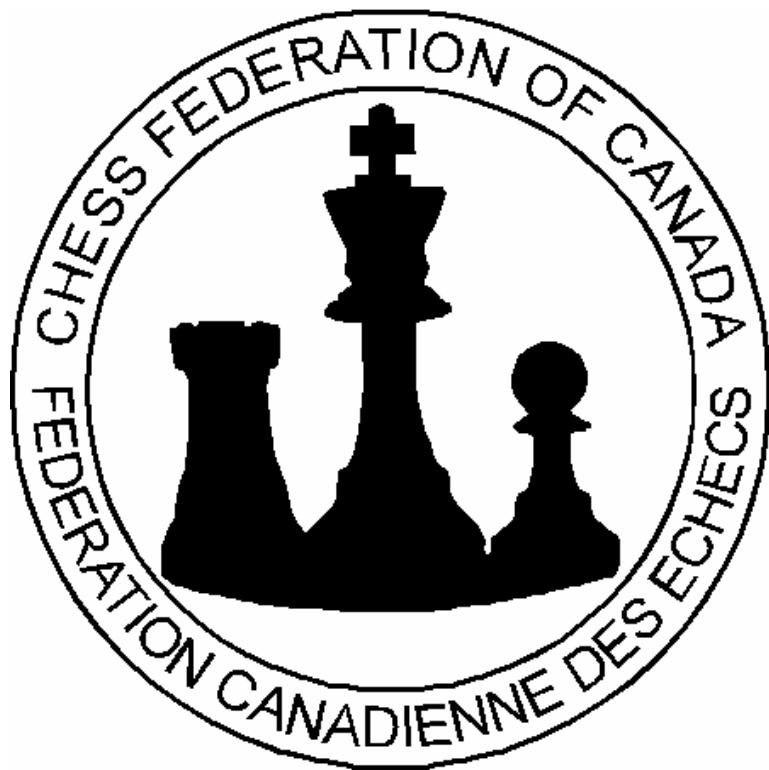


# **CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA**

## **GOVERNORS' LETTER FOUR**

### **2005-2006**



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**ATTENTION ALL GOVERNORS:** Anyone with an E-Mail address can have their Governors' Letter sent to them via E-Mail and save the CFC paper and postage costs. Please E-Mail [info@chess.ca](mailto:info@chess.ca) if interested.

**Deadline for submissions to GL#5 is Wednesday, November 23, 2005**

## President's Message

It's almost time - the selection process for the Olympiad Teams begins later this month. At the moment the executive is discussing the appointments for the Selection committee, and a preliminary Selection Rating List will be published shortly (possibly by the time you are reading this).

I'd like to thank Maurice Smith for his comments in the last GL. Mr. Smith says he'd like to see the Executive take a more active role. Well I personally was elected on a platform of forming the committees (which will be announced publicly when they start), and the Executive has actually taken over two of them (Website and Office). There will also be a good amount of executive involvement on all of the committees.

This will be a fairly quiet GL but I'm sure the next one will be more interesting with the Olympiad process underway. Keep an eye on the CFC website for updates on that as well.

Thanks

Christopher Mallon  
CFC President

### **Special Note on Olympic Team Section:**

These are the preliminary selection ratings list for the Olympiad teams, pending the Nov 16 rating list from the CFC.

#### **National Team**

		Games	FIDE High	CFC High	Average
1	Spraggett, Kevin	10+	2592	2612	2602
2	Lesiege, Alexandre	0	2528	2571	2549.5
3	Bluvstein, Mark	10+	2544	2553	2548.5
4	Tyomkin, Dimitri	10+	2512	2552	2532
5	*Charbonneau, Pascal	10+	2509	2527	2518
6	Zugic, Igor	10+	2479	2525	2502
7	Teplitsky, Yan	10+	2446	2463	2454.5
8	Krnan, Tomas	10+	2414	2484	2449
9	Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas	10+	2439	2432	2435.5
10	Hergott, Deen	0	2385	2475	2430
11	Ivanov, Igor	10+	2434	2418	2426
12	Livshits, Ron	10+	2365	2486	2425.5
13	Hebert, Jean	10+	2410	2438	2424

