



To: Mr. Alexander Rudnitsky

Copy to: Mr. Rudi Azimullah  
President of ICAONA

Dear Sir,

With this letter I would like to confirm receiving of your letter by which you submit complaint about actions of the ICAONA, namely of your ICAONA membership suspension. You have also attached the letter from the President of the ICAONA, Mr. R. Azimullah, by which he informs you of disciplinary suspension of your membership in ICAONA for two years. Such a decision is justified by statement of ICAONA which indicates your potential violations as follows:

1) The establishment and active promotion of the so-called "NDF of USA," an entity which directly challenges the authority, legitimacy, and recognition of ICAONA as the sole official national draughts federation acknowledged by both the FMJD and PADCC;

2) Public dissemination of statements that mischaracterized ICAONA's official status and misrepresented the structure of the draughts governance framework within the United States.

In an opinion of the FMJD for non-profit organization membership is always voluntary in the democratic countries, so we do believe and assume that in the USA it should be organized very much the same way, i.e. that membership of both ICAONA and NDF-US is and should always be voluntary as well. For player to represent a country and to be affiliated with your national draughts federation should not mean mandatory membership of the national federation as player can be a member of draughts club or be an independent player as well and should not be discriminated because of that. As concerns names of organizations FMJD can not doubt choice of the name of either NDF-US or ICAONA or support requests of any of them to change a name of other organization as both organizations with such names are properly registered according to the USA law.

We would like to remind that you and Mr. Azimullah were present during the meeting of the FMJD Executive Council on 3rd March. In this meeting FMJD confirmed that the ICAONA is a legitimate representative of the USA at the FMJD and you supported that and affirmed that you fully respect it and NDF-US has no intention to challenge rights of the ICAONA as a FMJD member. We would like therefore to underline that FMJD does not have evidence about such public statements which are mentioned by the President of the ICAONA.

I would like to inform you that we are aware of your request regarding actions of the ICAONA which you have submitted to the Committee of Ethics of the FMJD. FMJD considers it is now for the Committee of Ethics of the FMJD to evaluate your request and provide an opinion on it to the FMJD Executive Council for further decisions, if such would be needed.

Core value for the FMJD is non-discrimination and interests of the players, therefore FMJD always prioritises needs and interests of draughts players as well as follows principle of non-discrimination and precautionary principle, which should be applied irrespective of internal disputes between players and national federations, except if there is clear and proven evidence that the player violated FMJD Statutes or other legal FMJD documents or national law.

**From the above-mentioned and all evidence which is available by now FMJD does not see sufficient grounds for ICAONA's decision to put restrictive measures and limit your rights as of a player. Therefore FMJD confirms rights of Mr. Alexander Rudnitsky to participate in the World championship Veterans 2025 as well as in the other FMJD events or other international tournaments while there is no decision of the FMJD Ethics Committee submitted which could be then further considered by the FMJD Executive Council.**

We would like to kindly ask once again you and other US draughts players and the ICAONA leadership to end unproductive internal disputes and instead to start working together for benefit of the draughts development in the US.

I stay at your disposal should you have any further questions.



Vladislavs Vesperis  
FMJD Acting Secretary General  
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