

74th FIDE Congress
Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee
29 October 2003
Report

Chairman: Mr. Geurt Gijssen (NED)

Present: S. Reuben (ENG), L. Costa (POR), A. Santos (ECU), G. Cesar (DOM), Abd Hamid Majid (MAS), B. Malobabic (CAN), P. Drepaniotis (GRE), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), V. Dvorkovich (RUS), I. Vereschagin (RUS), F. Campomanes (Honorary President), F. Jeitz (LUX), A. Vasse (NED), T. Delega (POL), R. Barrera (ARG), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), G. Walsh (ENG), E. Eletsky (RUS), L. Bellhouse (BAR), M. Markkula (FIN), E. Price (RSA), C. Keles (TUR), N. Short (ENG), A. Nihat Yazici (TUR), D. De Ridder (BEL), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), C. Krause (GER), W. Arns (NED), H. Hamers (NED), R. Tanner (USA), W. Kelleher (USA), C. Pilalis (GRE), G. Anaya (CUB), G. Qaderi (AFG), M.S. Yousoufzai (AFG).

1. G. Gijssen welcomed the Committee and gave the floor to Florencio Campomanes who said the meeting was in good hands.
2. Nigel Short was then given the floor. An extensive discussion took place about the principal of re-pairing in Swiss Tournaments. The Meeting agreed that after one hour this was not acceptable.
3. Membership of the committee. The Chairman said that membership is open to all. There is a principal of one member per federation. However, the Chairman was a separate appointee. Anybody is allowed to attend and speak.
4. Mrs Brana Malobabic (Canada) demonstrated an electronic device, which in her opinion saves some time, when players shall use it instead of a score sheet. The Committee made some comments and expressed its enthusiasm for each development in chess which might be for the benefit of the game.
5. Revision of the Laws of Chess and separately the Tournament Regulations. After a vote, it was agreed that the laws will be revised every four years, 2004, 2008... The Tournament Regulations would be revised 2006, 2010...
6. Mobile phones after extensive discussions again, it was agreed:
If a player's mobile phone rings in the playing venue, then this player shall lose the game. The arbiter shall ensure that all the players are informed in advance of this rule.
7. The Laws of Chess were distributed, including new proposals. Proposals and discussions will be distributed via Geurt Gijssen as in 2000. E-mail: geurt.gijssen@net.hcc.nl.
8. Time controls. It was recommended that players be circulated with a questionnaire about rates of play.
9. There were proposals that regulations concerning the events no longer under FIDE, should be removed from the Handbook. Also, it was mentioned that the regulations are often out of date. There was no discussion about it.
10. The Chess Organisers Handbook hopefully will appear in the third edition in 2005. Anybody who has any input should contact StewartReuben@aol.com.
11. Mr. Pahlevanzdeh (Iran) proposes to create a website (with a link to the FIDE website) containing the updated version of the FIDE Handbook.
12. The Chairman thanked the Committee for their help.

Geurt Gijssen, Chairman
Stewart Reuben, Secretary