#### **National Women's Team**

		Games	FIDE High	CFC High	Average
1	Khoudgarian, Natalia	10+	2119	2298	2208.5
2	Starr, Nava	10+	2198	2204	2201
3	Smith, Hazel	10+	2023	2166	2094.5
4	Barron, Irina	2	2116	2064	2090
5	*Khaziyeva, Dinara	6	2100	2076	2088
6	Mongeau, Diane	5	2079	2022	2050.5

7	Goutor, Valentina	10+	2013	2082	2047.5
8	Bestoiu, Doina	5		2040	2040
9	Chu, Stefanie	0	2025	2040	2032.5
10	Xia, Angel	10+	2111	1938	2024.5
11	Kazakevich, Anastasia	10+	1982	2050	2016
12	Charbonneau, Anne-Marie	10+	2018	2000	2009
13	Kagramanov, Dina	10+	2018	1996	2007
14	Wang, Yamei	0	2124	1884	2004
15	Dinca, Cornelia	10+	2127	1879	2003
16	Vujosevic, Smilja	0	2030	1930	1980
17	Benggawan, Alexandra	10+	2040	1835	1937.5
18	Sviridovitch, Alina	5	1948	1903	1925.5

### Message from the Secretary:

I want to take this opportunity to welcome back former CFC President Yves Farges to our ranks. Yves and I have had valuable exchanges of views on the business end of the CFC as both of us manage businesses relying on personal contact and mail order in the “larger than ‘Mom and Pop’ and smaller than Fortune 500’ range. I look forward to more of his participation in future.

On CYCC/Canadian Open: I have received the following from Hal Bond “***At this stage we remain in negotiations with the City of Kitchener. We are close to confirming the following details;***

***Dates: CYCC July 11-14***  
***Canadian Open July 15-23***  
***Location: Downtown Kitchener”***

Please note that the President has ruled motion 2006-06 on the proposed Ethics Committee thus requiring a two-thirds majority to pass.

Best regards,  
Lyle Craver  
Secretary, Chess Federation of Canada

### **RESULTS OF VOTING:**

**Motion 2006-03:** Moved (Michael Barron / Ilia Bluvstein)

“That the CFC Olympiad Regulations be repealed and replaced by the following (see attached document, changes from the CFC Olympiad Regulations passed at the 2005 AGM highlighted in yellow).”

Note: these proposed regulations are found in Appendix 1.

**Votes Yes: (26)** Barron, Bluvstein, Bond, Brodie, Craver, Dénommée, Dutton, Ferner, Haley, Henson, Killi, Kosoian, Lambruschini, Mallon, McDonald, Molchanov, Nadeau, Nikouline, Pacey, Posylek, Starr, Stockhausen, Stringer, Thorvardson, Wu, Yoos

**Votes No: (1)** Craft

**Abstentions:**(3) Farges, Ficzere, Smith

## **MOTION PASSED**

**Ilia Bluvstein:** The role of Olympic Team Manager is essentially the same as Olympiad Coordinator. (Though, to Brian's credit, he took more responsibilities as Olympic Team Manager than as defined by the role of Olympiad Coordinator.) CFC executive did not wait for voting on Motion 2006-03 (which includes the role of Olympiad Coordinator) and approved Brian in the role of Olympic Team Manager. This gave Brian additional 2+ months to work on Olympic issues. If Motion 2006-03 is carried out, I think natural next step would be to appoint Brian as Olympiad Coordinator.

