

**Decision no. 18 of the Special Ethics Committee**

**Committee Members:**

Adv. David Fohrer – Chairman  
Adv. Asher Akselrod – IBF Legal counsel  
Mr. Modi Kenigsberg – IBF President  
Mr. Eitan Levy – EBL board member  
Mr. Adrian Shwartz

**Decision**

1. Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz are petitioning to terminate the suspension from playing bridge within the Israel Bridge Federation, which was imposed on them as part of the proceedings.
2. On February 14, 2016, the Committee heard oral arguments on behalf of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz, after written arguments were submitted. In the arguments heard thus far, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz referred only to some of the suspicions raised against them, and have not addressed the matter of marking the opening lead card through placing the board.
3. There are severe suspicions against Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz of acts of fraud on a large scale, and the evidence at the basis of the suspicions have considerable weight. Under these circumstances, the public interest in the suspension takes precedence over the private interest of Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz (which is legitimate in its own right) to play again until a final determination of findings is made by the Committee.
4. Under these circumstances, we did not find it appropriate to terminate the suspension.
5. For the avoidance of doubt, it is clarified that this decision should not be construed as a determination of a position regarding the correctness of the claims against Mr. Fisher and Mr. Schwartz.
6. The next hearing of the Committee is scheduled for March 8, 2016.
7. Once complete, the transcript of the meeting held on February 14, 2016 shall be published.
8. The IBF has to see to the translation of the transcript of the meeting held on February 14, 2016.

  
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The Special Ethics Committee

February 24, 2016