

Chief Arbiter's Report for the 1st FIDE World Junior U20 Chess Championship for the Disabled

Kissimmee, Florida USA June 22-29, 2017

Organized by Chess Educators and IO Beatriz Marinello, under the aegis of FIDE and in co-operation with the FIDE DIS Commission and the US Chess Federation

Schedule

Thursday, June 22, 2017		Arrival
	2-4 pm	Training Volunteers
	5-7 pm	Staff and Arbiters meeting
Friday, June 23, 2017	3:00 PM	Technical Meeting
	4:00 PM	Opening Ceremony
	5:00 PM	Round 1
Saturday, June 24, 2017	10:00 AM	Round 2
Sunday, June 25, 2017	10:00 AM	Round 3
	5:00 PM	Round 4
Monday, June 26, 2017	10:00 AM	Round 5
Tuesday, June 27, 2017	10:00 AM	Round 6
Wednesday, June 28, 2017	10:00 AM	Round 7
	5:00 PM	Closing Ceremony
Thursday, June 29, 2017		Departure

Course of Play

a) Event venue: The playing venue was the Park Inn Resort and Conference Center Orlando by Radisson, Kissimmee, FL USA. The hotel is located approximately 30 minutes from the Orlando International Airport. GM Thomas Luther, Chairman of the FIDE Commission for the Disabled, served as the FIDE representative for the inspection of the playing venue prior to the organizer receiving the bid. The venue received a score of 98 of a possible 100 on the official FIDE checklist of requirements used for awarding bids for official FIDE events.

b) Transportation: The Organizer arranged to have a minivan for transporting families from June 21 to June 30. The minivan was designed to transport individuals with wheelchairs, including an electrically-operated ramp, wider doors, spacious aisles, and waist high luggage racks designed to make traveling easier and more comfortable.

c) System of play: The competition was scheduled to be a 7-round Swiss tournament. **Due to low attendance, the Organizer in consultation with the Chief Arbiter received approval from the**

FIDE Qualifications Commission to change the System of play to an 8 player Round Robin.

Approval was also given to have the drawing of lots in conjunction with the opening ceremony.

d) Rate of play: 90 min/40 moves + 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1.

e) Default time: The default time for this event was 30 minutes. With the approval of the Chief Arbiter this period could be extended. **No players lost by default.**

f) Playing equipment: All playing equipment was FIDE approved and provided by the organizer. All clocks, boards and sets were identical with exclusion of equipment used by player who was blind. This player was allowed use a special chess clock as well as special a board and pieces designed for blind players.

g) Ratings used pairing system used: FIDE ratings listed in the June supplement were used for this event along with SwisSystem pairing software. **Two players were assigned FIDE identification numbers by the U S Chess rating officer. Four players were assigned US Chess identification numbers by US Chess.**

h) Appeals Committee: GM Thomas Luther of Germany agreed to be the chairman of the committee. **There were no appeals.**

i) Assistants: Aida Cancio, Bruno, Burbach, Dora Martinez, Basur Shankar Jagadish Rao, Julius Ssali, and IO Beatriz Marinello.

j) Rules and Regulations: The rules and regulations in the 2016 Arbiter's Manual were applied in conjunction with the "Guidelines on Treatment of Disabled Chess Players" from D. 04. Other FIDE Competitions 12. and "Supplement to the FIDE Rules of Play" from E.02. Handicapped Players. Rule 11.3.b of 2016 Arbiter's Manual regarding electronic devices was implemented. Anti-Cheating Guidelines were reviewed. **The Chief Arbiter chose the following course of action. At least one assistant was assigned to each the four boards every round. No players were allowed to leave the playing area or playing venue without an assistant assigned to them. Two penalties were given and no players, parents or spectators were discovered cheating.**

k) Tie-break

- 1) Direct encounter (if all the tied players have played each other).
- 2) The greater number of wins.
- 3) The greater number of games with Black (unplayed games count as played with White).
- 4) Buchholz Cut 1

l) Posted documents:

- a) Schedule
- b) Rate of play, Default time, System of play
- c) Specific rules for disabled chess players (listed above under j)

- d) Rule 11.3.b of 2016 Arbiter's Manual regarding electronic devices
- e) Titles awarded
- f) Tie-break
- g) Location of restroom

m) Officials: Chief Organizer, IO Beatriz Marinello; Chief Arbiter, IA Bill Broich; Deputy Chief Arbiter, Martha Underwood; Arbiter, Stephen F. Lampkin; FIDE Representative, GM Thomas Luther, Chairman for the FIDE Commission for the Disabled.

Awards

The 1st FIDE World Junior Chess Champion for Disabled title was awarded to:
Raphael Johannes Zimmer of Germany

The 1st FIDE World Junior Chess Champion for Disabled – Top Blind player was awarded to:
WIM Natasha Morales of Puerto Rico

FIDE World Junior Chess Champion for Disabled – Top Deaf player: **No participants were deaf**

The 1st FIDE World Junior Chess Champion for Disabled – Physically Disabled player was awarded to:
Samarth Jagadish Rao of India

Final Standings

1.	Raphael Johannes Zimmer	Germany	7
2.	Samarth Jagadish Rao	India	6
3.	Griffin McConnell	USA	5
4.	WIM Natasha Morales	Puerto Rica	4
5.	Jesus Adrian Barrios Chamorro	Paraguay	3
6.	Wasswa Sharif Mbaziira	Uganda	2
7.	Paul Tortajada	USA	1
8.	Dorian-Dumitru Draghici	Belguim	0

Seven Countries were Represented: Belgium, Germany, India, Paraguay, Puerto Rica, Uganda, and USA.

Respectfully,



IA William Broich, Chief Arbiter

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