs, or may change their destination only under the law, with the approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
(4) The financial funds of the Federation may consist of:
A. BUDGET INCOMES from:
a. proceeds from sports events, services, television rights;
b. proceeds from sponsorship, advertising and sports advertising contracts, as well as from other contracts for the production of income, concluded with Romanian or foreign partners;
c. rents for sports bases;
d. contributions and taxes, transfer allowances, money contributions or in nature;
e. rights obtained from the contracts of the Romanian players and technicians who work abroad;
f. selling specialized works or sports advertising materials;
g. donations and contributions in money or nature, from Romanian or foreign persons;
h. other sources, according to the law.
B. GRANTS BY TRANSFER FROM THE PUBLIC BUDGET given by the Ministry of Youth and Sports, by other ministries and by the Romanian Olympic and Sports Committee for the financial support of programs or subprograms of preparation and participation in official national and international competitions.
(5) The funds in lei and in foreign currency of the Federation are kept in their own bank accounts, according to the law.
(6) The use of material means and funds shall be made in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly and of the Directing Council, respectively, in compliance with the legislation and the financial norms in force.

ART. 35. FINANCIAL REGULATION
(1) The financial year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.
(2) The budget of the Romanian Chess Federation is established in the national currency. In exceptional cases, the Chief Accountant has the power, in agreement with the President, to modify it in another monetary system, in accordance with the Romanian legislation in force. In exceptional cases, the Chief Accountant is authorized to transfer the financial administration to another locality, in compliance with the Romanian legislation in force.
(3) All bank accounts of the Romanian Chess Federation and all investments must always be made on behalf of the Federation.
(4) The economic management must be conducted on the basis of the annual report of the budget, presented by the Chief Accountant and approved by the General Assembly.
(5) The Chief Accountant submits to the analysis and approval of the General Assembly the economic balance sheet and the income and expenditure Report (along with the necessary economic documentation, if requested), together with the auditors' report recorded after the verification. After presenting the Report, examining and approving it by the General Assembly, the Chief Accountant is discharged from his financial obligations for the respective year, in compliance with the Romanian legislation in force.
(6) Each member shall pay the annual membership fee, established by the General Assembly, before March 1st of each year.
(7) The amount of the membership fees, taxes, visas, contributions and obligations of the members will be established by the General Assembly by norms regarding the regime of taxes, contributions and visas, which include the financial principles of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(8) The Romanian Chess Federation will establish a PERMANENT DEVELOPMENT FUND, which will be administered independently of the annual budget of the Romanian

Chess Federation, in compliance with the Romanian legislation in force. The Chief Accountant is nominated to set up this permanent fund in a special account (opened in national currency and in foreign currency) in which sponsorship, donations and contributions will be deposited for the purpose of: the promotion and propagation of chess, exceptional situations in cases of necessity or calamity.
(9) The donations for the Romanian Chess Federation will be made with the specification: Romanian Chess Federation PERMANENT FUND and will be paid in national currency or in foreign currency. All expenses paid from this special account will be recorded only through bank documents, without cash payments.
(10) The banking transactions shall be signed by two persons, the Chief Accountant and one of the following officials: the President (if he is an authorising officer) or the General Secretary.
(11) EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS belonging to the Romanian Chess Federation:
a. the right to the image of the group or of the individuality, static or moving of the players in competition and representation equipment, when participating in competitions on behalf of the Federation;
b. the right of use on the own emblem / logo;
c. the right of advertising and television in competitions that they organize or in which they participate, as the case may be;
The above mentioned rights may be transferred by the Romanian Chess Federation, according to the law;
Any individual or legal entity interested in the chess activity can enter into a contractual relationship with the Romanian Chess Federation.

ART. 36. THE FINANCIAL YEAR
(1) The financial year begins on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year, except for the first financial year that begins on the date of the establishment of the Romanian Chess Federation as a legal person under private law.

ART. 37. THE ASSET DEPRECIATION
(1) The depreciation of the tangible and intangible assets from the patrimony of the Federation shall be calculated according to the depreciation scheme established by the Directing Council, in accordance with the legal norms.

ART. 38. THE BOOKKEEPING
(1) The Romanian Chess Federation shall organize and manage the accounting records in accordance with the legal norms and shall draw up the balance sheet in accordance with the methodological norms elaborated by the Ministry of Public Finance.
(2) Within 15 days from the date of approval by the General Assembly of the members, a copy of the balance sheet, together with the report of the Directing Council, the report of the auditors and the minutes of the General Assembly shall be submitted to the competent financial administration. After the financial administration has approved the balance sheet, the documents mentioned above will be submitted to the Sports Registry Office and to the Ministry of Youth and Sports.

CHAPTER IX
THE MODIFICATION OF THE LEGAL FORM, DISSOLUTION AND LIQUIDATION

ART. 39. THE MODIFICATION OF THE LEGAL FORM

(1) The modification of the legal form of the Romanian Chess Federation can be done only in accordance with the legal norms and the norms of this Statute.

