

**78<sup>TH</sup> FIDE CONGRESS 2007**  
**Antalya, Turkey**

**Technical Commission**  
**13 November 2007**  
**11.00 -13.00**

**Chairman: A. Filipowicz (POL)**

Present: A. Burstein (ISR), D. De Ridder (BEL), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), B. Kelleher (USA), D. Jordan (GER), T. Tikkanen (SWE), R. Alt (GER), M. Markkula (FIN), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), V. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), A. Vasse (NED)

**Opening**

Chairman Dr. Filipowicz welcomed all members of the commission and observers.

**2. Information about Rules Committee meeting**

Dr. Filipowicz replacing Mr. Gijssen as chairman reported about the committee meeting which was held in a good spirit.

**3. Information about Swiss Pairing Committee meeting**

Mr. Miko Markula replacing Mr. Christian Krause as chairman reported the decisions of the committee meeting.

**4. Proposals of Mr. Almog Burstein and Mr. Werner Stubenvoll**

The proposals regarding changes to the Olympiad Pairing Rules concerning the new system of qualification - using match points (11 rounds, 4 boards + 1 reserve etc.) were referred to the decision of the Executive Board.

**5. Problem of "Blockading chess cheaters" using computers during games**

Commission chairman informed the members of two incidents happened last months in Poland. The Federation discussed the matter the following ideas were considered based on the article in "Chess Life", just to avoid degradation of competitive chess:

- players may not use headphones, earphones, cell phones or hearing aids,
- players may not leave the tournament floor without permission,
- a player who refuses an official request to be searched for banned devices, will be ejected from the tournament with no refund of entry fee,
- instead of seeking help from law enforcement chess authorities concentrate on developing fair and appropriate internal procedures to adjudicate cheating complaints, eg. forming the disciplinary commission during the event.

The members of the commission expressed their opinion that FIDE should list the events where organizers would be obliged to prepare an "electronic control" as well as other technical solutions to the problem besides severe sanctions against the cheaters.

**6. Rate of play in the classical Chess, rapid and blitz chess**

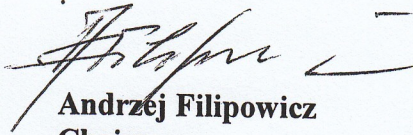


No decisions were made regarding unified rate of play in classical, rapid and blitz tournaments.

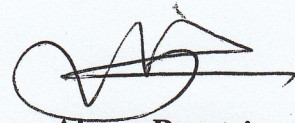
**7. Testing report for electronic chess clocks**

The draft of the testing report was prepared and discussed in Torino, but shall be revised again based on the experience gained up till now and will be brought to the next FIDE Congress.

Beside the three already endorsed electronic clocks (DGT 2000, DGT XL and Silver) no new clock was endorsed.



**Andrzej Filipowicz**  
Chairman



**Almog Burstein**  
Secretary