

88th FIDE Congress 2017 in Göynük
Systems of Pairings and Programs Commission
Agenda for the meetings

1. Endorsement matters (confirmations, approvals, removals)

1.1 *Confirmation of the interim certificates distributed during the year and their transformation in endorsements, after examination of possible complaints.*

Acknowledgment of programs previously endorsed, which did not receive the interim certificate and are no more endorsed by FIDE (they can be endorsed again in future years).

1.2 *Definition of the new list of endorsed programs for the period 2018-2021 (note: other programs may be added until 2019, but the end of the endorsement period for all programs will be December 31st, 2020). This action will end the transition period during which the programs endorsed for the 2013 rules were still on this list.*

2. Amendments to the FIDE Dubov System

The general plan called for all programs to be re-endorsed during this year. However, when a request for the re-endorsement of a program implementing the Dubov System was presented, the Commission realized that the definition of the Dubov System was not up to the same standards of rigour and unambiguity which the FIDE (Dutch) System is subject to.

Therefore, the Commission decided to review the Dubov System rules and will present a proposal to amend the current regulations in order to make them more clear.

The Congress should also decide whether to extend the endorsement for the programs currently endorsed for the Dubov System until the latter is thoroughly defined in compliance with the aforementioned standards.

3. Proposal to amend the section C.04.2.A

Section C.04.2.A deals with those pairing systems that can be used in FIDE tournaments valid for ratings purposes.

The Commission realized that both the wording and some contents of this section should be updated, in order to improve its alignment with the changing of other rules. The Commission therefore presents a proposal (see Annex-1), divided in two parts. The first one highlights the differences with the current wording, while the second one is the proposed new text.

4. Subcommittee for endorsement of a Burstein System program

An application was presented for the endorsement of a program supporting the Burstein System.

Since this is the first Burstein System-ready program, according to the current rules (C.04.A.6), the Commission needs to appoint a subcommittee of four people. This subcommittee shall report to the next Congress about whether the program is suitable to be endorsed.

5. Extension on methods for accelerated pairing

The Baku Acceleration Method, introduced last year, is currently valid only for tournaments lasting nine rounds or more.

The Commission will present a report in order to support the definition of a general scheme that will allow the use of the Baku Acceleration Method in all kinds of tournaments.

6. Glossary and appendices for the FIDE (Dutch) System

As the FIDE (Dutch) System is the main pairing system defined by FIDE, it needs to be explained in the deepest possible detail. The Commission will present some documentation useful to explain the terminology used in the FIDE (Dutch) System; and an appendix describing an example of algorithmic approach to the implementation of the System.

The Congress will decide whether the glossary and the programming algorithm have to be added to the rules.

7. Team pairings rules

The Commission will report on the status of the project, i.e. the definition of a Team Pairing System that integrates, but without touching it, the Olympic Team Pairing System, which is currently the only one defined in the FIDE handbook.

8. Miscellanies

The Commission will listen to suggestions for minimal clarifying adjustments of the current rules or for new projects to undertake in the following years.

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