Why You Want to Be an Arbiter

What arbiters do and why it matters? My journey from a player to the youngest A-class International Arbiter in the world.

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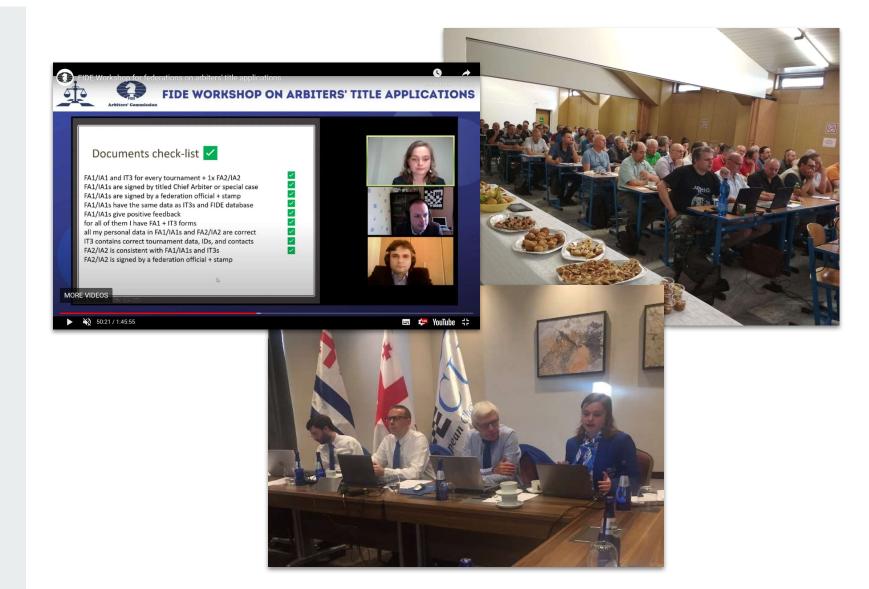
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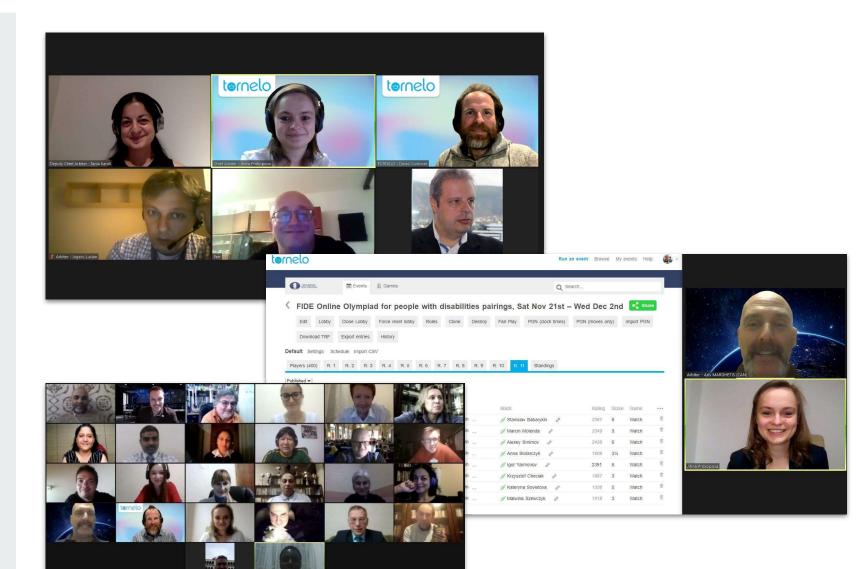
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Day in Life

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What We Do

- Getting appointed
- Befriending the venue
- Informing and meeting
- Before the round
- During the round
- After the round
- After the event



Challenges

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What We Do

- Solving disputes
- Compromising
- Diplomacy
- Perception



Try it yourself



1) In a Swiss system tournament with 9 rounds, after the 4th round we have the following scorebracket:

| Pairing number | Color history |
|-------------------|---------------|
| 8 | BWBB |
| 10 | WBBW |
| 11 | WBWB |
| 19 | WBWW |
| 20 | WWBW |
| 25 | BWWB |
| 29 | BWWB |
| 31 | WBWB |
| 45 | WBBW |

If the pairings 10-25 and 19-45 have already been made in previous rounds, and none of these players have been up-floated or down-floated, what are the pairings of the 5th round?

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- 1) Why is it important that an arbiter knows how to do a pairing when it has been done by computer?
- 2) A league match is taking place in the club. After one hour of play, the cleaning lady enters and tells everyone to leave. As an arbiter, what would you do?
- 3) White is low on time during an endgame. Suddenly black shouts "Time!" when there are still 2 seconds on white's clock. White is startled, checks the clocks and see herself lose on time. What should be done?

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What We Do

- Organizing
- Guarantee of quality
- Authority figure



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What We Do

Journey never ends

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