(Ilya asked me to publish this in response to Hal Bond who in GL#3 said *"Olympic Regulations: This is good work. My only comment is that I see no mention of an Olympic Team Manager, althoug we have appointed one. What has Brian Hartman been appointed to do? Perhaps to be the Olympiad Co-ordinator?"*)

**Motion number 2006-04** (Moved/Seconded Pierre Dénommée / Kevin Pacey)

That the CFC create a new category of member called "recreative member". The recreative member will be allowed to play CFC active rated games, which are games played under the rules for rapidplay described in appendix B of the Laws of Chess; they will also be allowed to play in any other tournaments designated by the Assembly of Governors. Apart from those designated tournaments, recreative members are explicitly forbidden from playing any regular rated games. Furthermore, recreative members have no rights within the CFC, they do not receive CCE and they are not allowed to vote for the Governors of their province.

Each provincial association is free to recognise, at the provincial level, whichever rights they see fit to recreatives members, including no rights at all.

The initial membership fee for recreative members will be 5\$ for the CFC plus the provincial part decided by the Provincial Associations. Thereafter, the fee shall be decided by the Assembly of Governors at the AGM.

The rating fee for active games shall be abolished.

**Kevin Pacey:** After having been a mover of last year's defeated Membership Rebates motion (2005-25, Barron/Pacey), when I could not get the data I needed for a proper financial impact analysis provided to me by the previous Treasurer (though I thank Peter Stockhausen for his CFC Magazine Rebate Proforma), I had no desire to risk repeating that run-around experience myself. I should have done so instead of leaving it up to Pierre, who may have been leaving it up to me. Now a motion that may have had merit is likely going down to defeat.

**Votes Yes:** (4) Barron, Dénommée, Pacey, Thorvardson

**Votes No:** (25) Bluvstein, Bond, Brodie, Craft, Craver, Dutton, Farges, Ferner, Ficzere, Haley, Henson, Killi, Kosoian, Lambruschini, Mallon, McDonald, Molchanov, Nadeau, Nikouline, Posylek, Smith, Starr, Stockhausen, Stringer, Wu, Yoos

**Abstentions:** (0)

## **MOTION DEFEATED**

**Motion 2006-05:** CFC Active rating system (Moved/Seconded Michael Barron / Pierre

Dénommée)

"That the CFC regulation 711, which reads:

711. Rateable Tournaments. To be rated under the CFC "standard" rating system the maximum game time must be at least 120 minutes. To be rated under the CFC Active rating system the maximum game time must be at least 50 minutes but less than 120 minutes.

be amended to read:

711. Rateable Tournaments. To be rated under the CFC "standard" rating system the time control must be at least 60 minutes per player for the game (or for 60 moves with increment). To be rated under the CFC Active rating system the time control must be at least 15 minutes but less than 60 minutes per player for the game (or for 60 moves with increment)."

***Votes Yes:*** (30) Barron, Bluvstein, Bond, Brodie, Craft, Craver, Dénommée, Dutton, Farges, Ferner, Ficzere, Haley, Henson, Killi, Kosoian, Lambruschini, Mallon, McDonald, Molchanov, Nadeau, Nikouline, Pacey, Posylek, Smith, Starr, Stockhausen, Stringer, Thorvardson, Wu, Yoos

***Votes No:*** (0)

***Abstentions:*** (0)

#### ***MOTION CARRIED***

#### **MOTIONS FOR FINAL VOTE:**

None

#### **MOTIONS FOR SECOND DISCUSSION:**

##### **Motion 2006-06 (Moved Alex Lambruschini, Seconded Mark Dutton):**

Whereas no regulations exist to address unsportsmanlike and unethical behavior by members, or defend the good standing of CFC members from such behavior;

Be it resolved that the CFC create an Ethics Committee to address unsportsmanlike and unethical behavior by members. Members can appeal to the Ethics Committee when their good standing has been impugned or to draw attention to unethical behavior on the part of CFC members. The Ethics Committee shall operate as follows:

Composition -

- The EC will be chaired by a member of the CFC Executive, who will appoint two members to the committee from amongst the CFC Executive or Board of Governors.
- The Chair of the EC will be appointed by the President at the AGM.

Responsibility -

- An appeal by a CFC member to the EC is to be made to the Chair.
- The Chair will determine in consultation with the other members of the EC whether the appeal is justified and if so what level of rebuke is called for.
- It is the responsibility of the Chair to ensure an adequate public response is made to defend the good standing of the CFC member when unethical behavior has harmed an individual member. On a public message board, this response need not be more than a generic response to that effect.

