

Vadim Tsypin

Vadim Tsypin holds a Master of Science degree in Applied Mathematics (1987) and is a member of Mensa International. He is fluent in three languages (French, English, Russian) and resides in Pointe-Claire, Québec.

He has over thirty (30) years of experience in Mathematics, Computer Science and Information Technology and has worked and consulted for hi-tech companies in Canada and the U.S. in such domains as aerospace, telemedicine, e-commerce, and blockchain.

On a personal level, Vadim Tsypin is deeply involved with mathematics enrichment programs for gifted children in Canada. Yet, his most important commitment goes toward the advancement of Canadian chess. He participated actively in planning, bidding on, and organizing of the Canadian Youth Chess Ch. and the Canadian Open in 2018-2020, later serving as a Chief Arbiter at the CYCC/CO in both Quebec City (2018) and Regina, SK (2019).



Member of the Board (since 2013), Vice-President (since 2017) of the Chess 'n Math Association, Canada's National Scholastic Chess Organization. Served as the Publicity Officer of the Chess Federation of Canada (2018-2020). As a coordinator for the Susan Polgar Foundation in Canada (since 2017), Vadim implements the qualification process and organizes tournaments that allow the best Canadian girls to take part in an annual marquee event at the Webster University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Vadim holds the following titles and licenses awarded by the International Chess Federation (FIDE): FIDE Arbiter (2017); International Arbiter (2018); International Organizer (2018). Served, including as a Chief Arbiter or a Deputy Chief Arbiter, in many tournaments and festivals on three continents, such as the World Senior Team Chess Championships, Women's World Chess Ch., World Rapid and Blitz Ch., World Youth Rapid Chess Ch., European Senior Chess Ch., Zone 3.4 FIDE Women Ch., Canadian Closed Chess Ch., Canadian Women's Zonal Chess Ch., Viktor Korchnoi Memorial, Quebec Open, and others. Served as the FIDE Technical Delegate at the World Under-16 Youth Olympiad (Turkey, 2019).

As a guest lecturer, Vadim trained and certified dozens of arbiters around the world. Gave IA Workshops, FIDE Arbiters' Seminars and training sessions in Canada, Russia, Greece, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and other countries.

He was honoured to be a member of Arkady Dvorkovich's FIDE Presidential Election campaign. After Mr. Dvorkovich overwhelmingly won that election in October 2018, Vadim Tsypin became part of the new management team that put the International Chess Federation (FIDE) on solid footing. Governed by principles of openness, transparency and accountability, FIDE now engages independent third-party auditors. As a result, major institutional sponsors are willing to invest in chess.

Secretary of the FIDE Management Board (since 2018). *"The Management Board is the executive, operational and administrative body that assists the President in the day-to-day management of FIDE activities and implements mandates given by the President and the Council. The Management Board manages ordinary activities and resources; coordinates current activities of officials, Commissions, offices and employees; monitors and supervises the implementation of decisions."* In addition to his many other FIDE responsibilities, Vadim is in charge of procurement and tenders (since 2019).

Vadim Tsypin works tirelessly to leverage his international connections for the benefit of Canadian players and organizers, especially the youth. One of the achievements he is the most proud of is getting Canadian teenagers invited to participate in an all-expense-paid trip to the 14th edition of the Vladimir Dvorkovich Cup. This high-profile international competition organized by the FIDE President annually in memory of his late father, a renowned International Arbiter, is called an unofficial World Youth Team Championship (the average rating of invited teams is higher than even at the FIDE Youth Olympiad) and is contested by teams from all four FIDE continents.

Thanks to an agreement Vadim was able to reach, in 2019 it was Team Canada rather than Team USA that was invited from the Americas. Thus, 2019 marked the first appearance of Team Canada at this prestigious event. The four Canadian players (2F, 2M) from Fredericton, NB, Ottawa and Windsor, ON, were selected by the CFC in a transparent process. Vadim Tsypin acted as a captain and personally flew the team halfway around the world, to Aktobe, Kazakhstan, where young Canadian stars experienced a diverse sports and cultural program, establishing lasting friendships with their peers worldwide.