

Qualification Commission

Batumi, Georgia

27th September 2018, 09.30-13.00

Chairman: W. Stubenvoll (AUT)

Present: A. Abbas (SYR), S.Sallam (YEM), M. Abdurahim (UAE), S. de San Vicente (URU), R. Waithe (BAR), C. Abundo (PHI), I. Shilongo (NAM), A. Schuering (NED), A. Mohibi (AFG), J. Lehtivaara (FIN), R. Ricca (ITA), K. Turdialiev (UZB), M. Biagioli (ITA), M. Held (ITA), P. Spiller (NZL), S. Rohde (USA), A. Vardapetyan (ARM), K. Vatanov (TJK), T. Delega (POL), G. Bjornsson (ISL), S. Bayat (IRI), A. Brustman (POL), S. Immit (USA), D. Sedgwick (ENG), S. Escafre (FRA), B. Labadie (CAN), W. Brown (USA), P. Gutierrez (ESP), V. Kukaev (RUS), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), G. Oen (USA), S. Polgar (USA), M. Kaloumenos (GRE), R. Smith (TTO), O. Prohorov (UKR), L. Freyd (FRA), K. Parol (POL), P. Jacobsen (DEN), P. Pisk (CZE), W. Kastner (AUT), C. Pernici Rigo (ITA), S. Boyd (FRA), A. McFarlane (SCO), Z. Tilman (TLT), L. Cornet (BEL), J.Klueners (GER), N. Faulks (BER), R. Haring (USA), K. Bonham (AUS), S. Press (AUS), A. Burstein (ISR), I. Vereschagin (RUS), G. Wastell (AUS), A. Tkachiev (RUS), C. Nsakanya (ZAM), E. Takawira (RSA), P. van Hoolandt (MNC)

1. Title applications. The Chairman presented the list of decisions, which has been distributed to the meeting. This was approved.

2. Title Regulations. A suggestion from IND for a minor improvement of the format of form IT2 will be implemented.

ASEAN It was noted that PB has decided that direct titles to junior events held by ASEAN on a basis equivalent to regional events should be awarded by QC. It is understood that these will apply from 2018.

FID players. The effect of these players on norm applications from tournaments in which they take part was discussed. Council's view is that they do not count either as a player from the player's own federation or as a foreign player. FID itself does not count as a federation.

3. The rating system. The Secretary reported that Jeff Sonas has carried out a regular "health check" on the system. This shows that the k-factors most recently introduced appear to be working well, and the predictive power of the system has been significantly improved. This has occurred even though a very large number of new players have been introduced following the reduction in the number of games required for an initial rating. However, it does appear that there may be a systemic issue which limits the accuracy of any Elo style system, particularly at the lower levels, which cannot be solved by tweaking the parameters. This requires further investigation.

Sonas has also investigated the effect of colours, and the value of having the White pieces, so we now have the necessary data for consideration of whether this should be taken into account. The next major review is due in 2020.

Rapid and blitz ratings. There is no evidence that the current approach of using $k=20$ for all games needs to be changed, but we are hampered by the fact that some federations still do not report these results. This means that the ratings of some players are hopelessly out of date and differ wildly from their standard ratings. The 2020 review will consider how this should be handled.

960 chess. The meeting discussed at some length a proposal from ISL that requests the introduction of a rating list for games played under 960 rules. There was almost universal enthusiasm for this idea, with the question being how much data was needed before such a system could be introduced. The view of the QC council is that we need to collect some data before setting the parameters. As one example, it is not clear whether separate lists should be maintained for different rates of play or perhaps they should be combined in some way. GM Susan Polgar commented that there should be a clear minimum time control below which games could not be rated, and there was general agreement on this.

GM Short made the point that this must certainly not take more than a year. The Secretary replied that the issue is taken seriously and will not be delayed unnecessarily. The Chairman, after consultation with the Ratings Administration, proposed that it should be possible to accept results submitted from 1st November, with a view to starting a live system from 1.7.2019 if a sufficient number have been reported. This will require some extra technical regulations, therefore GA approval, and QC requests provisional approval for these.

Old ratings. We receive occasional requests from players whose ratings disappeared from the FRS, typically around twenty years ago, when much data was lost from the server. There have been questions as to the accuracy of these old ratings, but it was agreed that, when they can be obtained reliably from other sources, it is only fair to reinstate them. The question was then raised as to whether, in view of their unreliability, a high k -factor might be applied to them. However, the Secretary reminded the room of a famous case in which a strong GM had returned after a long absence and had outperformed, so this might be dangerous. It was agreed that, in the cases under discussion, the k -factor would always be set at 20.

This proposal approved by 19-4 within the meeting, 6-0 within the Commission.

4. Data protection. The Chairman presented proposed amendments to Article 7 of the Rating Regulations, which had been distributed to the meeting, that are required to achieve compliance with the new GDPR rules. After discussion of some minor details these were approved without opposition.

