

# 84<sup>th</sup> FIDE Congress 2013 in Tallinn

## SPP Committee Meeting

### Agenda

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#### 1. Draft new handbook section C.04

(will be presented and finalized at the meeting)

#### 2. Definition of a yearly schedule for SPP

- proposal of new amendments
- official definition of new amendments
- information to software programmers
- alignment of endorsed programs
- validity for arbiters
- re-endorsement

(see annex)

#### 3. Dutch System open issues

(will be presented and discussed at the meeting)

#### 4. Organization of SPP activities year-round

(discussion)

#### 5. Evaluation of programs candidate to endorsement

(reports will be presented at the meeting)

5.1 JavaPairing

5.2 Torneelo.com

#### 6. Report on the re-endorsement

(will be presented at the meeting)

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## SPP Committee Meeting (Annex to the Agenda)

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### Definition of a yearly schedule for SPP

In the last few years, it looked like the rules were amended during each Congress. Experience shows that is difficult for arbiters and software programmers to keep up with this kind of pace.

The item is a proposal to find a year-to-year schedule in order to define when an amendment becomes official and when arbiters and software programs have to be aligned. Basically some decisions should be taken regarding when:

- = to identify problems
- = to propose amendments
- = to put officially the amendments in the rules
- = to inform software programmers
- = to inform arbiters (and players)
- = to check (i.e. re-endorse) software programs

Just an example on how things could be organized:

Congress 2013	presentation of problems (a later item in the agenda will be dedicated to the matter)
2013-2014	verification of the identified problems (some may be real, some may be not); presentation of proposals for new wording for the rules
Congress 2014	general discussion of the new wording and preparation of a new unofficial version of the rules
2014-2015	such version will be made available for comments to software programmers and arbiters
Congress 2015	possible comments are evaluated and, based on them, a new official version of the rules will be defined - this version is published, but its use is not in force yet
2015-2016	programmers have a 1-year time to implement the amended version of the rules; arbiters may start to use the new version, but they are not forced to do that
Congress 2016	verification of the status of the software programs; they must have implemented the new version, unless they have very good reason to do otherwise; a preliminary check is done and the arbiters will be authorized to use the new version of some or all of the endorsed programs
2016-2017	the official re-endorsement procedure will be performed by SPP members; the new rules should be used by the arbiters when doing manual pairing, but if there is a problem with the re-endorsement of a program, its old version is still accepted
Congress 2017	programs that do not support the now lone version of the rules will lose their endorsement; a new list of the endorsed programs will be made public and, besides manual pairing, only pairings made by such programs are accepted

A new cycle should not necessarily wait four years to restart. Theoretically it can restart at any point, but it will be helpful to keep at least a 2-year period between restarts.