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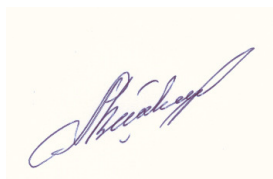
Re: Report on FIDE World Chess Championship Match 2012  
10 -31 May, 2012

Date: 31 May, 2012

I was honored to receive a letter with the message that I had been appointed as Chief Arbiter of FIDE World Chess Championship Match 2012.

I am glad, that this championship was held in Moscow, in one of the world's biggest museums, in the State Tretyakov Gallery.

Respectfully,  
Ashot Vardapetyan  
FWCM 2012  
Chief Arbiter

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## REPORT

### Schedule

The FIDE World Chess Championship Match (FWCM) was held according to the time schedule, which was approved in advance and published on the official site of the tournament and according to the drawing of lots during the Opening Ceremony in Moscow taken place on 10 May, 2012 in the Mikhail Vrubel Hall of the State Tretyakov Gallery.

#### Schedule for the World Chess Championship Match.

Day 1	10 May	Opening ceremony	20.00
Day 2	11 May	Game 1	15.00
Day 3	12 May	Game 2	15.00
Day 4	13 May	Rest day	
Day 5	14 May	Game 3	15.00
Day 6	15 May	Game 4	15.00
Day 7	16 May	Rest day	
Day 8	17 May	Game 5	15.00
Day 9	18 May	Game 6	15.00
Day 10	19 May	Rest day	
Day 11	20 May	Game 7	15.00
Day 12	21 May	Game 8	15.00
Day 13	22 May	Rest day	
Day 14	23 May	Game 9	15.00
Day 15	24 May	Game 10	15.00
Day 16	25 May	Rest day	
Day 17	26 May	Game 11	15.00
Day 18	27 May	Rest day	
Day 19	28 May	Game 12	15.00
Day 20	29 May	Rest day	
Day 21	30 May	Tie break	12.00
Day 22	31 May	Closing Ceremony	16.00

### Playing Conditions

The Competition for the first time in the history of chess took place in one of the world's biggest museums, in the Engineering Building of the State Tretyakov Gallery. The playing conditions were good. A spacious, modern hall, sufficient distance from the spectators, bathrooms located close to the playing hall, good illumination, air conditioning, adequately furnished and equipped FIDE officials' and arbiters' rooms supported the organization of normal conditions for the chess players and arbiters' work. The entire scene was covered by the protective screen of solid glass. Visitors, though, have clear vision of the scene and the game.

Coffee, tea, soft drinks, fruits and sweets were provided to the participants in a special area near the playing zone. A metal control was installed on the doorway excluding the entry of players with cell phones or other electronic means of communication to the tournament hall and playing zone.

In the tournament hall a screen was installed and all the games were demonstrated on-line and for the spectators in the same time. An adequate device was installed in the lobby of the tournament hall giving opportunity for the spectators and journalists to follow commentary of all games after each hour.

### **Drawing of colors**

The FWCM was played according to the Rules & Regulations for the FIDE World Championship Match 2012.

Drawing of colors had been made by lot during the Opening Ceremony. GM Viswanathan Anand (India) received White color in Round 1.

### **Players Meeting**

According to the Regulations of the tournament, the Players' Meeting took place three days before the first game of the FWCM.

### **Opening & Closing Ceremony**

The Opening Ceremony took place on 10 May, 2012 in the Mikhail Vrubel Hall of the State Tretyakov Gallery. The participants and guests were welcomed by Arkady Dvorkovich, Chairman of the Supervisory Council of the Russian Chess Federation, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, President of FIDE, and Irina Lebedeva, General Director of the Tretyakov Gallery. The ceremony was attended by Mikhail Gorbachev, first President of the USSR, Alexander Zhukov, Chairman of the Russian Olympic Committee, and Anatoly Karpov, the 12th World chess champion.

The Chief Arbiter conducted the drawing of colors.

The opening ceremony concluded with a concert by the famous pianist Denis Matsuev and some young Russian musicians.

The Closing Ceremony was held in the Engineering Building of the State Tretyakov Gallery. Both measures were perfectly and exceptionally organized.

### **Time Control**

All the games were played by DGT-XL electronic clocks approved by FIDE.

#### *Normal games*

a) Time control for each game was: 120 minutes for the first 40 moves, 60 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move starting from move 61.

#### *Tie-breaks*

б) For Tie-breaks the Time Control was the following:

TB 1-4	– 25 minute games with an addition of 10 seconds after each move
TB 5-6	– 5 minute games with an addition of 3 seconds after each move
TB 7-8	– 5 minute games with an addition of 3 seconds after each move
TB 9-10	– 5 minute games with an addition of 3 seconds after each move
TB 11-12	– 5 minute games with an addition of 3 seconds after each move
TB 13-14	– 5 minute games with an addition of 3 seconds after each move
SD	– 5 minutes for White and 4 minutes for Black and addition 3 seconds per move from move 61

**Press-Center**

The Press-Center staff, leading by Press-officer Ms. Anastasia Karlovich (Ukraine) carried out an outstanding work on a high level. Every day they took interviews from the players. The cooperation with the players was excellent.

**Games' transmission**

A team of technical specialists did a great job and had fruitful cooperation with the organizers and the Arbiters. All games of FWCM 2012 were transmitted on-line.

Display of games commented by the world strongest chess players also was transmitted on-line.

**Technical equipment**

Electronic board and clock of DGT-XL were used for the games. The programming of these devices was well operated.

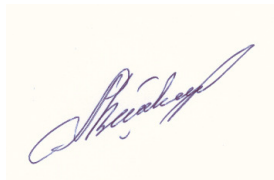
**Organizing Staff**

The Organizing Committee carried out an exceptional work and showed a great hospitality for organizing the FWCM 2012 on such a high level. The whole Organizing staff did their best to work jointly and to achieve high standards.

I highly appreciate also Mr. Hal Bond's (Canada) job as a Deputy Chief Arbiter and thank him for his excellent cooperation during the whole tournament.

All the relevant information of the event is included in the attached documents.

Ashot Vardapetyan  
FWCM 2012  
Chief Arbiter



# FIDE World Chess Championship Match 2012

## Results

Name	G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6	G7	G8	G9	G10	G11	G12	Total
<b>Anand, Viswanathan (IND)</b>	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	6
<b>Gelfand, Boris (ISR)</b>	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	6

## Tie-Break games

Name	R1	R2	R3	R4	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	B9	B10	SD	Total
<b>Anand, Viswanathan (IND)</b>	½	1	½	½												2.5
<b>Gelfand, Boris (ISR)</b>	½	0	½	½												1.5

## Final Results

**Anand, Viswanathan (IND) - Gelfand, Boris (ISR) 8.5 – 7.5**