



FAIR PLAY
TECHNICAL MEETING ADDRESS
WRB 2024, New York

INTRODUCTION

This tournament has a Fair Play Team (FPT) for your safety during play. The Fair Play Team is made of a CFPO (Mr. Yuri Garrett), an acting FPO (Mrs. Margit Brokko), two acting Fair Play Experts (Mrs. Lasse Ovik and Mr. Georgia Grapsa) and several volunteers/security personnel. Because of the specificities of the venue (Wall Street 55 and Wall Street 48), the team will also be split in two. However, please note that any of the four FPS is qualified to act in both tournaments.

The Fair Play Team will be adopting several - visible and invisible, on-site and remote - fair play measures during the tournament. Fair Play measures are aimed at creating a safe environment for players. The cooperation of all parties involved (organizers, players, arbiters, and fair play personnel) is key to this goal and will make it much easier for every involved party.

The Fair Play Team is your ally. Do rely on them for any fair-play-related matter: we are here to help! In other words: accepting Fair Play measures graciously will benefit you, the officers, and the tournament!

SPECIFIC MEASURES

While it is not in the interest of the FPT to share all the measures adopted during the tournament, it is important that players are aware of at least the following so that they are not emotionally impacted during play.

All players will be scanned before each round. You are asked not to enter the playing hall before having been scanned. If the FPT is performing a scan on another player, please wait in line and do not pass the FPT line. If you leave the playing room before the start of the round but after the FPT has scanned you, you will be scanned again. If you are late for the round, or if there is a queue because the round is about to start, this is not the FPT's fault: please wait patiently in line until it's your turn.

If physically possible, we will be establishing "fast lanes" for players who are coming clean to the playing hall.

There will be a short delay in the broadcast of games.

All games are subject to statistical screening.

Players are not allowed to talk to the general public or any other third party while their game is in progress. Please try to avoid repeated eye-contact with associates and/or the general public.

During the round, the FPT will be using a wide array of long-range devices. These will not interrupt play, and players are advised not to mind any FPT actions.

Failure to cooperate with the FPT during the round may lead to sanctions.



After the game, the players may be randomly selected by the Fair Play Officer for post-game check without any delay. The arbiters will remind you of this obligation.

ACCESSING THE PLAYING AREA

Accreditation is required to access the playing hall. **Players are required to wear their accreditation at all times** when not at the board. This is critical, so that the FPT may recognize you. Failure to wear your accreditation may lead to sanctions.

Accompanying persons are not allowed in the venue.

It is forbidden to bring the following items into the playing area:

1. Mobile phones, laptops, tablets (and any other electronic devices or parts thereof, unless explicitly allowed by the Chief Arbiter or the Chief Fair Play Officer)
2. Watches (of any kind)
3. Headphones, earphones, earplugs (and any other similar devices)
4. Pens
5. Sunglasses
6. E-cigarettes (vapes)
7. Backpacks and other complex bags.

You are also strongly advised to leave **wallets** and **handbags** in your hotel room or in the storage area.

If you are carrying one of these items, you will inevitably be taken on a side by the FPT, and the scanning procedure will take much longer as the FPT will be forced to inspect your wallet and your handbag, which is an invasive and long procedure.

If you need to bring any item with you, you are best advised to do so in a metal-free container (for example, a cloth bag).

For your convenience, we advise you to **consider carefully everything that you intend bringing or wearing**. Please note that anything that is made out of materials that could possibly transfer any data (or simply looks capable of transmitting data) will be subjected to thorough scanning after or even during the game. If it is found to be capable of transmitting data, you may suffer penalties up to removal from the tournament.

Jewellery is not forbidden, but you are kindly requested not to wear it, as it will be subject to thorough scanning.

If, despite reading until here, you still have something that cannot enter the playing area, you will be asked to leave it before entrance at your own risk.



POST-GAME CHECKS

Post-game checks will be carried out in the Fair Play Private Checking Room, which is located in the main playing hall, and there is a clear sign. During a post-game check, inspections may be more thorough. You may be asked to cooperate at great length with the FPT (for example, removing shoes or any other specific item). The FPT will be using low and hi-tech devices to identify forbidden devices hidden on your body. These devices are completely safe from a medical point of view. You may or may not be accompanied by a member of the Fair Play Team or some other personnel. The Officer in charge will tell you if you will be subject to a post-game check or not.

Please note that you are not allowed to go to the toilet between the end of your game and reporting to the Fair Play Office.

Failure to cooperate with the FPT during the post-game checks may lead to severe sanctions, including expulsion from the event.

FINAL RECOMMENDATION

The FPT is the players' ally in making the tournament a safe place. Please put yourself in a spirit of complete cooperation with the FPT. This will brighten everybody's life, including the players'!

If you have any questions, I am here to answer them for you!