

Standardisation of time controls

Chess players, arbiters, organisers, journalists find it very difficult to understand and to adapt to different time controls in different tournaments. The situation has become very serious, as it is difficult to find two tournaments in which to play in a row with the same time control.

The situation has been normalised in official FIDE events, however the standardisation of time controls is also necessary in all other tournaments.

The common proposal of Deputy President and the World Championship Committee Chairman Georgios Makropoulos, Technical Commission Chairman Dr Andrzej Filipowicz, Qualification Commission Chairman Mikko Markkula, Titles and Rating Committee Chairman Dr Dirk De Ridder, Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee Chairman Geurt Gijssen, Arbiters' Council Chairman Panagiotis Nikolopoulos, Organiser's Committee Chairman Stewart Reuben, Rating Administrator Casto Abundo, ACP Representative GM Bartłomiej Maciejka, is to set the following standard for classical games:

A) WITH INCREMENT

(90'/40 + G-30') + 30" ("the shorter")

[90 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for remaining moves, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1]

or

(100'/40 + 50'/20 + G-15') + 30" ("the longer")

[100 minutes for 40 moves, then 50 minutes for 20 moves, then 15 minutes for remaining moves, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1]

B) WITHOUT INCREMENT

120'/40 + G-30'

[120 minutes for 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for remaining moves]

or

120'/40 + 60'/20 + G-30'

[120 minutes for 40 moves, then 60 minutes for 20 moves, then 30 minutes for remaining moves]

Tournaments, in which other time controls are used, shall not be taken into consideration for title purposes (GM, IM, WGM, WIM norms) starting from the 1st July 2009.

For a transitional period until the 30th June 2010 an additional time control G-90' + 30" [90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds, starting from move 1] will also be accepted for the title purposes.