

World Cup 2017 Tbilisi, Georgia 2-28 September 2017



Chief Arbiter's Report

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Playing Venue

1. **Hualing Hotel Ballroom** – round 1-4 – big and comfortable, adequate conditions
2. **Hualing Hotel Rustaveli** – round 5-6 – smaller but also very good, adequate conditions
3. **Biltmor Hotel Amphitheatre** – round 7 (final) – prestigious, beautiful and very comfortable

System of play

Cup System Tournament, 6 round of matches consist of 2 games, with the winners progressing to the next round, plus final round consists of 4 games.

System of tie-breaks

Maximum 7 games together, four rapid games, two blitz games and one sudden-death game.

Rate of play

The rate of play of standard game is 90 min for 40 moves and 30 min for the rest of the game with 30 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.

The rate of play of the first two rapid games is 25 minutes for each player with 10 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.

The rate of play of the next two rapid games is 10 minutes for each player with 10 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.

The rate of play of the blitz games is 5 minutes for each player with 3 sec increment for every move played starting from the first move.

The rate of play of the sudden-death game is 5 minutes for white, 4 minutes for black and 3 sec increment for every move played, starting from 61th move by white.

Conditions of victory

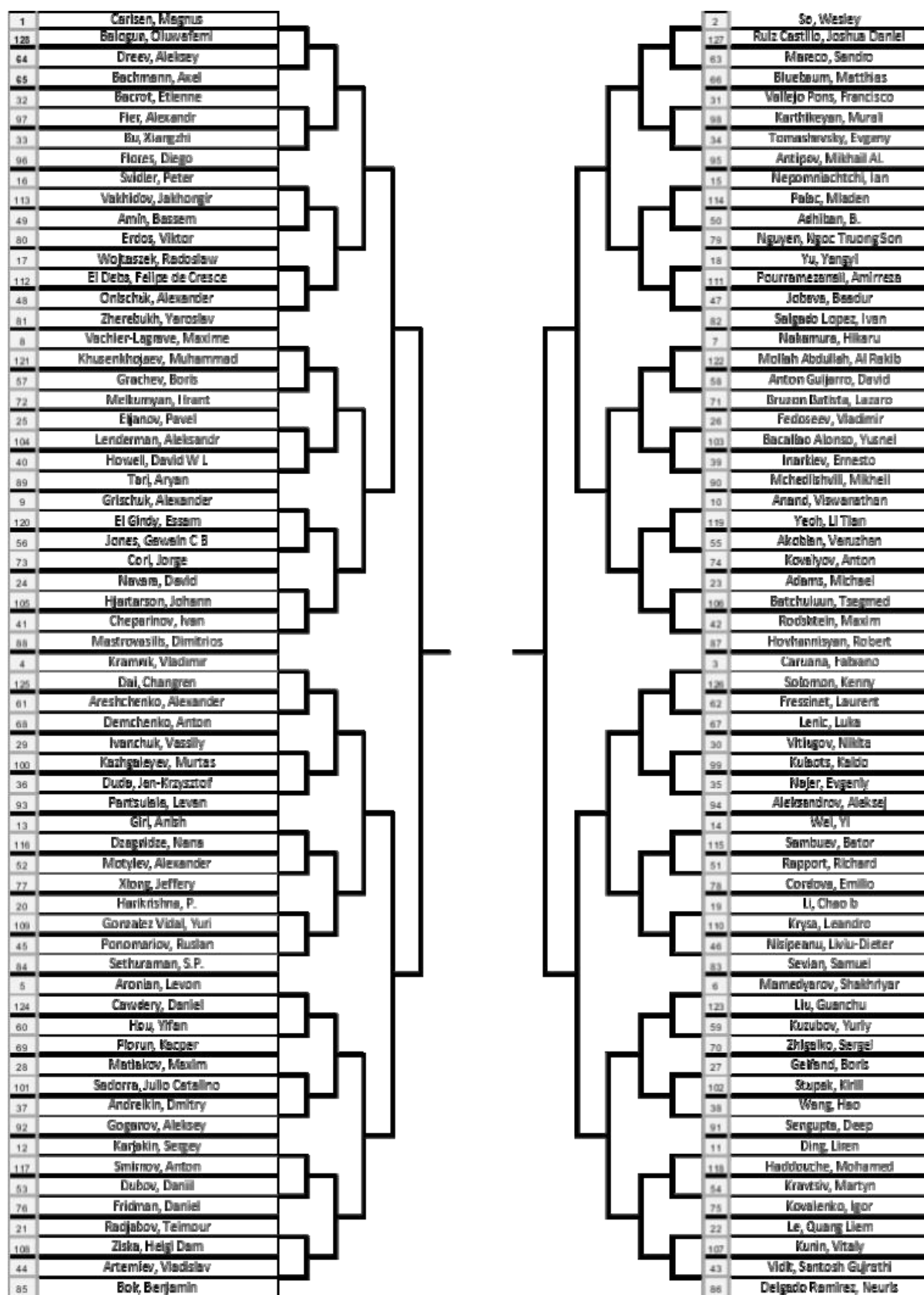
In the first 6 rounds the winner is a player who score 1,5 or more points, in the final round the winner is a player who score 2,5 or more points. On the tie-breaks the winner is a first player who score 1,5 or more points in two successive games. In case of draw in sudden-death game, the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

