

Minutes of the meeting of Medical Commission in Batumi September 2018

Presence:

Jana Bellin (ENG) chairperson

Arthur Schuering (NED) secretary

Dwi Hatmisari Ambarukmi (INA) member

Dewperkash Gajadin (SUR) member

Prof. Kivanc Gungor (TUR) member

Gusztav Font (HUN)

Bonilla Amelia Hernandez (VEN)

Fidiarivony Ralison (MAD)

Malgorzata Kopaczek-Styczen (NOR)

Hakon Helgoy (NOR)

Mats Narheim (NOR)

1. Opening

The chairperson opens the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies are received from Prof. Ganz, Dr. Hofstetter, GM Plachetka and GM Speelman.

3. Compliance with WADA Code

Chess is an associated sport in the IOC. The World Anti-Doping Agency's (WADA) requirements are, in the main, focused on an enhancement of physical performance. In many instances this focus is not relevant to chess, however it is still our duty to the international sporting community to demonstrate that chess is a clean sport.

WADA has been up-dating its Code of Compliance and sent a lot of questionnaires to the International Federations, including FIDE. Although a number of these questions is not particularly relevant to chess they have to be answered. Dealing with these questionnaires put a big burden on the Medical Commission. WADA asked us to amend 25 points in our rules. We have submitted 20 points to WADA. WADA accepted the first 6 points. One of the documents the Medical Commission sent to the WADA, is circulating in the meeting.

4. Chairperson's report

The Medical Commission does no blood tests, only urine tests. The tests are standardized, chess players are tested on the same substances as, for example, a cyclist.

On the website one can find a form to ask for a Therapeutic Use Exemption.

Chess is a low risk sport and this is recognized by WADA. The Medical Commission is able to keep the number of our tests at low level.

5. Testing Pool

The testing pool, at present, consists of 15 players, 10 male players and 5 female players. The testing pool is reviewed annually. Players in the testing pool can also be tested out of competition.

6. The Medical Commission conducted 12 tests last year. Two of the tests were out of competition. All tests were negative. There were tests during the World Team Championship in Khanty-Mansiysk, which included target testing competitors from the Women World Championship in Teheran. Doping tests were also conducted during the European Team Championship in Greece. So far this year there were tests conducted at the Candidates Tournament in Berlin.

7. ADAMS

FIDE has to submit the results of the doping tests into the computer system ADAMS. In June 2018 FIDE signed a contract with ADAMS. Personnel has to be trained to submit the results into ADAMS.

8. National Federations reporting

Some Federations like, for example, the Spanish, Portugese and Hungarian, are very active in doping controls and reporting about the controls. National federations are encouraged to report about their doping programs.

9. Anti-Doping education program

Relevant information about doping can be found on the website of FIDE. The Medical Commission is giving lectures about the Anti-Doping program. On September 30th the Medical Commission will give a lecture at 3.30 p.m. in the Arbiters room in the tournament hall.

10. Any other business

In the meeting in October 2017 in Turkey the Medical Commission recommended that players should not eat at the board and suggested the implementation of this recommendation in the Tournament Rules. The Rules Commission has implemented this recommendation in the General Regulations for Competitions.

Jana Bellin
Chairperson

Arthur Schuering
Secretary