- It is the responsibility of the EC to consider the degree to which unethical behavior in question has reflected poorly on the Canadian chess community. The EC must strive to take measures to protect the public integrity of the Canadian chess community.

Authority -

- Depending on the severity of the ethical misconduct of a CFC member, the EC will have judicial authority ranging from the issuing of a written warning to expulsion of the member from the CFC.

**Chris Mallon:** Please note that I rule 2006-06 is a constitutional amendment thus requiring a 67% vote.

**Michael Barron:** I support this motion.

**Hal Bond:** I support this motion.

**Mark Dutton:** I have offered my support to Alex Labruschini to ensure that ethical conduct of members and to address unsportsmanlike and unethical behavior by members.

**Steve Killi:** This is such an important issue that I am surprised the Governors didn't deal with it 20 years ago. I guess its better late than never. The only comment I would like to make is that a possibility exists that contradictory ruling could be made on the same issue by the Ethics committee and the Appeals committee; consequently we could consider a joint Appeal and Ethics Committee.

**Patrick McDonald:** This one is LONG overdue ..

An organization that has such a high involvement in tournaments should absolutely have a committee like an ethics committee to help maintain fairness!

**Motion 2006-07 (Moved Joshua Henson / Seconded Lyle Craver)**

**Re: Renewal of CFC Memberships**

1. Players renewing their membership within one month of expiry will have their memberships backdated to show continuous membership
2. Players who renew their membership more than one month but less than three months after expiry shall have the option to backdate their membership to show continuous membership. Players who do not specify shall be renewed at the date of renewal (Note that this may mean missing magazine issues)
3. Players who play in rated events and pay their memberships at the tournament site shall be deemed to have renewed as per 1 and 2 respectively.
4. Players who renew in this way shall receive their magazines as soon as possible after renewal.

**Michael Barron:** The CFC membership administration should be as simple as possible. I would suggest sell the membership for calendar year only. And it should be a member's responsibility to maintain a continuous membership. But first we need clearly define which privileges a CFC member has.

**Mark Dutton:** I strongly oppose players being allowed to manipulate their membership expiry dates.

Continuous membership should be mandatory within a renewal of 90 days. This will only open up the current practice to various forms of abuse by CFC Members who want to "nickel and dime" the CFC.

**Steve Killi:** This is a common sense Motion and the only thing I can say is "I support it."

**Patrick McDonald:** If anything, there should be some loss of privileges for not maintaining your membership up.

I can see that there might be some benefits that would come along with a continuous membership that goes beyond say 5 or 10 years. ("Silver status", "Gold Status")

We have a problem with members that "coast" and let their memberships lapse because they are not planning on playing in tournaments for several months.

If over a 5 year period a player lets his membership lapse between renewals, it could amount to a loss of income for the CFC of over a years membership dues.

Allowing them the flexibility of lapsing and catching up when they realize that they have a tourney to play in or something promotes this lackadaisical attitude towards membership.

**Barry Thorvardson:** NO -It is unnecessary complication and could create manipulation.

Membership fees are from when paid or the upcoming renewal date, whichever is later. Otherwise you get more work to administer, more problems on mailing magazines etc.

## **MOTIONS FOR FIRST DISCUSSION:**

None

### **General Comments from Governors:**

**Michael Barron:** Thanks to our Secretary for another good Governors' Letter!

Thanks to our Executive for publishing CFC financial information!

We need more than couple of days to understand it properly, but it's a major step in right direction. The next step should be monthly updates with the comments on deviation from the budget.

