

Swiss Pairings Programs Committee
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1. Handbook Section C.04

The section C.04 of the handbook was reorganized to show rules and recommendations in a more readable way.

Following the proposal of PB members Makropoulos and Leong and ARB Nikolopoulos the procedure below was include to handle wrong results:

The results of a round shall be published at the usual place of communication at announced time due to the schedule of the tournament.

If either

- a result was written down incorrectly, or
- a game was played with the wrong colours, or
- a player's rating has to be corrected (and playing numbers possibly recomputed as in C.04.2.C.3),

and a player communicates this to the arbiter within a given due time delay after publication of results, these facts have to be used for the standings and the pairings of the round to come. The time delay shall be fixed in advance due to the timetable of the tournament.

If the error notification is made after the pairing but before the end of the next round, this will affect the next pairing to be done.

If the error notification is made after the end of the next round, the correction will be made after the tournament for submission to rating evaluation only.

Regarding point C.04.2.A.3 (Accelerated Pairings) a recommendation will be sent to QC to define which kind of accelerated pairings are acceptable in norm tournaments.

2. Amendments cycle

It was decided that modifications to the rules should be done following an amendment cycle that consists in periods to identify problems and collect proposals, to analyze them, to find the proper wording for the amendments that were agreed, to comunicate it to the programmers, to let them implement the amendments and to finally publish the new version of the rules and the list

of the endorsed programs that implement them at the same time.

3. Dutch System open issues

During the year, the constant comparison with software programs looking for endorsement brought up some situations that need first a clarification and then possibly an amendment. Those situations were presented, discussed and identified as problems for which an amendment proposal will be presented next year at the Congress.

4. Proposal for the organization of SPP activities year-round

The SPP has decided to organize its activities year-round appointing some subcommittees to deal with. A report from this subcommittees is expected for the end of March 2014.

The current SPP secretary (Roberto Ricca) was chosen as the coordinator for all the subcommittees activities and then a person was named responsible for each identified working area:

<i>Rule amendments analysis:</i>	<i>Roberto Ricca (interim)</i>
<i>SPP website:</i>	<i>Shaun Press</i>
<i>(Dutch System) Lecturer's manual:</i>	<i>Takis Nikolopoulos</i>
<i>Re-Endorsement:</i>	<i>Christian Krause</i>
<i>Accelerated Pairings</i>	<i>Dirk De Ridder</i>

5. Evaluation of programs candidate to endorsement

5.1 JavaPairing

The software JavaPairing (author: Eugenio Cervesato, from Italy) had its pairing engine heavily tested by the JaVaFo checker and produced excellent results, even finding some problems in the JaVaFo pairing engine.

Then its user-interface was checked and deemed acceptable once a pair of modifications to it could be introduced (the FIDE pairing engine should be clearly identified and there shouldn't be any flag available to let the user fiddle with them).

The endorsement of the program was unanimously agreed.

5.2 Tornelo.com

The software Tornelo.com (author: David Cordover, from Australia) was unanimously rejected because of its unreliable and poor handling.

6. Report on the re-endorsement

Apart from the Dutch Federation (Swiss Master), we have no information about the progress of existing endorsed programs to renew the endorsement.

It was again stressed that if this commission cannot check the programs before next Congress, the endorsement will run out.

Christian Krause (Chairman)