

## Minutes of Technical Commission Krakow, October 18, 2011

Chairman: Dr. Dirk J.A. De Ridder  
Secretary: IA Andrzej Filipowicz

### Attendances:

Almog Burstein (ISR), Werner Stubenvoll (AUT), Ashot Vardapetyan (ARM), Geurt Gijssen (NED), Walter Brown (USA), Christian Krause (GER), Roberto Ricca (ITA), Hal Bond (CAN), Sevan A. Muradian (USA), Igor Vereshchagin (RUS), Stephen Boyd (FRA), Kaloumenos Michalis (GRE), Mikko Markulla (FIN), Russell Smith (TRI), Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), Lakhdar Mazouz (ALG), Jonas Viesulas (LTU)

### **1. Opening**

Chairman Dr. Dirk J.A. De Ridder welcomed the members of the FIDE Technical Commission and observers. He thanks the Organizers for preparing good conditions of the meeting. He regrets that so many members of the Technical Commission never reply to emails and that they are not present at this meeting.

### **2. Free choice of board for the reserve player in FIDE team events.**

The FIDE Trainers' Commission proposes the simple replacement of one of the four boards by the reserve player.

During the discussion attendants draw the attention of the possible big difference between rating of the top player and reserve player as well as for registration of results and board prizes.

**Voting: a large majority is against**

### **3. Avoidance of byes in team competitions by applying the "Jamboree system".**

The system where three teams play among each other in team competitions having an odd number of teams is briefly introduced.

**Voting: only two are in favour but a large majority is against**

### **4. Splitting of the 2-year age groups into 1-year age groups**

The proposal was withdrawn since several federations were expecting a substantial increase of the expenses.

### **5. Unification of age restriction for seniors in FIDE and Continental Senior Championships to 55+ and proposal of the creation of a new age category of 70+**

After discussion all agreed to accept in FIDE competitions:

- the same age restrictions for men and women
- to have two age groups – 60+ and 70+ – playing in one open tournament
- to recommend the Continents to apply the same criteria as in FIDE

The Technical Commission proposes also to appoint a **FIDE Senior Officer** responsible for the senior events.

### **6. Acceptance of chess variations other than those played on a 8 by 8 squares chess board (two dimensional with currently known pieces)**

**Voting:** it was unanimously decided that from now on the Technical Commission will only study chess matters limited to the an 8 by 8 board and to the pieces placed on the two first ranks as mentioned in the FIDE Laws of Chess.

### **7. Acceptance of ASEAN chess rules.**

No endorsement is given for these rules.

**Voting: only one is in favour but a large majority is against**

**8. Acceptance of aggressive chess (promotion rules offering the possibility to make a promotion starting from the fifth rank).**

Taking into account the discussion and voting of the previous item, this item is not further discussed.

**9. Acceptance of the guidelines for the production of electronic score sheets**

Chairman indicates that the Mon Roi system was introduced in 2005 without existing guidelines for manufacturers. Therefore Albert Vasse from DGT invited the International Arbiters Dirk De Ridder, Klaus Deventer and Geurt Gijssen to Enschede in April 2011 to start working on a set of requirements for such devices.

After the proposal to change a number of items and reword the terminology in agreement with the Laws of Chess the discussion of a stand alone device *versus* a multipurpose device on one hand, and the option or obligation of an arbiters mode does not lead to a decision. Therefore a subcommittee is formed by Dr. D. De Ridder, Mr. G. Gijssen, Mr. S. Muradian, Mr. M. Pahlevanzadeh and Mr. T. Rich to study these problems and report to the Technical Commission.

In general the meeting has the opinion that guidelines for the production of electronic score sheets are necessary.

**10. Proposal to produce a TEC Manual**

A manual consisting all requirements and testing procedures for chess material will be prepared. A separate page on the FIDE website will be built where all this material will also be available.

**12. Presentation of new materials**

No new materials were received by the Technical Commission

At the moment there exist two electronic clocks for blind players: one Spanish (Once) and one German (Silver).

**13. Miscellaneous**

Swiss pairing system. Mr. Krause introduced the new text prepared by the Swiss Pairing Committee. A number of open questions will be discussed on October 19 from 3 to 5 PM

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## 9. Acceptance of the guidelines for the production of electronic score sheets: report of the subcommittee

The subcommittee made a number of changes but came to the conclusion that the following points have to be clarified:

- Which type of device is acceptable: a dedicated device or a multipurpose computer?
- Should the arbiter mode be optional or obligatory?
- How can the log-file be easily analysed?
- Which amendments should be made to the Laws of Chess (for example: addition of an article that a score sheet shall always remain near the chess board during a game)

## 13. Miscellaneous (continued)

Open questions from the Swiss Pairing Committee:

- Vote: a player can receive only one bye in a tournament:  
Yes: 10 – No: 5
- Vote: every unplayed game where a player receives a full or a half point, the player receives a downfloat for that game (*i.e.* no float if the player receives zero points)  
The proposal is unanimously accepted
- Vote: in individual FIDE competitions only one 1-point bye is possible  
The proposal is unanimously accepted
- In all Swiss tournaments the rules dealing with colours in the last round for players having a score of over 50% shall be applied irrespective of the scoring system (for example 3-1-0 instead of 1-1/2-0)  
Yes: 7 – No: 2 – Abstention: 1

The FIDE Ethics Commission forwarded a request to the FIDE Technical Commission regarding case 2/11 (French team). A number of ideas to prepare an answer were discussed.

Following the above discussion the meeting proposes to study the following possibilities to avoid cheating in future:

- To add the use of jammers in the tournament rules
- To introduce time-delayed live transmission, either by a given time or by a number of moves

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