Default time

Default time for standard game is 15 minutes.

Default time for the tie-breaks is 5 minutes for rapid game and 2 minutes for blitz game.

Pairings Tree



Balogun Oluwafemi (NGR)	0	0						0
Round 1 Match 02								
Ruiz Castillo Joshua Dani (COL)	0	1/2						0.5
So Wesley (USA)	1	1/2						1.5
Round 1 Match 03								
Caruana Fabiano (USA)	1	1						2
Solomon Kenny (RSA)	0	0						0
Round 1 Match 04								
Dai Changren (CHN)	0	1/2						0.5
Kramnik Vladimir (RUS)	1	1/2						1.5
Round 1 Match 05								
Aronian Levon (ARM)	1	1						2
Cawdery Daniel (RSA)	0	0						0
Round 1 Match 06								
Liu Guanchu (CHN)	0	1/2						0.5
Mamedyarov Shakhriyar (AZE)	1	1/2						1.5
Round 1 Match 07								
Nakamura Hikaru (USA)	1	1						2
Mollah Abdullah Al Rakib (BAN)	0	0						0
Round 1 Match 08								
Khusenkhojaev Muhammad (TJK)	1/2	0						0.5
Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA)	1/2	1						1.5
Round 1 Match 09								
Grischuk Alexander (RUS)	1	1						2
El Gindy Essam (EGY)	0	0						0
Round 1 Match 10								
Yeoh Li Tian (MAS)	0	1/2						0.5
Anand Viswanathan (IND)	1	1/2						1.5
Round 1 Match 11								
Ding Liren (CHN)	1	1/2						1.5
Haddouche Mohamed (ALG)	0	1/2						0.5
Round 1 Match 12								
Smirnov Anton (AUS)	1/2	1/2	0	0				1
Karjakin Sergey (RUS)	1/2	1/2	1	1				3
Round 1 Match 13								
Giri Anish (NED)	1	1/2						1.5
Dzagnidze Nana (GEO)	0	1/2						0.5
Round 1 Match 14								
Sambuev Bator (CAN)	1	0	0	1/2				1.5
Wei Yi (CHN)	0	1	1	1/2				2.5
Round 1 Match 15								
Nepomniachtchi Ian (RUS)	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1		3.5
Palac Mladen (CRO)	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0		2.5
Round 1 Match 16								
Vakhidov Jakhongir (UZB)	0	0						0
Svidler Peter (RUS)	1	1						2
Round 1 Match 17								
Wojtaszek Radoslaw (POL)	1	1/2						1.5
El Debs Felipe de Cresce (BRA)	0	1/2						0.5
Round 1 Match 18								
Pourramezanali Amirreza (IRI)	1/2	1/2	0	0				1
Yu Yangyi (CHN)	1/2	1/2	1	1				3

