

*79th FIDE Congress
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Congress Centre, Dresden, Germany*

**Qualification Commission
MINUTES**

Chairman: M. Markkula (FIN)

Present:

1st meeting 19 November 2008:

W. Stubenvoll (AUT), B. Kelleher (USA), J. Donaldson (USA), R. Smith (TRI), N. Freeman (FIDE), E. Price (RSA), R. Gibbons (NZL), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), M. Abdul Rahim (UAE), V. Sakotic (MNE), J. Sakotic (MNE), I. Vereschagin (RUS), D. Ambarukmi (INA), M. Baquero (ECU), C. Krause (GER), A. Kusima (POL), K. Pekar (SVK), S. Reuben (ENG), D. Sedgwick (ENG), N. Faulks (BER), D. De Ridder (BEL), L. Wijesuriya (SRI), S. Dabilani (FIDE), E. Buchalat (BRN), A. Raed (YEM), L. Mazouz (FIDE), P. Eun Hye (KOR), L. Ncube (ZAM), H. Elgendy (EGY), C. Abundo (PHI), S. D. Sidbrecht (GER), H. Kolz (GER), B. Macieja (POL), L. Domarkaite (LTU), Jorge Vega (MEX), F. Lopez (COL), L. Alonso (COL), A. Herbert (BAR), F. Reues (MEX), I. Hong Wey (CHN), N. Barrera (ARG), Lhagvasaren (MNG), F. Gasanov (AZE), E. Seli (URU), Tsedendemberel (MNG).

1. Opening

Chairman Mikko Markkula welcomed all members of the commission and observers. He thanked the staff of FIDE Office for their help in connection with title and rating matters.

2. Open Titles and open matters since Antalya

Case Renier Gonzales: the information given in rating report and in application form had been different. It was decided to accept the application and to award the title to Mr. Gonzales.

Case Valerian Adam: the rating change was unclear, the federation did not reply to a request. The chairman proposed to pass this case in favour of the player. The proposal was accepted unanimously.

Chairman Mikko Markkula informed about the final decisions in the rejected titles of the meeting in Antalya 2007.

The question, if the 4-game-match Irina Krush against Lilit Mkrтчian should be valid to be a “different kind of tournament” for an IO norm was accepted by 6 votes in favour, two votes a

Titles coming from sub-zonal tournaments will be accepted until the current rules have been changed.

3. Myanmar ratings

In 1999 a lot of players from Myanmar had a very high rating. The rating of all of these players were reduced by 100 points. Now once more the players from this federation are high rated and give a lot of points to other players by loosing their games. Nick Faulks, Bermuda, investigated these cases and reported to the commission. He proposed to adjust the ratings of all inactive Myanmar players by 200 points.

Dirk De Ridder pointed out the possible legal problem with such a decision. FIDE should recalculate their initial rating on basis of their results against non Myanmar players. Stewart Reuben seconded the proposal of Nick Faulks and the commission voted: 6 in favour of deducting 200 points.

On proposal of the chairman Nick Faulks will create a written proposal to be forwarded to the GA.

4. Restructuring of the Commissions

Chairman Mikko Markkula informed about the restructuring of all FIDE Commissions which should be decided in the upcoming Executive Board Meeting.

5. Title and Rating Committee Report

On request of Christian Krause the chairman gave the floor to Sebastian Siebrecht, Germany, to explain the problems with his GM title application:

In one norm presented to QC the average rating was not sufficient. As there are two more results very close to a norm, it may compensate the invalid norm. In the following discussion it was proposed by the chairman to accept his norms and to recommend to GA to award the GM title.

Dirk De Ridder reported from the committee meeting.

The final decision about the title norm of Nana Dzagnidze, Georgia, was discussed. She has three valid norms, but only 26 games. The commission members accepted the norms to be valid for the title.

6. Arbiters' Council Report

Panagiotis Nikolopoulos reported about the results of the Arbiters' Council meeting and the proposed changes in the Rules related with the arbiter titles.

David Sedgwick asked for clarification, how the classification of arbiters will be handled.

7. Proposal for new Title Regulations

Chairman Mikko Markkula explained, why the proposed FIDE Title Regulations make it a little bit more difficult to achieve a norm, especially for some "title factories" in some countries.

The proposed changes in the FIDE Title Regulations have been discussed.

Concerning a new title "Elite GM" the Title and Rating Committee decided not to have it. In the October FRL we have 1155 GMs. The commission confirmed the decision of Title and Rating Committee.

