

75th FIDE Congress

Swiss Pairings Committee

Agenda

- 1. Endorsement of computer programs, if any are submitted**
- 2. General Swiss Tournament rules (see attached first draft)**
- 3. Swiss pairing rules amendments**
- 4. Olympia Pairing**

General Swiss Tournament rules

(first draft, to be extended by everyone who is interested in that item)

Pairing Systems

The pairing system used for a FIDE rated tournament shall be either one of the published FIDE Swiss Systems or a detailed written description of the rules shall be handed over to the participants.

Acceleration Methods for Swiss Pairing

Acceleration methods are acceptable if they were announced in advance by the organizer.

Late Entries

Any prospective participant who has not arrived at the venue of a FIDE competition before the scheduled time for the pairings of the first round shall be excluded from the tournament. An exception may be made in the case of a registered participant who has given written notice in advance that he will be unavoidably late.

If the players' notified time of arrival is in time for the start of the first round, the player is given a pairing number and paired in the usual way.

If the players' notified time of arrival is in time only for the start of a later round, then the player is not paired for the rounds he cannot play. He receives no points for unplayed rounds and is given an appropriate pairing number and paired only when he actually arrives. In these circumstances the pairing numbers that were given at the start of the tournament are considered provisional. The definitive pairing numbers are given only when the list of participants is closed and corrections made accordingly in the result charts.

A player who is not present cannot receive the bye.

Initial Ranking List

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.

Changing Published Pairings

The Pairings once published shall not be changed if not two players have to play the second time.

Manipulation of Pairings

It is not allowed to vary the correct pairings so as to maximise a players' opportunities to fulfil title requirements

Withdrawals

A player who is absent without notifying the arbiter will be considered as withdrawn.

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