

78TH FIDE CONGRESS 2007
Antalya, Turkey

Arbiters' Council Meeting
11 November 2007
15.00-17.00

Attendance sheet

Chairman: P. Nikolopoulos (GRE)

Present:

M. Markkula (FIN), A. Filipowicz (POL), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), A. Vardapetian (ARM), M. Shadarevian (QAT), R. Alt (GER), V. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), L. Mazouz (GER), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), D. Jarrett (ENG), T. Tikkanen (SWE), N. Faulks (BER), N. Freeman (BER), E. Price (RSA), S. Reuben (ENG), U. Blanco (VEN), C. Abundo (PHI), G. Oganessian (ARM), P. Dawson (BAR), O. Solakoglou (TUR), A. Herbert (BAR), I. Leong (SIN)

Absent with apologies: Sedgwick, Dapiran, Mahdi

1. New structure of FIDE Commissions and Committees (proposal of FIDE General Secretary Ignatius Leong and FIDE Auditor Lakhdar Mazouz)

In this proposal the Arbiters' Council becomes Arbiters' Commission independent from any other commission.

Mr. Reuben indicates that nearly the same people are member of the current Arbiters' Council and Rules Committee and therefore share the same interest. It might therefore be interesting to combine both committees in one commission to achieve a more logic structure. Mr. Vereshchagin does believe there are still a number of different issues and doesn't want a merging.

Mr. Filipowicz asks if the Arbiters' Commission should deal with possible punishments of Arbiters. Mr. De Ridder informs that the FIDE Ethics Commission is asking for a better cooperation with the Commissions. Mr. Stubenvoll is of the opinion that the Ethics Commission should decide on punishments, and is seconded by others.

Mr. Reuben believes that the Arbiters Commission should deal with the competence of the arbiters.

2. Amendments on the regulations for the titles of IA and FA.

Article 3.10: All norms for the IA title must be from different events and from more recent dates than the norms used for the FA title; the IA title can only be applied for after the FA title is awarded.

Article 4.7: Being chief or deputy arbiter in official World and Continental Rapid Championships shall be equivalent to one FA norm. No more than one such norm will be considered for the title.

Article 4.8: Attending in at least one FIDE Arbiters' Seminar and successful pass (over 80 %) in an examination test set by the Arbiters' Council, shall be equivalent to one FA norm. No more than one such norm will be considered for the title.

The Council proposes to apply this article retro-active. A seminar should not lead to the direct title but should be restricted to a norm.

Mr. Reuben proposes that FIDE should award bursaries for candidates to achieve FA norms.

Mr. Stubenvoll announces that ECU will start with Arbiter seminars in Europe in Berlin in 2008. He supports the idea that the FA title can only be achieved from one seminar and three tournaments.

Mr. Vardepatian indicates that an arbiter should gain experience.

Mr. De Ridder indicates that the FA title was introduced for two main reasons: one to bypass a possible language problem and secondly to be sure to have experienced arbiters at the top level FIDE and Continental Championships.

Mr. Reuben proposes to award a diploma to attendees of a FA Seminar. This diploma shall be equivalent to one FA norm.

Mr. Markkula points out that currently the title of FA/IA is awarded for life, in contrast of other sports. Therefore Mr. Abundo proposes a system of licenses awarded for a restricted period.

Mr. Reuben proposes that a FA/IA should have an international rating preferably with a certain minimum.

Article 4.9: Applicants from federations which are unable to organize any tournaments valid for titles or rating, may be awarded the title on passing an examination test set by the Arbiters' Council.

Article 4.4: Experience as chief or deputy arbiter in at least three (3) FIDE rated events (national or international) and attendance of at least one FIDE Arbiters' Seminar and successful pass (over 80%) in an examination test set by the Arbiters' Council.

3. Arbiters' Seminars Reports

Seminars were organized in Singapore (Stubenvoll), Halkidiki (Nikolopoulos), Sudan (Mahdi), Namibia (Stubenvoll) and Sochi (Vardepatian).

According to article 4.7 the attendees who successfully passed the exam the title of FA is awarded (two from Halkidiki, seven from Namibia, five from Singapore). The other participants at the seminars were awarded a FA norm (three from Halkidiki, three from Singapore, twelve from Sochi).

4. Qualification of the Arbiters

Mr. Nikolopoulos explains his proposal which is based on a request by the Presidential Board.

Mr. Mazouz believes that in the future arbiters for FIDE events should be appointed based on qualifications. In several federations (e.g. Poland, Armenia)

seminars are organized every year or every two years at which all arbiters should pass an exam after which it is decided to which category an arbiter belongs.

Mr. Abundo proposes a kind of license system.

A subcommittee is composed of Mrs. Nikolopoulos, De Ridder and Stubenvoll.

Mr. Allen proposes that the Continental Presidents of Asia, Africa and America will propose an expert for this subcommittee. Mr. Herbert proposes to add also a female arbiter in order to have a better gender distribution.

5. IA and FA title applications

The list is added. To the list of FA applications in the Agenda the following names are added: Bailleul Geert and Cornet Luc (sent by email to Elista on September 12). To the list of FA applications not in the Agenda the following names is added: Steenkamp Elise.

6. Other cases

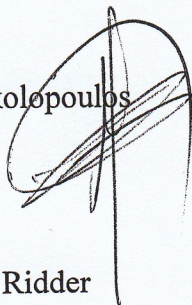
Mr. Abundo proposes to add Mr. Filipowicz to the list of Lecturers for Arbiters' Seminars.

Mr. De Ridder gives the latest news regarding the Moroccan Arbiters case which was forwarded to the Ethics Commission: the federation officials and arbiters involved were severely punished. It occurs now to be a case pending with TAS in Lausanne. According to Mrs. Alt & Reuben the Arbiters' Council can already start to verify all Moroccan IA/FA applications from the period 2001-2006 as requested by the Ethics Commission. A subcommittee will be composed to review these applications, among which Mrs. Markkula, Sedgwick.

Mr. Reuben insists that the Ethics Commission is acknowledged for the work they did last summer in all cases in general and in the Moroccan in particular.

Mr. De Ridder requests that the FRS offers federations the possibility to change the data (e.g. birth dates) of their IA/FA arbiters. He also asks that the federations would have the possibility to update the list of tournaments for their IA/FA arbiters on the FIDE website, preferably using the FRS.

Chairman: P. Nikolopoulos



Secretary: D. De Ridder

