

Complaint

To Ethic Commity of FIDE

To whom it may concern,

Dear Sir(s),

asking for a permission to play in Sankt Peterburg Baltic Queen Tournament(Women GM tournament cat.8) my wife IM (WGM) Ekaterina Atalik was refused by Turkish Chess Federation.Although there is nothing like a permission is needed by a federation to participate an international event ,TCF misuses this rule inside of the country.When she asked to permission which should be a formality, TCF secretariat asked her to sign an undertaking in which it is stated that:

- 1)All the expenses will be on her during the tournament
- 2)She will guarantee not to participate into any organisation or meeting against Turkish Republic
- 3)She will not abase the dignity of TCF and will not speak negative about it or Turkish chess players which are licenced sportsmen.Naturally she refused to sign it just repeatedly asked that a permission should be granted since making sport can not be conditional and most of the items in the above mentioned undertaking is strictly against freedom of speech and thus against human rights.Then on a further mail TCF secretary claimed that no permission will be granted unless she signs the undertaking and this is the TCF Presidential decree .

Apart from this I have to mention in this point that despite of being the two very best players of the country and one of the highest rated couples in the world, in the beginning of August 2009 we both were sent to the disciplinary commity of TCF.For my wife not taking part in Nalchik World Women Ch, and me GM Suat Atalik ,playing in Greek League without having a similar permission by TCF although I have applied them a week before the tournament and informed them about.Consequently I was banned to play chess for 3 months and my wife for some surprising reason got no punishment after waiting 5 months for a decision of them and of course no apology from TCF.

The reasons for these TCF is not a democratic instutition in its construction.The president,executive commity and the disciplinary commity as well as the auditing commity is elected from the same ticket.In other words same people are governing the federation,checking the books and taking decisions on disciplinary matters.So the President Yazici is taking whatever decision he likes out of his own people,and rewards them sometimes by employing them in international tournaments within the delegations with fat perks.This is how he is securing their future decisions.

Since the year of 2008:

- 1)IM Ekaterina Atalik is taken out of the national team,sent to disciplinary commity.She was not sent to European Individual Women Championship although she was 2006 European Women Champion and 2007 she took the 5th place in the same tournament.Also she was not given the right to play in Meditteranean Championship despite of the fact she was Mediterranean Women Champion of the year 2006,Vice Men's Champion of the same event in the same year and equal 3rd in 2008.

2)Although Ataturk Memorial Women GM tournament 2009 was a leg for FIDE Women Grand-Prix Yazici and TCF they bent the regulations of the event in order not to nominate IM(WGM) Ekaterina Atalik from the host-city which was İstanbul.In the regulations it was clearly stated that only a player with a rating of 2300 can take part and if there is nobody fulfilling this condition a player with a minimum rating of 2250 can be included in the tournament,coming from the same federation this time.At the end a WIM from Izmir with a rating of 2214 was nominated from the host city İstanbul.

3)I,GM Suat Atalik was also removed from the national team,received a ban for 3 months not to play chess,then not sent to European Individual Championship of 2009.Also despite of being Mediterranean Champion of years 2006 and 2007 and vice champion in year 2008 I was not asked to play there when they have allowed GMs from Romania,Turkmenistan and Georgia to take part in the very same competition.

As a resume TCF and his president governs chess in Turkey by anti-democratical means therefore they are frequently trying suppress a cluster or a group of people because of their political opinions even if they are the best players of the country.Also making the right to play chess conditional and preventing real professionals to do their jobs and punishing them for that are all deeds and symbols of an anti-democratic institution.Soon my humble pronostic is that instead of title and rating how close relationship he or she has with Yazici will be a criteria for a player to play chess in Turkey.By the way I have to mention that several dossiers full of serious allegations against Yazici are waiting on the desks of prosecutors and as well as sports ministry inspectors in Turkey.However his political connections and bonds make an obstacle for him to be properly judged.

Finally I would like to remind you a similar case from South Africa in 1980s where some of the players were not allowed to play chess and were not included in the national team this time for racial reasons although they had the strenght at the time.I think the case is similar now when a family or a cluster of people is getting punished or not even allowed to play international chess or in other words chess which is their profession literally.Therefore I by this letter demand TCF to be excluded from FIDE and its President from FIDE executive board for applying unfair and anti-democratic means which are absolutely not coherent with FIDE's or any sport organisations norms and objectives.

Yours truly,
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