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Information – FIDE Fair Play Seminar in Vila Nova de Famalicão, Portugal

The FIDE Fair Play Commission, in collaboration with the Portuguese Chess Federation and Didáxis Cooperativa de Ensino Riba d’Ave, and with the support of the Municipality of Vila Nova de Famalicão, is pleased to announce the upcoming FIDE Fair Play Seminar, which will take place at Didáxis Cooperativa de Ensino Riba d’Ave (Vila Nova de Famalicão), Portugal, from the 24th to the 26th of July 2026.

The Seminar will coincide with the XII Torneio Internacional Cidade de Famalicão, making it an ideal opportunity for chess arbiters, organizers, and others interested in gathering and learning crucial aspects of fair play in chess. The Seminar aims to provide fair play knowledge and share the best practices at events.

Scope of the Seminar

- Fair Play Legal Framework
- Anti-Cheating Regulations
- Prof. Regan’s Statistical System
- Technical devices and their usage
- Fair Play Theory and Practice at OTB Events

Lecturers will also deal with topics such as preparations for an event, interaction with tournament officials and spectators, crowd management, preventing or detecting cheating, observations, body language, psychological aspects and odd behaviours, statistics, etc., all in the spirit of recognizing, detecting, and preventing unethical practices and promoting a positive chess culture.

At the end of the seminar, upon the successful completion of the exam, the seminar participants will receive an FPE seminar norm as one of the requirements for the FPE title.

The FIDE Fair Play Seminar is open to all chess enthusiasts, players, coaches, arbiters, organizers, and officials who share a passion for promoting fair play, learning more about the dark side of the sport and the practices of recognition and prevention, and upholding the highest ethical standards in chess. Attendees will gain invaluable knowledge and insights to reinforce fair play practices within their respective chess federations and communities.

The Seminar schedule is provided below.

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Seminar Dates

24th to the 26th of July 2026

Location

Didáxis Cooperativa de Ensino, Rua António Sérgio 188, 4765-909 Riba d'Ave, Portugal.

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Accommodation

The arrangements for accommodation and food are at the discretion of each attendee. It is not mandatory to stay at the official hotel. Participants have the freedom to choose accommodation options that best suit their preferences and budget. They are responsible for making their own arrangements and covering the associated costs.

If you would like to stay at a hotel in Guimarães, there will be transfers to and from the seminar location.

Meals will be provided at the school where the seminar is held at the cost of 7€.

Registration

Registration for the FIDE Fair Play Seminar is open. The deadline is the **10th of July of 2026**.

The number of places is limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. There are 3 spots reserved for female participants.

To reserve your spot, please send a registration email to formacao@fpx.pt or, for Portuguese attendees, register through the online FPX Platform.

Seminar fee: 150 EUR

Exam fee: 50 EUR

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Seminar Language

English

Seminar Lecturers

Bojana Bejatovic – Senior Lecturer, FIDE Fair Play Officer (FPO)

Vincent Geeraets – Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law and FPL Secretary

We look forward to welcoming you at the FIDE Fair Play Seminar as we unite to shape a new chapter in the history of chess and fortify the foundations of fair play.



Seminar Schedule

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DAY 1 – 24.07 – Friday

14:30 – 14:45 – Introduction

14:45 – 16:00 – General Legal Framework

16:15 – 16:30 – Coffee break

16:30 – 17:45 – Fair Play titles: FPEs and FPOs, roles and responsibilities

17:45 – 18:30 – Case studies & Review

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DAY 2 – 25.07 – Saturday

10:00 – 11:00 – Statistical Evidence

11:00 – 12:00 – Evidence Collection & Practical Advice

12:00 – 13:00 – Online operations: an overview

13:30 – 14h30 – Practical exercises

16:00 – 18:00 – OTB operations: preventing fair play breaches and collecting evidence

DAY 3 – 26.07 – Sunday

10:00 – 11:45 – Case studies and best practices, Q&A session

11:45 – 12:00 – Coffee break

12:00 – 14:00 – Final exam

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