Regarding the Canadian Junior: a chess event should be held where it could attract more participants and gain more community support. Let's look at the list of the top Canadian juniors:

1	<a href="#">Bluvstein, Mark</a>	Toronto, ON	2538
2	<a href="#">Krnak, Tomas</a>	Burlington, ON	2484
3	<a href="#">Quan, Zhe</a>	Richmond Hill, ON	2419
4	<a href="#">Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas</a>	Laval, QC	2405
5	<a href="#">Noritsyn, Nikolay</a>	Richmond Hill, ON	2404
6	<a href="#">Divljan, Igor</a>	Toronto, ON	2351
7	<a href="#">Stevens, Christian</a>	Toronto, ON	2346
8	<a href="#">Predescu, Sebastian</a>	Ottawa, ON	2267
9	<a href="#">Meng, Fanhao</a>	Vancouver, BC	2255
10	<a href="#">Thavandiran, Shiyam</a>	Toronto, ON	2255

As you can see, from the top 10 there are 8 players from Ontario and only 1 player from both Quebec and British Columbia. No wonder that other provinces are not interested in hosting Canadian Junior. I believe there is nothing wrong in hosting Canadian Junior in Ontario every year until other provinces bring up more strong juniors.

The important issue was raised by Governor Smith: How the CFC should be managed? Should the Executive do EVERYTHING? Or should the Committees do EVERYTHING? Should the true leader do EVERYTHING himself? Or should the true leader get more people involved in work of the organization?

I believe, we all should make a proper conclusion from the recent CFC's problems – the CFC couldn't be "one man show" or even "seven men show". If we want the CFC to be truly democratic organization, we need more people involved in the CFC management! And creating Committees for EVERYTHING – is the way to such democratic organization.

**Wilf Ferner:** Top financial priority right now should be to get the next CCE out to all members in the last week of November. (I don't understand why CFC members in BC get their CCE two weeks after I have received mine in Scarborough.) This timely delivery of the CCE across Canada would maximize our sales of books, equipment, and software if some sort of catalogue gets into December issue of the CCE.

Our revenue from ads in the CCE (and previously EN PASSANT) has been in a steady decline over the last few years. In the years 2000 to 2002 the avg total per year was about \$6,600 and from 2003 to 2005 the annual avg declined to about \$4,400 per year. In the budget papers just received by the governors, the appended details show actuals for the first four months of the new fiscal year of \$256. If that trend continues for the rest of the fiscal year(ending April 30/06), we could see the lowest annual total(below \$3,000) at the end of the year. I have no answers to this problem; however, if the magazine is as good as they say, why are organizers not advertising in the CCE?

**Tony Ficzere:** I have had little time for chess over the past three months, and apologize for not responding in the previous two GL's. Prior to this year, we would have only seen one GL by this time. It is good to see the GL out more often.

I did notice one small error regarding the date for submissions. The first page being October 28, the last page giving Wednesday October \_\_, 2005. I'm sure I'm not the only one to see this. I take the date given on the first page, thank you.

**Alex Lambruschini:** "I'd like to draw attention to the Four Cities tournament held recently in Kingston. The concept of inter-city team matches is great for creating the friendly or not so friendly regional rivalries which have captured the public's fascination in our national sports leagues. In Canadian chess, there is great potential growth to be had (in terms of media coverage) by playing off such existing regional rivalries, Edmonton/Calgary or Victoria/Vancouver for instance, or perhaps inter-provincial matches would be feasible such as Nova Scotia - New Brunswick. Thanks to Larry Bevand and Frank Dixon for their initiative in the Four Cities tournament. Here is Frank's report:

New team event successful in Kingston:

Initiated by Larry Bevand of Chess 'N Math, to mark its 20th anniversary, the Four Cities' team matches were held in Kingston on Sept. 10th. The event featured teams composed of four strong

