

# FIDE

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**In news**— Recently, **Crimea-born Russian Grandmaster Sergey Karjakin has been banned** (as per Article 2.2.10 of the FIDE code of ethics) **by the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Commission for six months** from participating in any FIDE-sanctioned chess tournament **for his comments on Russia's ongoing military offensive in Ukraine.**

## **What is Article 2.2.10 of the FIDE code of ethics?**

- Article 2.2.10 of the FIDE code of ethics **deals with cases where a matter is said to have brought disrepute to FIDE, its federations or the game of chess.**
- Disciplinary action in accordance with this Code of Ethics will be taken in cases of occurrences which cause the game of chess, FIDE or its federations to appear in an unjustifiable unfavorable light and in this way damage its reputation.

## **About FIDE-**

- **The International Chess Federation or World Chess Federation, commonly referred to by its French acronym FIDE,** is an international organization **based in Switzerland** that connects the various national chess federations and acts as the governing body of the sport of chess, and it regulates all international chess competitions.
- **Constituted as a non-governmental institution, it was recognized by the International Olympic Committee as a Global Sporting Organization in 1999.**
- **FIDE currently has its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland,** but it was **initially founded in 1924 in Paris** under the motto "Gens una Sumus" (Latin for "We

are one Family”).

- It was one of the very first International Sports Federations, alongside the governing bodies of the sports of Football, Cricket, Swimming, and Auto Racing.
- It has 195 countries as affiliate members, in the form of National Chess Federations.
- **FIDE’s most visible activity is organizing the World Chess Championship since 1948.**
- It also organizes world championships for women, juniors, seniors, and the disabled.
- Another flagship event is the **Chess Olympiad, a biennial chess tournament organized since 1924**, in which national teams compete.
- In alternate years, FIDE also organizes the **World Team Championship**, in which the best teams from the previous Olympiad compete.
- As part of the World Chess Championship cycle, it also organizes the **Candidates Tournament**, which determines who will challenge the reigning World Champion, and the qualifying tournaments for the Candidates, such as the Chess World Cup, the FIDE Grand Prix, and the FIDE Grand Swiss Tournament 2019.