The Honorary titles should be deleted from the regulations.

1.16 – the possibility that a title tournament is supervised by an IA should be deleted.

Pre-registration of the tournament with details is mandatory for title and rated tournaments.

The possibility to have a IM/WIM title by applying the 2/3-rule in a zonal or subzonal should be restricted only to one not depending on whether the tournament was played as a round-robin or Swiss, only 2 FM/WFM titles.

In Continental, regional, or similar tournaments the titles listed in the registered titles are available only if at least 1/3 of the federations participate.

At least 1/3 of the opponents in a title application must carry the title applied, it is 1/3 of the opponents have to GMs for a GM title result.

Floor values when calculating the average ratings for a title result were lowered by 50 points and restricted to only one opponent. For example, for a GM title result the rating of one (earlier two) of the opponents may be raised to 2200 (earlier 2250).

Except world and continental championship the norm achieved in a tournament with more than counts only as maximum 13 games.

The performance requirements and requirements of the opponents' ratings were changed to even tens, 2600 instead of 2601 etc.

8. Other Matters

A sub-committee of Mikko Markkula, Panagiotis Nikolopoulos, Stewart Reuben Dirk De Ridder and Werner Stubenvoll was created to check all the late title applications.

Mikko Markkula
Chairman

Werner Stubenvoll
Secretary

2nd Meeting 21 November 2008:

M. Markkula (FIN), Stewart Reuben (ENG), N. Faulks (BER), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE), D. De Ridder (BEL), G. Gijssen (NED), C. Abundo (PHI), I. Vereschagin (RUS), D. Sedgwich (ENG), R. Gibbons (NZL), R. Vera (CUB), M. Boquero (ECU), R. Rodriguez (ECU), R. Anantharam (IND), Mr. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), Md. H. Rashid (BAN), C. Krause (GER), H. Elgendy (EGY).

1. Myanmar ratings

Dirk De Ridder presented the proposal how the Myanmar ratings shall be adjusted by January 1, 2009 list.

The Rating Administrator was tasked to follow up the changes of the players and federations affected.

2. Proposal for new Title Regulations

It was decided that a performance (for example, 2600+ for GM) in Olympiad and other competitions is worth 13 games, a norm of at least 9 games with all requirements fulfilled is worth 20 games

3. Proposal for new rating Regulations

It was decided that the rating of a new player is changed to be cumulative until the required number of nine games to have a published rating is reached.

Games of rated players against unrated players in a tournament are rated for rated players, provided that the unrated player plays at least 3 games against rated players in the tournament, scores at least half a point and has achieved performance that is at least the rating floor. These performance rating is used for calculating the new ratings for the rated players.

New player can achieve the nine games required in a period of two years.

Closing date of the tournaments to be rated on a list is seven days before the list date, except the official FIDE tournaments listed in the Handbook, they are rated even if the end on the last day before the list date.

The maximum difference between players in rating calculations was changed to 400 (was 350).

The K factor was changed to 30 for players who have never had a published rating 2400 or more, and to 20 for the players who have had a published rating 2400 or more.

The player is considered to commence inactivity, if he plays no games in one year, inactive players are shown two years in the FIDE rating list. A player regains activity, if he plays at least one game in a period.

It was decided to move to bi-monthly rating lists from 1.7.2009.

From 1.7.2009 the floor will be lowered to 1200 (now 1400).

Mikko Markkula
Chairman

Dirk De Ridder
Secretary

Appendix to the Annex 70 – Qualification Commission

Notwithstanding that a correction of 100 points was made in July 2001 for Myanmar players it was observed in the second half of 2008 that the Myanmar players are still overrated.

In order to avoid anomalies in the January 2009 FRL a correction shall be made:

- for the players who were inactive, i.e. those who played less than 10 games since January 1st 2004 200 rating points shall be subtracted from their last published rating
- for the players who were active, an initial rating shall be calculated based on the games played since January 1st 2004 only taking into account those games played against non-Myanmar players.
 - If the difference between this calculated rating is less than 200 points lower than the last published rating, the calculated rating shall be used for the January 2009 FRL.
 - If the difference between this calculated rating is more than 200 points lower than the last published rating, 200 rating points will be subtracted from their last published rating.
 - If the calculated rating is higher than the last published rating, 200 rating points shall be subtracted from their last published rating.

The Rating Administrator has to keep up track with the federations involved.