5. Problems with federations. The Secretary reported that the problems with the Bulgarian federation were well known, but there were other cases where the fact that a federation was unable to function effectively was causing problems for the QC, and therefore for players. The Chairman confirmed that our

intention is to disadvantage players as little as possible in their desire for ratings and titles, but sometimes this is inevitable. Since these problems appear in various different forms, no universal solution is possible. Wholesale transfer of players to FID is not a perfect solution and should be used only as a last resort.

It was confirmed that title applications from individual players who have collated their own documents may be considered.

6. FID players. There are now several different groups of FID players who are treated in different ways. It will be necessary to clarify this issue with urgency.

7. Any other business. As an adjunct to item 5, the Chairman mentioned that there are occasions when tournament organisers are unable to register their events because of problems with the home federation. He always makes strenuous efforts to get to the source of the difficulty, but is not always successful. He proposed that, only as a last resort, he should authorise such events personally - he does already have the right under the Regulations to do this. There were several comments from the floor stressing that such actions should not be taken lightly but, subject to that proviso, the proposal was approved.

It was noted that QC does not, unlike some Commissions, have its own functioning website. The Secretary confirmed that this will be corrected.

David Sedgwick proposed a vote of thanks to the Commission and the Council for their work over the past four years. This was gratefully accepted.

The meeting closed at 11.50am.

Werner Stubenvoll, Chairman

Nick Faulks, Secretary

2nd October 2018

7. Official FIDE Rating List

- 7.1 On the first day of each month, the QC shall prepare a list which incorporates the rated play during the rating period into the previous list. This shall be done using the rating system formula.
- 7.11 The rating period (for new players see 7.14) is the period where a certain rating list is valid.
- 7.12 The following data will be kept concerning each player whose rating is at least 1000 as of the current list:
FIDE title, Federation, Current **and previous** Ratings, ID Number, Number of games rated in the rating period, **Year** of Birth, Gender and the current **and previous** value of K for the player.
- 7.13 The closing date for tournaments for a list is 3 days before the date of the list; tournaments ending before or on that day may be rated on the list. Official FIDE events may be rated on the list even if they end on the last day before the list date.
- 7.14 A rating for a player new to the list shall be published only if it meets the following criteria:
- 7.14a If based on results obtained under 6.2, a minimum of 5 games.
- 7.14b If based on results obtained under 6.3, a minimum of 5 games played against rated opponents.
- 7.14c The condition of a minimum of 5 games need not be met in one tournament. Results from other tournaments played within consecutive rating periods of not more than 26 months are pooled to obtain the initial rating.
- 7.14d The rating is at least 1000.
- 7.14e The rating is calculated using all his results as if they were played in one tournament (it is not published until he has played at least 5 games) by using all the rating data available.
- 7.2 Players who are not to be included on the list:
- 7.21 Players whose ratings drop below 1000 are listed on the next list as 'delisted'. Thereafter they are treated in the same manner as any other unrated player.
- 7.22 Titled players who are unrated are published in a separate list concurrently with the list of rated players.
- 7.23 Inactive players are considered rated at their most recent published rating for purposes of rating and title results.
- 7.23a A player is considered to commence inactivity if he plays no rated games in a one year period.
- 7.23b A player regains his activity if he plays at least one rated game in a period and he is then listed on the next list.
- 7.3 **General Data Protection Regulation**
- 7.31 All the player data listed in art. 7.12, beside gender and current value of “K”, are necessary data for the survival of the system for calculating ratings and for the organisation of FIDE rated tournaments.
- 7.32 Following the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), valid inside the European Union since May 25, 2018, any natural person from whom FIDE publishes data on its website has the right to request that his data be rectified completed (Art. 16 GDPR) or data to be erased in whole or in part (Art. 17 GDPR).

- 7.33 If a person listed in the FIDE rating list requires the erasure of any necessary data (see art. 7.12), then it is no longer possible for them to participate in FIDE rated tournaments.
FIDE keeps the right to store erased data for internal use without making it publicly accessible.
- 7.34 If a player whose data had been erased in whole or in part, wants to participate again in FIDE rated tournaments within 5 years from the date of erasure, then his pre-erasure data will continue to be used.

