



## Official Announcement

### **Sanctions against solvers in the 21st International Solving Contest (ISC) 19-01-2025 at Sumgait, Azerbaijan**

The WFCC Ethics and Disciplinary Committee (EDC) hereby issues this announcement regarding the disciplinary actions WFCC Assembly has taken in its session from July 6th to 11th, 2025 in Alba Iulia against the solvers from Azerbaijan: Araz Almammadov, Samir Almammadov, Agshin Masimov and Anatoly Piriverdiyev.

Other participants in the ISC 2025 that felt disadvantaged had accused the aforementioned solvers of serious violations of the rules and fair play and appealed to the WFCC Assembly as the legal authority.

#### **Imposed Sanctions:**

- a) *Disqualification* from the ISC 2025. The solvers' points are to be removed from the results list.
- b) *Ban* valid for International Solving Contests (ISC) 2026 and 2027.

The summary of events leading to Disqualification and Ban can be found in points 9.1 to 9.4 of the WCCC-2025 Agenda (<https://www.wfcc.ch/meetings/wccc2025/>).

After a careful investigation process in accordance with EDC the Assembly's decision is based on overwhelming evidence of highly suspicious circumstances and violations of competition rules and fair play principles observed during the ISC 2025 event in Sumgait, as reported in detail in the above mentioned points 9.1 to 9.4.

The decision and vote by the WFCC Assembly are documented in the paragraph *Irregularities in ISC 2025* in the WCCC-2025 *Highlights and Decisions* web page (<https://www.wfcc.ch/meetings/67wccc-decisions/>).

FIDE EDC Code reference: Part IV Disciplinary Code  
(<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/EthicsAndDisciplinaryCode2022.pdf>).

Unlike its FIDE counterpart the EDC of WFCC does not have independent decision making authority. As a Standing Committee pursuant to Art. 11.1 WFCC Statutes it is authorised within its sphere of activity to advise the WFCC Presidium, prepare decisions and execute them in writing. This official announcement of the Assembly's decision on July 6th 2025 is made in this spirit and will be published on the WFCC website.

#### **WFCC Ethics and Disciplinary Committee**

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