

78TH FIDE CONGRESS 2007
Antalya, Turkey

Titles and Ratings Committee

11 November 2007

09.00 -13.00

Attendance sheet

Chairman: D. De Ridder (BEL)

Present:

M. Markkula (FIN), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), A. Filipowicz (POL), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), A. Vardapetian (ARM), M. Shadarevian (QAT), R. Alt (GER), N. Ulyumdzhieva (RUS), V. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), L. Mazouz (GER), I. Vereschagin (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)

1. Opening

Chairman Dirk De Ridder welcomed the members of the committee and the observers.

2. Proposal on the restructure of FIDE Committees and Commissions

The chairman informed about the proposal forwarded by Ignatius Leong. Following these ideas the Titles and Rating Committee will no longer exist and will be together with the Qualification Commission. The minimum number of members should be a chairman, a secretary and five members. The main idea is to have smaller commissions doing the work in advance.

Nigel Freeman informed that there will be some budget to overtake expenses of these working groups.

3. One year FIDE Rating Server

Casto Abundo was asked to give a report on the work of FIDE Rating Server. The national Rating Officers have got a password and are able to upload the rating data in a specified format directly, to give ID numbers and to make corrections on personal players data.

Dirk De Ridder pointed out that in many cases mails sent to Elista office are not answered. There should be a time limit to answer any inquiry. Therefore it should not be accepted that players contact directly Elista, they should pass through their national federation or their national Rating Officer.

In the meantime the federations mostly are using the server and know how to put the tournament data in the necessary format.

On FIDE website there should be an updated list of all national Rating Officers. The national Rating Officers can contact each other to ask for ID-numbers for new players, so that these ID's can be put into the tournament data file before submitting it to FRS.

The national Rating Officers have to check their players list and to enter necessary corrections. Especially double (or even multiple) FIDE ID's should be deleted. National federations should prepare a list of double ID's – preferably before January 1, 2008 – and send this list to Elista office.

Dirk De Ridder proposed to prepare together with Mr. Abundo a small manual for working with FIDE Rating Server and send it to the national Rating Officers.

4. News about the Titles and Rating Forum

In Turin it was proposed to create an open forum to discuss rating and title questions with some experts. Players, arbiters and committee members should be allowed to attend this meeting. Nigel Freeman is still in favor of such a meeting and he proposed to prepare some budget for expenses for 2008.

5. Letter from German Chess Federation

The German Chess Federations protested against the proposal by FIDE to charge a penalty fee in case tournament data are uploaded later than 30 days after a tournament was finished. In some cases these period is too short. Many federations are invoiced these penalties, but they do not know which tournaments were late.

David Jarrett informed that there was information given on FIDE website concerning these items. Still a lot of federations ask for a better and more individual communication.

It was proposed to go back to a 60 days period: 9 votes in favour and 1 against.

6. Preparation of changes to the titles and rating rules

The chairman informed about a meeting of Mikko Markkula, Werner Stubenvoll and himself two weeks ago concerning some proposals for changing title and rating rules. Mainly these items will be discussed in the meeting of Qualification Commission. There will be a meeting of a small committee to prepare all these items for QC meeting.

The idea of giving the CM title to the winners of World School Championship was forwarded to FIDE, but it was never accepted.

7. ACP letter regarding GM and IM titles

The chairman informed about the idea of ACP to raise the necessary performance for GM and IM title norms and in the same way the minimum rating of a candidate by 50

points. The committee mainly had another opinion, but this case will be finally discussed in QC meeting.

8. Title applications

The title applications have been discussed in a working group in advance.

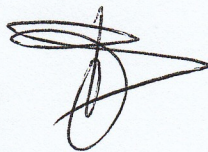
Ashot Vardapetian pointed out that one norm of Chao Li from China was fulfilled without an International Arbiter. But the norm certificate was officially signed by the Armenian federation. It was discussed, if the rule that an IA has to conduct or supervise a title tournament. The application is put on hold and has to be rediscussed in QC.

9. Miscellaneous

Viron Tsorbatzoglou proposed to have a second rating list for rapid games. chairman requests that in the coming year the corrections of FIDE ratings should have priority, but the proposal should be included in the agenda for 2008 congress.

Mikko Markkula gave a short information about the protest against some tournament result of Vladimir Afromeev. The increase of his rating is mostly based on the 350 point rule. There is no evidence that any cheating happened.

Chairman: Dirk De Ridder



Secretary: Werner Stubenvoll

