

WORLD AMATEUR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

- Report of Chief Arbiter K.K. Chan (FIDE ID 6000991)

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1. Preamble

The event was held from the 25th April until departure on the 4th May 2014.

This tournament was limited to players rated below Elo 2000. One player from India Mr. Sammed was at 2025 achieved after 1st January 2014.

The OPEN section was well attended with 171 players from 32 federations. The WOMEN section had 22 players from 8 federations.

The top 99 players in the Open section were rated which means that less than half were unrated. The Women section had a majority of rated players with only 7 unrated players.

2. Site and playing conditions

The tournament was held at the Pasir Ris Sports and Recreation Centre located very near the international airport. The main hall was very well lit with excellent air conditioning, keeping the temperatures stable throughout the event. The players and officials were kept comfortable. Despite the rainy season there were no disruptions to the playing schedule.

NOTE: the accommodation for the participants and accompanying persons was located within 10 minutes walking distance to the playing hall.

3. Technical meeting

The meeting was held at 09:30am before the first round which started at 15:00. The majority of the players attended and it started on time.

The main rules were explained;

The playing area was defined by the blue area in the centre of the hall and toilets for male/female are to the back of the hall. These were reserved for the players and officials only.

Time control is set at 40 moves in 2 hours afterwards 30 minutes to finish the game with no increments. A briefing on the quickplay rules was given.

As this is an official FIDE event zero tolerance was explained to everyone in the hall.

Short draws are not prohibited but the chief arbiter advises that 10 moves was necessary.

Smokers were advised to smoke in a designated area outside the playing hall.

No electronic devices within the playing area even if switched off

A counter was set up to store their electronic devices free of charge

An appeals committee was appointed consisting of 3 + 2 reserves.

After the customary toss of colours (highest seed chose White) the meeting was adjourned.

NOTE: tie-breaks were announced after the first round. 1. Direct encounter 2. Greater number of victories
3. Most games as Black 4. Bucholz 5. Sum of Bulcholz

4. Arbiters meeting

There was a short meeting where responsibilities were assigned. The Chief Arbiter advises everyone to be vigilant towards the first time control as they should be ready to record the game when both players have less than five minutes.

NOTE: at the conclusion of this event IA norms were issued to the following;

Name	Title	FIDE ID	Federation
Khegay Anjela	FA	14200473	Singapore
Ronald King	FA	14309190	South Africa
Gilton Mkumbwa	FA	20500050	Malawi

FA norm was issued to;
Lee Chien Earn 5807174 Singapore

5. Equipment report

All the chess clocks were of the same model i.e. DGT XL. The desired time control was not shown on the bottom of the clock therefore we used the user setting of "00" and set both time periods.

5 clocks were found to be faulty and were replaced during the event.

6. Incidents report / Appeals

- a. Telephone found on player who went out to smoke. On appeal he lost by default (appeal_1 attached).
- b. Complains on opponent not keeping score up to date. Appeal denied (appeal_2 attached).
- c. Complains on opponent making rocking movements to distract, severe warning given.
- d. Mongolian/UAE officials intruding constantly into playing area, final warnings given.
- e. Player from Bangladesh was unable to keep score, penalized many times including loss of one game.

7. Titles achieved

Player's name	Federation	Position	Title awarded
Open section			
Munkhbayar Gijir	Mongolia	1 st / Gold	FM
Agibileg Uurtsaikh	Mongolia	2 nd / Silver	CM
Sivakumar Ashvin	Singapore	3 rd / Bronze	CM
Women section			
Chitlange Sakshi	India	1 st / Gold	WFM
Sapale Saloni	India	2 nd / Silver	WCM
Uuriintuya Uursaikh	Mongolia	3 rd / Bronze	WCM

Final Remarks:

The Chief Arbiter expresses heartfelt thanks to the organizer for this appointment and for providing excellent conditions throughout the entire event.

Files attached;

TUNx file for Open section
TUNx file for Women section
Appeal_1.pdf
Appeal_2.pdf



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