



Online Arbiters Levels

These levels are expected to be applicable for arbiters at online and/ or hybrid English chess events, or as an extra credit for existing Arbiter levels. They should be read alongside the Online Arbiter Duties document.

Level 1 – Basic

- Understanding of FIDE regulations for online events and how these should be applied https://www.fide.com/docs/regulations/Annex_6.4%20Fide%20Online%20Chess%20Regulations.pdf
- Basic Rules of Online Play including differences between FIDE regulations and online providers rules and how to apply the Regs on different platforms
- Know how to set up events on platforms and how they work
- Understand the role of the Zoom Arbiter
- Understand the role of the Pairings Arbiter
- Understand the role of the Chief Arbiter
- Understand how Fair Play works
- Understanding of the Virtual Playing Zone, Clock, Moving the pieces and allowed playing devices
- Understanding rules for completing the Game
- Regulations for Online Competitions and Online Scoring Systems including rulings on tie breaks
- Arbiter supervision and the arbiters role at online tournaments
- Responding to questions in relation to first move timeouts/ no shows, Disconnects and Reconnects/ Resumptions
- Players Conduct and responding to complaints
- Basic Fair play support including anti-cheating systems, reporting and appeals
- Basic safeguarding awareness including monitoring tournament chat

- Experience of arbiting for online events at club or individual competition level – 1 norm required at any ECF online rated event

Level 2 – Regional

As level 1 plus

- Experience at multiple Regional Tournaments and arbiter supervised online events
- Able to carry out TAP (Technical and Pairings Arbiter) duties if required for medium sized tournaments with games which are arbiter paired
- Proficient in Pairing Systems and starting arbiter paired online games
- Experience in responding to player questions and resolving disputes during tournaments
- Understands rules for penalties and able to apply time penalties where allowed by the platform



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- Video Conferencing Systems and Monitoring including Zoom Arbiting and managing Zoom Calls to ensure fair play
- Compliance monitoring for acceptable devices, no additional applications running, playing area etc
- Experience in gathering pgn's and organising post match reports
- One Zoom Arbiter norm from any ECF rated event (Level 2 Zoom) or
- One Technical Arbiter norm from any ECF rated event (Level 2 Technical) or
- One Chief Arbiter norm from any ECF rated event (Level 2 both)

Level 3 – National

- As above and also including extensive chief arbiter experience at multiple National Online Tournaments
- Awareness and understanding of how to run a hybrid event with practical experience preferred
- Record of successfully arbiting tournaments and resolving disputes
- Contributes to ECF and FIDE initiatives and active in training other arbiters

- One Zoom Arbiter norm at a national event (Level 3 Zoom) or
- One Technical Arbiter norm at a national event (Level 3 Technical) or
- One Chief Arbiter norm at a national event (Level 3 both)

Level 4 - International

- As above including extensive chief arbiter experience at International Online Tournaments or events
- Contributes to ECF and FIDE initiatives and active in training other arbiters
- One Zoom Arbiter norm at an international event (Level 4 Zoom) or
- One Technical Arbiter norm at an international event (Level 4 Technical) or
- One Chief Arbiter norm at an international event (Level 4 both)