



## **Statement from the Nordic Chess Federation**

In the Nordic countries a persons legal gender is decided according to each country's national law. In chess tournaments, which groups one is allowed to participate in, should be decided by a persons legal gender. Accordingly any woman is, of course, welcome to play in all tournaments and competitions open for girls and women, in the Nordic countries. The same shall apply for all international competitions.

Paragraph 3, in FIDE's Transgender Registration Regulations, states that if you change your gender from male to female, you may not participate in any tournament or competition for girls/women. We strongly oppose this and find it to be an infringement on personal freedom. It is also in violation of IOC's stand on the matter. This Paragraph is contributing to maintaining prejudice, counteracting any effort towards making Chess open and inclusive.

We strongly recommend that Paragraph 3 of FIDE's Transgender Registration Regulations be removed.

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