ART. 40. THE DISSOLUTION
(1) The Romanian Chess Federation will be dissolved in the following cases:
a. the impossibility of fulfilling its object of activity;
b. reducing the number of affiliated members to two;
c. opening the bankruptcy procedure;
d. other situations provided by law.
(2) In case of dissolution of the Romanian Chess Federation, the General Assembly of the members, or as the case may be, the court will decide the administrative liquidation or bankruptcy. The dissolution decision will be made unanimously by the members of the General Assembly.
(3) The bankruptcy of the Romanian Chess Federation and the distribution of the patrimony will be carried out in accordance with the legal provisions in force.

CHAPTER X
LITIGATIONS

ART. 41. THE RESOLUTION OF LITIGATIONS
(1) All litigations arising in connection with the interpretation and application of the norms of this Statute, insofar as they will not be resolved amicably by the sports courts, will be resolved by the competent courts in Romania.
(2) The litigation of any kind arising between the Romanian Chess Federation and individual and legal entities is within the competence of the common law courts. The parties may also choose the arbitration.

CHAPTER XI
THE ROMANIAN CHESS FEDERATION RELATIONSHIP WITH THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AND SPORTS

ART. 42. GUIDANCE AND CONTROL, AUTHORIZATIONS AND APPROVALS
(1) In accordance with the Law on Physical Education and Sport No. 69/2000 and with the regulations for its application and with the complements with the Romanian legislation in force, applicable to the national sports federations, the activity of the Romanian Chess Federation is carried out under the guidance of the Ministry of Youth and Sports which supervises and controls the observance of the legal provisions in force and of the provisions contained in its own Statute, in the instrument of incorporation and in the rules and regulations of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(2) The Ministry of Youth and Sports appoints a delegate within the Romanian Chess Federation who has the right to suspend the execution of the decisions of the Romanian Chess Federation governing bodies that contravene the constitution and the Statute of the Romanian Chess Federation, the contracts concluded with the Ministry of Youth and Sports, the laws, public order and national security.
(3) The Ministry of Youth and Sports delegate participates with advisory vote in the meetings of the governing and administrative bodies of the Federation, drawing up a report that he communicates to the governing bodies of the Romanian Chess Federation and the Ministry of Youth and Sports. The governing bodies of the Romanian Chess Federation are obliged to answer the issues that are the subject of suspended decisions. In case of refusal by the

management and administration bodies of the Federation, the Ministry of Youth and Sports delegate will inform the Minister, who will decide according to the law.
(4) In relation to the Romanian Chess Federation, the Ministry of Youth and Sports delegate may exercise other duties, based on the mandate established by order of the Minister.
(5) The Ministry of Youth and Sports expressly approves: the establishment of a single National Federation for a sports branch, the affiliation of the National Federation to World and European sports fora, the modification of the Statute of the Federation and its constitutive act.
(6) The Ministry of Youth and Sports authorizes the affiliation of all sports organizations to international specialized forums.
(7) The Ministry of Youth and Sports authorizes the participation of the national teams in the World, European and regional Championships, based on the written request of the Federation.
(8) The Ministry of Youth and Sports authorizes the organizing on the territory of Romania of the World, European and regional Championships, under the following conditions:
a. The engagement of negotiations with the international sports bodies regarding the acceptance of the candidature of the Federation for organizing in Romania the competition can be done only with the prior approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports;
b. The approval of the application for the Federation's candidature is granted if the following conditions are met: presentation of the cost estimation and of the sources of expenses coverage; presentation of the written commitment of the owner of the sports base in which the competition is to take place, confirming the assurance of the necessary conditions; presentation of the program of measures regarding the organization and conduct of the competition.
(9) The Romanian Chess Federation may set mortgages or alienate the movable or immovable property, financed wholly or partially from public funds, through programs, or may change their destination, only with the approval of the Ministry of Youth and Sports.
(10) The supervision and control exercised by the Ministry of Youth and Sports cannot substituted the Federation's own control.

CHAPTER XII
FINAL PROVISIONS

(1) The present Statute may be modified under the conditions of the law, by an additional act, following the decisions made by the General Assembly on the basis of the proposals presented by the President, the Directing Council or any of the affiliated members. 2/3 votes from the quorum of the General Assembly are required for the amendments to the Statute, in order to be effective.
(2) The regulations of the Statute and the rules of the Romanian Chess Federation are mandatory for all the members of the Romanian Chess Federation.
(3) The regulations of this Statute shall be supplemented by the regulations of the Romanian legislation in force, applicable to national sports federations, legal entities of private law, of public utility.

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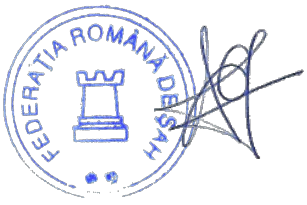
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