

74th FIDE Congress
Swiss Pairings Committee
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Report

Chairman: C. Krause (GER)

Present: P. Drepaniotis (GRE), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), Abd Hamid Majid (MAS), P. Domingue (SEY), L. Costa (POR), M. Abdulrahim (UAE), G. Qaderi (AFG), MS Yousoufzai (AFG), E. Price (RSA), F. Pedrazzini (ITA), Y. K. Areti (BAR), G. Anaya (CUB), L. Bellhouse (BAR), S. Reuben (ENG), M. Markkula (FIN), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), G. Gijssen (NED), C. Keles (TUR), D. De Ridder (BEL), R. Barrera (ARG), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), V. Dvorkovich (RUS).

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Minutes of the Meeting of the **Swiss Pairing Committee**
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1. Endorsement of submitted programs.

There were no programs submitted.

2. Initial ranking of players

The proposal to rank the players of FIDE rated swiss tournaments for the seeding numbers according to their national rankings instead of FIDE ratings prior to national rankings was unanimously rejected.

Therefore the initial ranking of the players for the seeding numbers should be at first due to their FIDE ratings and then for FIDE unrated players due to national ratings.

3. Olympia pairing

To meet the aim of easier understanding of the pairing algorithm and the pairings of the Chess Olympiad the committee after discussion of advantages and disadvantages of several variations of the Olympia Pairing Algorithm unanimously agreed to a change as follows:

Instead of the so called "extended Buchholz " the teams of a score group (equal game points) shall be ranked due to their normal Buchholz. The floater(s) from upper score group(s) shall be ranked just above the teams having the same Buchholz. The floater(s) from lower score group(s) shall be ranked just below the teams having the same Buchholz.

4. Use of acceleration methods for swiss pairing.

The Committee accepted unanimously that acceleration methods for swiss pairing will be acceptable if they were announced in advance by the organizer.

5. Renewal of Program Endorsements

The up to now used unlimited endorsement of Swiss Pairing Programs has the disadvantage that FIDE has no influence to get programmers to implement changes of FIDE rules into their programs.

Therefore the Committee agreed unanimously to the proposal that all programmers are called to renew the endorsement of their programs in 2004 and any of these new endorsements shall be valid for 4 years.

For endorsement 3 copies of a program shall be delivered to the chairman of the Swiss Pairing Committee who will distribute the copies to Committee members for examination.

6. Awarding points to players having a bye.

The proposal to award 1/2 point to Players having the bye instead of a full point was unanimously rejected.

7. Crouch Pairing System

The Committee considered the Crouch Pairing System. They found it extremely original and interesting. However, they felt it would never be applied widely, and thus would have limited value.

8. General rules for swiss system tournaments

The Committee agreed that besides the given rules of different Swiss Systems a set of general rules valid for every Swiss System tournament shall be specified and listed. Some of this rules are mentioned in the description of the Dutch Swiss System (e.g.: in principle never change a published pairing; players who are absent for a round without notifying the arbiter will be considered to have withdrawn). These rules will be a part of the tournament rules.

9. Proposals of Mr.Leong

Mr.Leong asked for rules for handling the closing dates of registration and timely arrival of Players at a swiss tournament. These rules will be included in the set of general rules (see point 8.)

The proposal of Mr.Leong to use all FIDE rated players less the lowset rated player of an Olympiad team for calculation of the team's rating was not agreed by the Committee in view of the lowering of the rating floor.

Christian Krause (Chairman)

