



To the Organisers of the Miami Open,

I gratefully accept your kind invitation to serve as honorary patron of your tournament—an honour I receive with genuine appreciation.

Draughts is a sport that unites millions across continents—a global community bound by a shared passion for strategy, discipline, and the quiet elegance of the game. Yet for all its reach and richness, the vitality of our sport depends not only on those who play it, but also on those who devote themselves to its organisation and growth. Without such dedication, the enthusiasm of our players alone would not suffice to sustain the continued development of the FMJD.

Throughout nearly three decades of service within the FMJD, it has been my enduring mission to see draughts flourish in new corners of the world. Today, I watch with genuine satisfaction as the draughts community gains momentum in the United States. This is a moment the global draughts family has long awaited—and warmly welcomes.

I am confident that the Miami Open will become a true celebration of draughts in the USA: a landmark event that inspires pride, participation, and progress. I warmly encourage players, supporters, and enthusiasts alike to take part in this tournament—to show their support and belief in the future of our sport. It is my sincere hope that the Miami Open will soon take its place among the distinguished tournaments of the World Cup series.

Once again, thank you for the honour of serving as patron of the Miami Open 2025. It is a distinction I accept with pride and humility.

Jacek Pawlicki

FMJD President

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