

77th FIDE Congress
Swiss Pairings Committee
MINUTES

Chairman: Mr. C. Krause

Present: D. Re Didder (BEL), A. Filipowicz (POL), J. Woda (POL), J. Wempe (GER), S. Reuben (ENG), Y.C. Tun (BRU), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), S. Pagano (ITA), I. Vereshchagin (RUS), E. Price (RSA), J. Kaamu (UGA), C. Birtz (LUX), J. Gomez (MEX), M. Piguët (SUI), T. Hoe (SIN), A. Hamid Majid (MAS), P. Domingue (SEY), E. Rivera (PUR), H. Herzog (AUT), M. Abdul Rahim (UAE), M. Markkula (FIN), A. Burstein (ISR)

- 1 Chairman Christian Krause welcomed all participants.
- 2 The Dubov Swiss Program VEGA was tested by Mrs. Markkula, Stubenvoll and Krause: notwithstanding that there are minor problems to fully understand the Dubov algorithm while checking the pairings they were able to find out that the program worked well. VEGA was endorsed.
- 3 No new Swiss programs were received.
- 4 There are two main accelerated pairing systems: one using bonus points (Haley) in which case the questions of how many points during how many rounds have to be added. The second can be called a fractional pairing system (Reuben: quarter pairings). In this case the open question is how many fractions will be used. On request of Mr. Stubenvoll Mr. Reuben shortly explains the advantages of his system, which was recently used in Gibraltar Open 2006:
 - - possibility to avoid more than one 100%-winner
 - - avoid substantial rating differences in pairings
 - - more possibilities to achieve title norms
- 5 The system will be studied using among other this tournament by Mrs. Markkula, Stubenvoll, Piguët, Krause and De Ridder: Mr. Reuben will provide the pairing rules and the individual results round by round.
- 6 No manual changes shall be allowed to Swiss pairings. Mr. Markkula indicated that an exception might be made during the first 2-3 rounds when it is pre-announced. Mr. De Ridder asks why there have to be more systems while all players are playing according one set of chess laws, one set of titles and ratings regulations, and so on.
- 7 Mr. Krause indicates that persons introducing new Swiss systems should also provide results of tournaments played using this system. Mr. De Ridder indicates that these persons might present their system in a seminar before one of the next FIDE Congresses.
- 8 The committee will ask Gary Bekker to make a first draft of a new text for the Dutch system, the committee members will be glad to assist him. The final version should be sent to Mr. Gijssen.
- 9 The proposal of Mr. van Beersum regarding Sonneborn-Berger calculations in Round-Robin tournaments in case of defaults is not accepted.
- 10 The proposal of Mr. van Beersum regarding the handling of byes in Swiss tournaments is not accepted.
- 11 Two changes are proposed to the Dutch Swiss pairing system by Mr. Gijssen:
- 12 a) A2: order of titled players: GM > IM > WGM > WIM > FM > WFM > CM > WCM
- 13 b) A5: unplayed win is considered as a downfloat.

14 The question (De Ridder) whether an unplayed loss has to be considered as an upfloat shall be discussed in the Technical Commission.

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16 In tournaments in The Netherlands, UK and USA a player can receive a point for a bye: it is 1/2 proposed that such a bye does not receive an up- or a downfloat in the Dutch Swiss pairing system

Christian Krause
Chairman

Dirk De Ridder
Acting Secretary