

**FIDE WORLD UNIVERSITY ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021**  
**FAIR PLAY**

FIDE World University Individual Online Rapid Championship  
(20-21 March and 25 March)

The Fair Play Panel (FPP) of the FIDE World University Chess Championships, after examining the games followed by several meetings, disqualified 20 (twenty) players from the World University Individual Online Rapid Championship for breach of Fair Play.

Due to the large number of games (5036 in total), the procedure took more than 70 hours to perform the fair play check.

The investigation included:

- statistical evidence
- Host internet platform (HIP) evidence
- physical evidence
- expert opinion

The statistics included several parameters, which combined with the other criteria lead to the decision for disqualification.

As part of our ongoing efforts to build a community of players that play fairly at all times, a Fair Play review is conducted during every event. We supervise players during their games and undertake a comprehensive analysis of all games played in order to protect players with exceptional performances from accusations of unfair play.

The decision of FPP to disqualify a player for a suspected fair play violation **is final and is not subject to any appeal, review or other challenge.**

The disqualified players have lost their right to participate in the next events of the 2021 Online University Championships.

### **Results revision**

The disqualified player may be declared lost in one or several games he/she played in the current or/and previous rounds of the event. The result of the player in those games shall be converted to loss by forfeit.

The opponents of the previous rounds shall be granted half a point by forfeit additional to the original result. Thus, an opponent who lost to a disqualified player shall receive a half point bye, whereas an opponent who made a draw shall receive a full point bye. Wins against disqualified players will be converted to wins by forfeit.

### **Disqualification**

Neither FIDE, nor the Hosting Internet Platform claims that the determination of a suspected fair play violation is proof of actual cheating or an admission of guilt by the disqualified player. Such a determination shall not affect the ordinary status of the player for over-the-board competitions within the jurisdiction of FIDE or its members, unless FPP decides in the case of a clear or gross violation, or repeated violations, to refer the matter to the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary

Commission which may exclude the player from all official chess participation for a period up to 15 years.

This statement also covers the finals and there will be no separate statement on them.

Sincerely,

Fair Play Panel  
FIDE World University Online Chess Championships 2021  
26 March 2021