

Minutes

Technical Administration Panel

24 September 2010, 15.00-17.00

Chairman: W. Stubenvoll (AUT)

Present: C. Krauze (GER), A. Burstein (ISR), A. Mahdi (UAE), C. Abundo (PHI), M. Markkula (FIN), P. Nikolopoulos (GRE)

Chairman Werner Stubenvoll welcomed the members of TAP and the observers.

1. Olympiad Pairing Rules

Chairman informed that FIDE Presidential Board in July 2010 in Tromsø finally decided the tie-break regulations, especially concerning unplayed matches. For calculation of Sonneborn points a virtual opponent will be used, similar to the regulations valid for individual tournaments.

There is a proposal of Igor Vereshchagin for a changed pairing system for Olympiad. The main idea is to divide the participating federations according to their average rating in groups of 40 federations (or 36, 32, ...). Then pairings will be made within these groups, top half vs lower half. After the results of the round are entered the teams ranked on the last 10 places will be transferred to the lower group and the teams ranked on the top ten places will be transferred to the higher group.

Mikko Markkula informed that a similar system Mr. Vereshchagin proposed for individual tournaments.

After some discussion the commission decided to reject the proposal.

Some more ideas have been discussed – number of rounds in Olympiad or number of free days – but finally it was agreed not to forward any proposal for changes to the General Assembly.

2. Olympiad Tie-break system

Almog Burstein proposed to have for pairings and for final ranking the same tie-break system, which should be

- a) Sonneborn points
- b) Gamepoints
- c) Buchholz points.

After some discussions the chairman proposed to come back to this proposal after three more rounds in Olympiad, but before the General Assembly. TAP will check if with a changed tie-break system for pairings the team captains will be able to understand the pairings.

3. Team Composition Rules

There is a proposal not to allow three players of a team to participate in Olympiad or to start a particular round. As a team is composed of four players only such a complete team should be accepted. Finally it was decided not to forward this proposal to General Assembly.

A proposal to have some restrictions for the order of players in a team was not accepted by TAP.

4. Olympiad Regulations

Mikko Markkula proposed to accept for upcoming Olympiads online registrations only by using a FIDE ID-number, not by entering names manually. It should be easy for a national Rating Officer to create a FIDE ID for a new player. Then it would be possible to avoid a lot of wrong data at the start of Olympiad.

Chairman Werner Stubenvoll pointed out that in this Olympiad in Khanty Mansiysk the organization at the start of the tournament worked much better than in previous Olympiads, but still it is possible to improve it. The organizer of the 2012 Olympiad has to be contacted in time to organize the checking of team data.

5. Miscellaneous

Mikko Markkula proposed that for the next Olympiad the organizer together with Chief Arbiter and TAP should prepare a written information about all the procedures at the start of the event: when and where to give the Final Board Order, the team compositions of each round, local phone numbers of Chief Arbiter, TAP and other important principals and the schedule of the tournament.

Werner Stubenvoll



Chairman of TAP