Round 1 Match 19						
Li Chaob (CHN)	½	1				1.5
Krysa Leandro (ARG)	½	0				0.5
Round 1 Match 20						
Gonzalez Vidal Yuri (CUB)	1	0	½	½	½	0
Harikrishna P. (IND)	0	1	½	½	½	1
Round 1 Match 21						
Radjabov Teimour (AZE)	½	1				1.5
Ziska Helgi Dam (FAI)	½	0				0.5
Round 1 Match 22						
Kunin Vitaly (GER)	½	0				0.5
Le Quang Liem (VIE)	½	1				1.5
Round 1 Match 23						
Adams Michael (ENG)	½	½	1	½		2.5
Batchuluun Tsegmed (MGL)	½	½	0	½		1.5
Round 1 Match 24						
Hjartarson Johann (ISL)	0	0				0
Navara David (CZE)	1	1				2
Round 1 Match 25						
Eljanov Pavel (UKR)	0	0				0
Lenderman Aleksandr (USA)	1	1				2
Round 1 Match 26						
Bacallao Alonso Yusnel (CUB)	1	0	0	0		1
Fedoseev Vladimir (RUS)	0	1	1	1		3
Round 1 Match 27						
Gelfand Boris (ISR)	1	½				1.5
Stupak Kirill (BLR)	0	½				0.5
Round 1 Match 28						
Sadorra Julio Catalino (PHI)	0	½				0.5
Matlakov Maxim (RUS)	1	½				1.5
Round 1 Match 29						
Ivanchuk Vassily (UKR)	½	½	1	1		3
Kazhgaleyev Murtas (KAZ)	½	½	0	0		1
Round 1 Match 30						
Kulaots Kaido (EST)	½	0				0.5
Vitiugov Nikita (RUS)	½	1				1.5
Round 1 Match 31						
Vallejo Pons Francisco (ESP)	1	0	1	½		2.5
Karthikeyan Murali (IND)	0	1	0	½		1.5
Round 1 Match 32						
Fier Alexandr (BRA)	½	½	0	0		1
Bacrot Etienne (FRA)	½	½	1	1		3
Round 1 Match 33						
Bu Xiangzhi (CHN)	1	1				2
Flores Diego (ARG)	0	0				0
Round 1 Match 34						
Antipov Mikhail Al. (RUS)	½	½	0	½		1.5
Tomashevsky Evgeny (RUS)	½	½	1	½		2.5
Round 1 Match 35						
Najer Evgeniy (RUS)	1	½				1.5
Aleksandrov Aleksej (BLR)	0	½				0.5
Round 1 Match 36						

<u>Demchenko Anton (RUS)</u>	0	$\frac{1}{2}$								0.5
Round 2 Match 05										
<u>Hou Yifan (CHN)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0				2
Aronian Levon (ARM)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1				4
Round 2 Match 06										
<u>Mamedyarov Shakhriyar (AZE)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0						1
Kuzubov Yuriy (UKR)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1						3
Round 2 Match 07										
<u>Bruzon Batista Lazaro (CUB)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$						1.5
Nakamura Hikaru (USA)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$						2.5
Round 2 Match 08										
Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA)	1	$\frac{1}{2}$								1.5
<u>Grachev Boris (RUS)</u>	0	$\frac{1}{2}$								0.5
Round 2 Match 09										
<u>Cori Jorge (PER)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0						1.5
Grischuk Alexander (RUS)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1						2.5
Round 2 Match 10										
<u>Anand Viswanathan (IND)</u>	0	$\frac{1}{2}$								0.5
Kovalyov Anton (CAN)	1	$\frac{1}{2}$								1.5
Round 2 Match 11										
<u>Kravtsiv Martyn (UKR)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$						1.5
Ding Liren (CHN)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$						2.5
Round 2 Match 12										
<u>Karjakin Sergey (RUS)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	0								0.5
Dubov Daniil (RUS)	$\frac{1}{2}$	1								1.5
Round 2 Match 13										
<u>Motylev Alexander (RUS)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0				2
Giri Anish (NED)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1				4
Round 2 Match 14										
<u>Wei Yi (CHN)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$						1.5
Rapport Richard (HUN)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$						2.5
Round 2 Match 15										
<u>Adhiban B. (IND)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0						1.5
Nepomniachtchi Ian (RUS)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1						2.5
Round 2 Match 16										
Svidler Peter (RUS)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$						2.5
<u>Erdos Viktor (HUN)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$						1.5
Round 2 Match 17										
Onischuk Alexander (USA)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1						2.5
<u>Wojtaszek Radoslaw (POL)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0						1.5
Round 2 Match 18										
<u>Yu Yangyi (CHN)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0				2
Jobava Baadur (GEO)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1				4
Round 2 Match 19										
<u>Sevian Samuel (USA)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0						1.5
Li Chaob (CHN)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1						2.5
Round 2 Match 20										
<u>Harikrishna P. (IND)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0						1.5
Sethuraman S.P. (IND)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1						2.5
Round 2 Match 21										
Artemiev Vladislav (RUS)	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	0	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$		4.5
<u>Radjabov Teimour (AZE)</u>	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		3.5

