

ELECTORAL COMMISSION

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Today, the Electoral Commission (the “ELC”), composed of Roberto Rivello (Chairman of the Constitutional Commission), Yolander Persaud (Chairwoman of the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission) and Allen Priest (Chairman of the Verification Commission), received a complaint submitted by Mr Wadim Rosenstein concerning the alleged conduct of Mr Timor Turlov and Mr Malcom Pein in connection with the FIDE Elections held on 26 September 2026. The complaint requests “to disqualifying both the tickets of Mr. T. Tulov/Anand and Buettner/Pein”.

As already stated in a previous report of this Electoral Commission (concerning, among other matters, an opposite complaint submitted by Mr Turlov against Mr Rosenstein), the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission (EDC) is the only FIDE body with general competence over disciplinary matters and may impose sanctions, including removal from office, whether elective or otherwise, for violations of the FIDE Code of Ethics, which, in this respect, also refers to the FIDE Electoral Rules. The EDC applies procedural rules that allow the parties, in accordance with the principle of a fair trial, to present their defences and requests for evidence in full. Its proceedings may result in a first-instance decision followed, if appealed, by a second-instance decision. The Electoral Commission is a separate FIDE body with general competence for the organisational aspects of the FIDE Elections and for assessing compliance with eligibility requirements and the rights to vote and to stand for election. Only in certain narrowly defined cases may it also have competence to decide complaints concerning alleged breaches of the FIDE Ethics and Disciplinary Code. This is an exception and requires an assessment of “whether it is possible to reach a decision prior to the date of the elections while respecting the parties' rights of defence”.

In this case, the complaint was submitted on the day after the conclusion of the FIDE Elections. The Electoral Commission therefore has no competence to decide it. Furthermore, as already stated in a previous report of the Electoral Commission, the sanction of “disqualification” of a candidate is not provided for under the FIDE Rules.

Accordingly, the complaint is rejected. The Complainant may specify the grounds of his complaint and the relief sought before the Ethics and Disciplinary Commission.

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