

Minutes of the Meeting of the Medical Commission 2013 in Tallinn
04.10.2013 at 17.00 hours

Present:

Chairman: Dr. J.M.Bellin (ENG)

Secretary: IA Arthur Schuering (NED)

Observers: Nigel Freeman (BER), David Jarrett (ENG)

1. The chairperson opens the meeting.
2. Apologies have been received from Dr. Hofstetter, Prof. Ganz, GM Speelman and GM Platchetka.
3. FIDE is completely compliant with the WADA Code. Nigel Freeman says that the last time he spoke with the representatives of WADA in May this year in St Petersburg, they complimented FIDE on the way FIDE executed the WADA Code.
4. The Chairperson gives report: In 2012 FIDE conducted 19 doping tests; 16 in competition tests and 3 out of competition tests. There were no positive tests. There were no operational problems. Statistical information from WADA shows that there were in 2012 103 doping controls in chess events in total.
5. There are 15 top players in the registered testing pool. The pool is renewed each year from July 1st till July 1st next year. According to WADA proposal, the testing pool should run from 1st of January each year. The Chairperson proposes that the players included in the testing pool on 1st July 2013, remain in the pool until 1st January 2015. The meeting agrees with the proposal.
6. In 2013 there were doping tests during the Candidates tournament in London and at the World Championship match for women in China. More doping controls in 2013 will follow.
7. Only a few national federations reported about their doping controls. National federations are requested to give more information about their anti-doping program.
8. Anti-doping educational program is published on the website of FIDE.
All Medical Commission information will be re-configured on FIDE website so that it could be accessed quickly and easily.
9. The winner of the Portuguese championship in 2012 has been banned because he has been accused of using a forbidden substance. The Portuguese chess federation asks advice of the Medical Commission about the title of champion.
The Medical Commission has no competence to decide. The Portuguese authorities should decide according to the Portuguese regulations. The Medical Commission can only give recommendations. In 2012 a chess player in another country used cannabis and got a ban of three months. WADA did not appeal against this decision. The Portuguese player also used cannabis. The Medical Commission recommends that the Portuguese player does not get a longer ban than 6 months to 1 year. According to article 9 of the FIDE Anti-doping rules an Anti-doping rule violation leads to disqualification of the result in that competition. The Medical Commission recommends that all the results of the player who used a forbidden substance, be annulled.
10. As there is no other business, the Chairperson closes the meeting.

Dr. J.M. Bellin, FRCA
Chairperson

A.A. Schuering
Secretary