players from each of Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, and Quebec City, meeting in round-robin format. Of the 16 players who took part, some 13 were of at least National Master strength, with 11 having international titles. This is an excellent start to what is hoped will develop into a new tradition of team play, an area which Canada has previously had trouble developing. The time control was G/60, with a 5-second increment per move. There was tremendous fighting spirit shown by all the teams, with plenty of top-notch games played, and no short draws, as well as excellent sportsmanship, with no disputes. Ottawa wound up the champions for 2005 -- their team was (from boards one to four): IM Deen Hergott, IM Tom O'Donnell, FM Gordon Taylor, and NM Sebastian Predescu. Ottawa won each of its three team matches, but not without a few anxious moments. Frank Dixon, on behalf of the host Queen's University Chess Club, and his own firm Klahanni Technologies, donated a new permanent trophy for annual competition, together with cash awards for the best games played by each team. Then Larry Bevand treated the teams and organizers to dinner afterwards, at one of Kingston's finest restaurants, and paid cash prizes to each team as well, all on behalf of Chess 'N Math, as there was no entry fee charged! Look for a full report on the event, in the December 2005 issue of Chess Canada Echecs. There is already some substantial interest in expanding the event for next year, perhaps into a 'B' group of four more teams. Thanks to Larry Bevand and Chess 'N Math once again, for exceptional creativity and generosity!!"

**Alex Nikouline:** Personally I think that new Olympic regulations deserved the same treatment as the Motion 2006-04. But because they were adopted by the AGM we have no way back. Therefore I vote reluctantly Yes for the motion 2006-03. I would prefer to hear more about the regulations from potential members of the Canada team.

Also I would like to suggest to have a new thread on the CFC Governors forum open for every new motion and to have a link to the thread in a GL. The Governors forum is most efficient way to discuss the motions what it lacks now is active participation of governors. It also will allow to discuss thorny issues more freely since it is accessible to Governors only.

**Kevin Pacey:** I'd like to present a snapshot of results on October 29, 2005 for three polls I took on the chesstalk message board. I was limited to giving a maximum of 10 choices per poll for respondents to select. These polls are hardly scientific but they may be of interest, as they may point to what many members feel most passionate about. More to the point is that we could do better if we wished, such as by having a reader's survey sent out with the magazine.

Posted October 27, 2005

What's your biggest problem with CFC-rated events held in your area?

Competition too weak too often	22%	votes:17
Competition too powerful too often	0%	votes:0
Entry fees usually too high	8%	votes:6
CFC fee too high	6%	votes:5
Events often poorly organized	1%	votes:1
You have to travel, expenses high	6%	votes:5
Commitments normally prevent you from playing	27%	votes:21
No big problem with such events	15%	votes:12
Prefer postal/internet/casual chess	5%	votes:4
Other:	9%	votes:7
78 votes total		

Posted October 28, 2005

What would you like to happen most concerning chess in your area?

Coaching made available 10% votes:5  
Attracting more 2000+ rated players to events 19% votes:10  
More round-robbins between closely rated players 13% votes:7  
More class sections in swisses 8% votes:4  
More tornados (4 round events on one day) 4% votes:2  
More team events 4% votes:2  
More events in general 25% votes:13  
Faster time controls than now usual 8% votes:4  
Slower time controls than now usual 6% votes:3  
Other 4% votes:2  
52 votes total

Posted October 28, 2005

What's the thing you'd most like the CFC to do?

Manage national event(s) differently 3% votes:2  
Put the magazine online 5% votes:3  
Lower membership and/or rating fee 15% votes:9  
Study the future of the business office 8% votes:5  
Deal with perceived ratings deflation 13% votes:8  
Revise or reform the CFC handbook 0% votes:0  
Ask provinces to improve elections of CFC Governors 6% votes:4  
Get more members 31% votes:19  
You're content with the way things are: 3% votes:2  
Other 16% votes:10  
62 votes total

**Peter Stockhausen:** 1, It is appreciated that the current fiscal results are published. However, without appropriate commentary from the Treasurer and the Office Manager they are not meaningful. For example, donations vs expenses are +10.0k. What does this represent?

2, Do we have a result from the Government Audit regarding our treatment of donations? If yes, what is it, if no, when can we expect it?

**Motions for Final Vote:**

None

**Motions for Second Discussion:**

2006-06: Ethics Committee (Please note that this has been ruled a constitutional matter)

2006-07: CFC Membership Renewal

**Motions for First Discussion:**

None

**Deadline for Submissions to GL #5: Wednesday, November 23, 2005**

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