

## **FIDE Ethics Commission to study comeback by Kasparov**

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### **Garry Kasparov's plan to return to active chess competition may be blocked by ethics concerns related to his alleged bribes in a previous FIDE election**

By [Duncan Mackay](#) for Inside the Games website, July 10, 2017 Russian grandmaster Garry Kasparov has been warned by the World Chess Federation (FIDE) that he may be referred to its Ethics Commission after he announced plans for a comeback. From 1986 until his retirement in 2005, Kasparov was ranked world number one for 225 out of 228 months. Last week, Kasparov revealed he planned to resume his career by taking part in the Grand Chess Tour at St Louis, scheduled to take place between August 13 and 20. But Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, President of FIDE, has claimed that Kasparov must first be cleared to compete. The former world chess champion was disqualified for two years for alleged corruption and vote buying at the 2014 FIDE Presidential election at Tromsø in Norway. Kasparov had lost the election to Ilyumzhinov, who is also Russian, by 110 votes to 61. Garry Kasparov tried unsuccessfully to stand against President Vladimir Putin in the Russian election in 2008. A few days before the election took place, the *New York Times Magazine* had published a report on the campaign which included information about an alleged leaked contract between Kasparov and former FIDE secretary general Ignatius Leong. It was alleged that Kasparov had offered to pay the Singaporean \$500,000 (£388,000/€439,000) and the Asean Chess Academy \$250,000 (£194,000/€219,000) a year for four years to the Asean Chess Academy in return for 11 votes. Both were banned in September 2015 for two years following a hearing of the FIDE Ethics Commission. [...] <http://www.insidethegames.biz/article...-study-comeback-by-kasparov>