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2020 Calendar of WCDF Events

The spread of Covid-19 has created a challenging year internationally. We hope everyone is staying healthy and safe! The 2020 WCDF schedule of events is faced with unprecedented difficulties. While it may be possible to stage some tournaments later this year with increased safety precautions, such events will likely suffer from reduced attendance by those who don't feel personally safe to play. Furthermore, we consider current travel bans to USA and that some associations face regional shutdowns that prevent local trials to determine their player nominations. Therefore the following postponements are announced to allow players more time for travel preparations.

- **Scarpetta-Moiseyev Independent Challenge 3-move match at ICHF -- postponed indefinitely from June (may still play later in 2020)**
- **World Qualifier / Women & Youth World Championship, Three-Move (Vidor, TX) -- postponed until 2021**
- **Kondlo-Bernini GAYP World Title Match -- postponed until Summer 2021 (match was originally scheduled to play back-to-back with Tulsa US National, which is also postponed)**

Even though 2021 is traditionally a GAYP year, there is some sentiment to simply shift the alternating GAYP vs. 3-move schedule by one year going forward, and have the World Qualifier / Women & Youth World Championship played in 2021 under three-move using the Vidor, Texas bid. This is analogous to the Summer Olympic Games being postponed in 2021. The fate of the next GAYP cycle will be finalized at a later date. In view of the reduced schedule, the 2020 WCDF General Assembly and World Cup season will be cancelled.

Despite these challenging times, I hope players can use these stay-at-home days to dust off those checker books to stay sharp. I note that several countries are playing on-line friendly international matches to pass the time. I look forward to the day we can all meet again in person and across the board.



Richard Beckwith
WCDF President

WCDF Treasurer's Update

Editors note: This section was drafted prior to the announcement to postpone 2020 WCDF events

Dear members,

Since being appointed Treasurer of the WCDF earlier this year, I've been finalizing all administration changes in order to be able to control, understand, follow and eventually try to bring some positive changes to the balances. Fortunately, Ian Caws was very meticulous, and this made things a lot simpler than what I had initially imagined.

There are however still some important points needing to be addressed, and I will be keeping the WCDF president and ExCom informed as I make ground.

I can comfortably announce now that the WCDF can accept annual affiliation fees to be paid directly to our account, at the account herein.

Treasurer's Account:

SORT CODE: 30-97-21

Account Number: 00866503

IBAN: GB79LOYD30972100866503

BIC: LOYDGB21401

If your federation does opt to make the annual contribution directly to this account please indicate in the payment

1. The name of the federation
2. Year

In addition to this please send me an email informing of the payment. My email is billy.docherty@hotmail.fr

Of course payments can still be made via the ACF store (<http://www.usacheckers.com/store/>) and Richard will inform me each time a payment has been made.

In the actual circumstances of the Covid-19, there is uncertainty about which tournaments if any will take place this year, and so I'm imagining that some federations may be reluctant to take out membership for 2020.

On behalf of the WCDF, and in order to preserve the continuity of Checkers and Draughts at a recognized level on the world scene, I reach out to each federation and ask you all to adopt a conscious attitude by maintaining your 2020 affiliation payment. Tournaments will take place in 2021 and your contributions in 2020 and 21 will enable your top players to meet other world class players in a standard and quality of playing conditions that we all expect. Without your continued support unwanted restrictions may impose themselves.

Therefore please make your affiliation payment today, and support your players, support the game!

Best regards
William