Round 3 Match 05									
Aronian Levon (ARM)	1	0	½	½	1	0	1	½	4.5
Matlakov Maxim (RUS)	0	1	½	½	0	1	0	½	3.5
Round 3 Match 06									
Wang Hao (CHN)	½	1							1.5
Kuzubov Yuriy (UKR)	½	0							0.5
Round 3 Match 07									
Nakamura Hikaru (USA)	½	0							0.5
Fedoseev Vladimir (RUS)	½	1							1.5
Round 3 Match 08									
Lenderman Aleksandr (USA)	½	½	0	½					1.5
Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA)	½	½	1	½					2.5
Round 3 Match 09									
Grischuk Alexander (RUS)	½	½	½	½	½	1			3.5
Navara David (CZE)	½	½	½	½	½	0			2.5
Round 3 Match 10									
Rodshtein Maxim (ISR)	+	+							2
Kovalyov Anton (CAN)	-	-							0
Round 3 Match 11									
Ding Liren (CHN)	½	½	½	1					2.5
Vidit Santosh Gujrathi (IND)	½	½	½	0					1.5
Round 3 Match 12									
Artemiev Vladislav (RUS)	½	0							0.5
Dubov Daniil (RUS)	½	1							1.5
Round 3 Match 13									
Giri Anish (NED)	½	½	1	0	1	1			4
Sethuraman S.P. (IND)	½	½	0	1	0	0			2
Round 3 Match 14									
Li Chao b (CHN)	½	½	0	½					1.5
RapportRichard(HUN)	½	½	1	½					2.5
Round 3 Match 15									
Nepomniachtchi Ian (RUS)	½	½	½	0					1.5
Jobava Baadur (GEO)	½	½	½	1					2.5
Round 3 Match 16									
Onischuk Alexander (USA)	½	0							0.5
Svidler Peter (RUS)	½	1							1.5

Results - Round 4

Name	G1	G2	R1	R2	r3	r4	B1	B2	SD	Tot
Round 4 Match 01										
Svidler Peter (RUS)	½	½	1	1						3
Bu Xiangzhi (CHN)	½	½	0	0						1
Round 4 Match 02										
So Wesley (USA)	½	½	1	½						2.5
Jobava Baadur (GEO)	½	½	0	½						1.5
Round 4 Match 03										
RapportRichard(HUN)	½	½	½	1						2.5
Najer Evgeniy (RUS)	½	½	½	0						1.5

Round 4 Match 04									
<u>Ivanchuk Vassily (UKR)</u>	1	½							1.5
<u>Giri Anish (NED)</u>	0	½							0.5
Round 4 Match 05									
<u>Dubov Daniil (RUS)</u>	½	0							0.5
<u>Aronian Levon (ARM)</u>	½	1							1.5
Round 4 Match 06									
<u>Wang Hao (CHN)</u>	½	0							0.5
<u>Ding Liren (CHN)</u>	½	1							1.5
Round 4 Match 07									
<u>Rodshtein Maxim (ISR)</u>	0	1	0	0					1
<u>Fedoseev Vladimir (RUS)</u>	1	0	1	1					3
Round 4 Match 08									
<u>Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA)</u>	½	½	½	½	1	½			3.5
<u>Grischuk Alexander (RUS)</u>	½	½	½	½	0	½			2.5

Results - Round 5

Name	G1	G2	R1	R2	r3	r4	B1	B2	SD	Tot
Round 5 Match 01										
<u>Svidler Peter (RUS)</u>	½	½	½	0						1.5
<u>Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA)</u>	½	½	½	1						2.5
Round 5 Match 02										
<u>Fedoseev Vladimir (RUS)</u>	½	0								0.5
<u>So Wesley (USA)</u>	½	1								1.5
Round 5 Match 03										
<u>Rapport Richard (HUN)</u>	½	0								0.5
<u>Ding Liren (CHN)</u>	½	1								1.5
Round 5 Match 04										
<u>Aronian Levon (ARM)</u>	1	½								1.5
<u>Ivanchuk Vassily (UKR)</u>	0	½								0.5

Results - Round 6

Name	G1	G2	R1	R2	r3	r4	B1	B2	SD	Tot
Semifinal Match 01										
<u>Aronian Levon (ARM)</u>	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	1	5
<u>Vachier-Lagrave Maxime (FRA)</u>	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	0	4
Semifinal Match 02										
<u>So Wesley (USA)</u>	½	½	½	½	0	½				2.5
<u>Ding Liren (CHN)</u>	½	½	½	½	1	½				3.5

Results - Round 7

Name	G1	G2	G3	G4	R1	R2	r3	r4	B1	B2	SD	Tot
Final												
<u>Aronian Levon (ARM)</u>	½	½	½	½	1	1						4
<u>Ding Liren (CHN)</u>	½	½	½	½	0	0						2

On-line transmission and commentary

All games were played on the electronic boards and transmitted on the Internet through the official website of the event, together with video stream and commentary.

