

Minutes

Swiss Pairings Commission

17 October 2011, 09:00- 13:00

Chairman: Christian Krause (GER)

Secretary: Mikko Markkula (FIN)

Attendances: Kevin Bonham (AUS), Igor Vereshchagin (RUS), Arthur Schuering (NED), Stephen Boyd (FRA), Filipowicz Andrzej (POL), Roberto Ricca (ITA), Gijssen Geurt (NED), Almog Burstein (ISR), Ashot Vardapetyan (ARM), Panagiotis Nikolopoulos (GRE), Werner Stubenvoll (AUT), De Ridder Dirk (BEL), Brown Walter (USA), Francisco Guadalupe (USA), Franca Dapiran (ITA), Eddie Price (RSA).

Swiss Pairing Program Committee (Meeting on 2011-10-17)

1. New wording of the Dutch Swiss Rules

The new wording of the Dutch Swiss Rules (Annex 18a) was discussed and in principle accepted. Concerning a special problem there was a need for an amendment to adjust the pairings to the solution of the old wording. A subcommittee (Geurt Gijssen, Werner Stubenvoll, Roberto Ricca, Christian Krause) was installed to prepare the amendment. Annex 18A contains the amended wording in Art. 10.7e and the corresponding algorithms in Art C. The new Annex 18A was then unanimously agreed by the Technical Commission.

1.1 Acceptance of the change in C.4

The major change of the Swiss Pairing Rules given in Art C4 was unanimously accepted.

1.2 Acceptance of other changes to be found in the discussion

The other minor changes were unanimously accepted.

2. Swiss Rules Leong System

The committee did not see a progress in comparison to the already existing Lim-System and therefore did not accept the proposal.

3. New Items in Swiss System rules

3.1 Half-Point-Bye

This item was transferred to the Technical Commission.

3.2 Scoring 3 – 1 – 0 instead of 1 - ½ - 0

This item was transferred to the Technical Commission.

4. Endorsement of new programs

4.1 Vega for Dutch Swiss System (Luigi Forlano)

Mr. Ranthinam Anantharam, Mr. Shaun Press and Mr. Markkula made an in deep investigation of this program. The chairman explicitly thanked them for their efforts. The investigation showed some errors which were corrected in the meantime. Nevertheless Mr. Roberto Ricca proposed to postpone the endorsement to the next year when a complete working version can be presented. The committee agreed.

4.2 JavaPairing (Eugenio Cervesato)

Mr. Ricca reported that due to some deviations from the Swiss Rules the program is not yet in the condition to be endorsed. The endorsement procedure will be continued after 6 months.

5. Implicit endorsement

As the programs have influence on the pairings engine it seems not to be recommendable to do an implicit endorsement. Therefore each program shall be investigated separately.

On the other hand a new software provided by Mr. Roberto Ricca makes it possible to process full TRF files of a program to check the pairings produced. This saves a lot of time.

Therefore Roberto Ricca proposed a three step endorsement procedure:

- 100 or more TRF files of the candidate program will be checked automatically by a member of the Swiss Pairings Program Committee. The results will be communicated with the programmer.
- The candidate will receive a set of TRF files and shall report about his own findings regarding these files.
- If the member in charge of the SPPC is convinced that the candidate program is ready for endorsement the original program shall be checked by two other members of the SPPC.

Even if the tests are negative the programmer of the candidate program will be informed about the results.

The Committee unanimously agreed to this proposal.

6. Proposal of Mr. Dubov at the congress 2010

Mr. Markkula reported that he has done some experiments with the proposed algorithm and did not find a substantial progress regarding the acceleration used at the Olympiad in Dresden.

Chairman

Christian Krause