TITLE APPLICATIONS

for approval by FIDE Congress, October 3 - 5, 2018 in Batumi, Georgia

GM Applications

no	name	fed	appr	comments
1	Tan, Justin	AUS	yes	
2	Kreisl, Robert	AUT	cond	rtg
3	Hovhannisyan, Mher	BEL	yes	
4	Panjwani, Raja	CAN	cond	rtg
5	Yang, Kaiqi	CAN	cond	rtg
6	Liu, Yan	CHN	yes	
7	Gallego Alcaraz, Andres Felipe	COL	yes	
8	Albornoz Cabrera, Carlos Daniel	CUB	no	Villahermoza turn. only 2 fed, no 1.43e
9	Quesada Perez, Luis Ernesto	CUB	yes	
10	Dimitrov, Radoslav	FID	yes	
11	Enchev, Ivajlo	FID	yes	
12	Erigaisi Arjun	IND	yes	
13	Karthik Venkataraman	IND	yes	
14	Nihal Sarin	IND	yes	
15	Basso, Pier Luigi	ITA	yes	
16	Shytaj, Luca	ITA	yes	
17	Abdumalik, Zhansaya	KAZ	cond	rtg
18	Van Foreest, Lucas	NED	yes	
19	Christiansen, Johan-Sebastian	NOR	yes	
20	Nasuta, Grzegorz	POL	yes	
21	Ferreira, Jorge Viterbo	POR	yes	
22	Iljiushenok, Ilia	RUS	yes	
23	Vavulin, Maksim	RUS	yes	
24	Kovacevic, Blazimir	CRO	yes	
25	Khamrakulov, Djurabek	UZB	yes	
26	Gascon Del Nogal, Jose Rafael	VEN	yes	

WGM Applications

no	name	fed	appr	comments
1	Heinemann, Josefine	GER	yes	
2	Vaishali R	IND	yes	

IM Applications

no	name	fed	appr	comments
1	Poghosyan, Suren	ARM	cond	rtg
2	Garayev, Kanan	AZE	yes	
3	De Schampheleire, Glen	BEL	cond	rtg
4	Xiang, Zeyu	CHN	yes	
5	Berdayes Ason, Dylan Isidro	CUB	yes	
6	Diaz Murgada, Rider	CUB	yes	
7	Fernandez De La Vara, Arnaldo	CUB	yes	
8	Hernandez Gonzalez, William	CUB	yes	
9	Svoboda, Svatopluk	CZE	yes	
10	Vykouk, Jan	CZE	yes	
11	Horton, Andrew P	ENG	yes	
12	McPhillips, Joseph	ENG	yes	
13	Lopez Mulet, Inigo	ESP	no	La Roda not valid, art.1.43e
14	Shishkov, Andrei	EST	yes	
15	Burri, Quentin	FRA	yes	
16	Kambrath, Yannick	FRA	yes	
17	Chkhaidze, Nikoloz	GEO	cond	rtg
18	Buckels, Valentin	GER	yes	
19	Kanakaris, Georgios	GRE	yes	
20	Kourkoulos-Arditis, Stamatis	GRE	yes	
21	Taher, Yoseph Theolifus	INA	yes	
22	Arjun Kalyan	IND	yes	
23	Bitan, Banerjee	IND	yes	
24	Gauri, Shankar	IND	cond	rtg
25	Harikrishnan.A.Ra	IND	cond	rtg
26	Kulkarni, Rakesh	IND	yes	
27	Muthaiah AL	IND	yes	
28	Raja Rithvik R	IND	yes	
29	Sai Krishna G V	IND	yes	
30	Soham Das	IND	yes	
31	Chan, Nicholas	MAS	cond	Malaysian op 2018 not rated
32	Villegas, Pierre	MNC	yes	
33	De Rover, Yong Hoon	NED	yes	
34	Hopman, Pieter	NED	yes	
35	Haldorsen, Benjamin	NOR	yes	
36	Sadovsky, Artem	RUS	yes	
37	Saveliev, Alexei	RUS	yes	
38	Smirnov, Alexander	RUS	yes	
39	Hrabusa, Matej	SVK	yes	
	Can, Isik	TUR	yes	
40	Buksa, Nataliya	UKR	yes	
41	Molchanov, Oleksii	UKR	cond	rtg
42	Omelja, Artem	UKR	yes	
43	Peng, Li Min	UKR	yes	
44	Yelisieiev, Yevhenii	UKR	yes	
45	Grabinsky, Aaron	USA	cond	rtg

46	Jacobson, Brandon	USA	yes	
47	Li, Ben	USA	cond	rtg and Southwest op not rated
48	Nieman, Hans M.	USA	yes	
49	Wang, Tiangi	USA	cond	rtg and Labor Day not rated
50	Nigmatov, Ortik	UZB	yes	
51	Brizuela Abreu, Ronald Jesus	VEN	no	Caracas is not valid, Rp too low

WIM Applications

No	name	fed	appr	comments
1	Goossens, Hanne	BEL	yes	
2	Salimova, Nurgyul	FID	yes	
3	Kanakova, Natalie	CZE	yes	
4	Antova, Gabriela	FID	cond	World Junior not rated
5	Juhasz, Barbara	HUN	yes	
6	Priyanka Nutakki	IND	yes	
7	Sapale Saloni	IND	yes	
8	Sliwicka, Alicja	POL	yes	



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