Arbiters' work

All arbiters performed their duties relatively good and **there was not any appeal against decision of any arbiter, including Chief Arbiter**. However, before the third round of the tournament there was an incident of violation of the dress-code regulations by GM Anton Kovalyov. He came to the playing hall about ten minutes before the round and this was the first time when I realized that he was wearing shorts, so I politely asked him if it is possible he change his outfit before the game. He told me that it was not possible, because he only had one pair of shorts. He told me also he played this same short during previous World Cup 2015 in Baku, and nobody from arbiters or organisers had any objection and then, he asked me if I am sure with which colour he is playing his game. I was really surprised, because for me mixing the colours was a bigger problem than his shorts, so I went to the computer to check if everything regarding pairing and colours was correct. I checked, pairing was correct, and on my way back I saw Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili talking to Anton Kovalyov. So I did not make the final judgement regarding the dress code situation. I would like to say that my intention was not to forbid Mr. Kovalyov to play the game, but from the other hand Mr. Kovalyov wasn't open for some kind cooperation regarding his outfit. He could say for example, that for tomorrow he will buy new outfit and I would accept it. I did not hear well all conversation between Mr. Azmaiparashvili and Mr. Kovalyov, but I heard that Mr. Azmaiparashvili had told Mr. Kovalyov, that because of this incident he will be penalised by FIDE.

After talking to Mr. Zurab Azaiparashvili, Mr. Kovalyov went out and did not come back for the game. When he went out from the playing hall, I was expecting him in the playing hall in the next 25 minutes. He didn't come, but even after this incident I thought that he would play the next game, because for him it was still possible to start fighting in the second game. **Mr. Kovalyov did not notified me about leaving the tournament.**

After the incident I was told that Mr. Kovalyov played it this same shorts also in the first and second round of the World Cup 2017. If someone, for example arbiter supervising his game in the round one and two (IA Anastasia Sorokina or IA Anatoly Bykhovsky), or any other person had told me about this, of course I would have reacted earlier. Although in the regulation it is not clear, who is directly responsible for the enforcement of the dress-code by players, organisers or arbiters, as a Chief Arbiter I take full responsibility for arbiters' work.

I would like to mention, that Mr. Kovalyov was not only one player, who was asked by arbiters or organisers to follow dress-code regulation. Before the final there was a talk with GM Ding Liren about his national sport jacket. Although in the regulation is not clear that sport national jacket is forbidden, GM Ding Liren was ready for cooperation and has changed this jacket, and also apologised during the closing for any problem regarding his outfit.

For the future, I recommend to FIDE to describe more precisely matter of responsibility for the dress-code.

Anti-cheating

Apart of security measures (gates, hand-held metal detectors and wireless detectors), the games were screened every day by prof. Kenneth Regan using PGN Screening Tool. No any incident of cheating was reported.

Accommodation

All participants (players, officials, etc.) lived in the Hualing hotel and then in Biltmore hotel. The conditions provided by the hotels were very good, offering good food and very good services and facilities.

Closing Ceremony

Closing Ceremony took place according to the schedule in a beautiful amphitheatre in Blitmore hotel and was attended by a lot of media representative.

Recommendation for the future

1. I recommend to FIDE to keep for the next World Cup adopted in Tbilisi tie-break schedule.
2. I recommend to FIDE to describe more precisely matter of responsibility for the dress-code.

Conclusion

The World Cup 2017, held in Tbilisi, Georgia, was organized at the highest level. I would like to congratulate all persons involved in organisation, and especially to the team leader Mr. Zurab Azmaiparashvili. I'm sure that 2018 Chess Olympiad in Batumi, Georgia will be also a great success. I would like to thank Mr. Georgios Makropoulos for my nomination as a Chief Arbiter. It was for me great pleasure to fulfil this honourable and responsible function.

Chief Arbiter
of the World Cup 2017

IA Tomasz Delega