

5th WORLD WOMEN'S TEAM CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Chengdu, CHINA

18– 29 April 2015

CHIEF ARBITER'S REPORT

The 5th World Women's Team Chess Championship was held in WANG JIANG HOTEL (5*), in Chengdu, China, from 18 (Arrival) to 29 (Departure) April 2015.

The organizers were the Chinese Chess Association, FIDE and the Chengdu Municipal Government, with the support of the Board and Card Administrative Center of General Administration of Sports of China.

Participants:

According to the regulations, the ten (10) participated teams were: China, Russia, Ukraine, USA, India, Poland, Armenia, Georgia, Egypt and Kazakhstan.

Schedule:

The Tournament schedule that had been published on the web site was followed with no changes. The games started on 19 April, the free day was on 24 April and the tournament finished at the scheduled day, on 28 April.

The drawing of lots was made during the Opening Ceremony and the captains' Meeting took place at the same day, on April 18, one day before the start of the Tournament.

Every round was started at 15.00.

The start of the last round was at 11.30 and the Closing Ceremony was at 19.00.

Playing hall:

On March 3 the first round started in the Conference Hall of the WANG JIANG HOTEL.

The playing hall was good, with enough space for players, captains, Match Arbiters and spectators and had good lighting and air-conditioning.

All facilities were provided by the Organizers in the playing venue (bar with fruits, cookies, juices, water, coffee and tea for the players and officials, W.C., medical services, etc.)

There was also a Press Room for the journalists.

System of playing:

Each team (consisting of four players) was playing one match against all the others. The matches were played according to a Round Robin system in 9 rounds.

Each team had one reserve player.

Scoring:

The number of match points (2 for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss) it had scored decided each team's place in the order of classification (final standings), according to the regulations of the event.

The tiebreak criteria were according to the following order:

- a. Game (board) points in total.
- b. Direct encounter for all the teams in the tie.

- c. Berger system on game points.
- d. Berlin system.
- e. Play-off match (for medals only) at a fast time-rate (15 min. per player for the entire game)
- f. Drawing of lots.

Time control:

The time control for the first 40 moves was 1 hour 30 minutes, followed by 30 minutes till the end of the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move 1, for each player.

Arbiters:

The list of the Arbiters was as follows:

Chief Arbiter: IA Panagiotis Nikolopoulos (GRE)
Deputy Chief Arbiter: IA (CHN) Xiao Guanjun (CHN)
Arbiters: IA Zhang Jilin (CHN)
IA Zhang Jin (CHN)
IA (CHN) Luo Jiping (CHN)
FA (CHN) Yu Shanzhong (CHN)
NA (CHN) Liu Xianglin (CHN)

All Arbiters were good in their duties and I had a good cooperation with them.

The members of the Appeals Committee were: D.V. Sundar (IND) as Chairman, GM Giorgi Giorgadze (GEO) and Yang Junan (CHN), as members.

No appeal was submitted.

Technical equipment:

Electronic clocks and boards from DGT were used for the games (the model of the clocks was DGT XL).

Accommodation:

All players and principals stayed in WANG JIANG HOTEL (5*). The conditions provided by the hotel were very good.

Opening and Closing Ceremony:

The Opening Ceremony, in which the Vice Mayor of Chengdu Municipal Government, Mr. Fu Yonglin, the director of the Chengdu Sports Bureau, Ms. Tan Xuejun, the Deputy Director of the Chengdu Sports Bureau, Mr. Gao Wei, the General Secretary of the Chinese Chess Association, Mr. Ye Jiangchuan, the FIDE Vice President and Chairman of the Appeals Committee, Mr. D.V. Sundar, the President of the Georgian Chess Federation, GM Giorgi Giorgadze, players, captains and other guests, participated, took place in a conference hall of the WANG JIANG HOTEL on April 18.

The Closing Ceremony, in which the President of FIDE Mr. Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, the President of the Chinese Chess Association Mr. Yang Junan, the FIDE Presidential Board, officials from the Chengdu Municipal Government and from Chinese Chess Association, players, captains and guests participated, took place in the same conference hall of the WANG JIANG HOTEL on April 28, after the end of round 9.

Prizes:

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd team received trophies and their players and captains received gold, silver and bronze medals.

The 1st, 2nd and 3rd players with the best results (according percentage, points, games and performance) in their boards received gold, silver and bronze medals as well.

There was also prize money for all the above winners, according to the regulations of the event.

Results:

Final ranking

Rank	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	MP	Pts.	Res.	SB
1	GEORGIA	*	2	2½	2½	2½	3	3	2½	3	4	17	25	0	142,50
2	RUSSIA	2	*	3	2½	2½	2	2	3½	3½	4	15	25	0	125,75
3	CHINA	1½	1	*	2	2	2	3	3	3½	4	11	22	0	78,25
4	INDIA	1½	1½	2	*	2	1½	3	3½	3	4	10	22	0	69,50
5	UKRAINE	1½	1½	2	2	*	3½	2½	½	3	3½	10	20	0	72,50
6	KAZAKHSTAN	1	2	2	2½	½	*	2	2	2	3½	9	17½	0	71,75
7	ARMENIA	1	2	1	1	1½	2	*	2½	2	3	7	16	0	47,25
8	POLAND	1½	½	1	½	3½	2	1½	*	2	3	6	15½	0	39,25
9	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	1	½	½	1	1	2	2	2	*	3	5	13	0	28,50
10	EGYPT	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	1	1	*	0	4	0	0,00

Board list after round 9

sorted according to Percent, Points, Games descending, Performance

Board 1

Rank		Name	Rtg	Team	%	Pts.	Games	ratP
1	GM	Khotenashvili Bela	2513	GEORGIA	83,3	7½	9	2699
2	GM	Gunina Valentina	2532	RUSSIA	62,5	5	8	2511
3	GM	Koneru Humpy	2581	INDIA	61,1	5½	9	2501

Board 2

Rank		Name	Rtg	Team	%	Pts.	Games	ratP
1	IM	Mkrtchian Lilit	2442	ARMENIA	72,2	6½	9	2577
2	GM	Harika Dronavalli	2492	INDIA	68,8	5½	8	2565
3	IM	Muzychuk Mariya	2526	UKRAINE	68,8	5½	8	2552

Board 3

Rank		Name	Rtg	Team	%	Pts.	Games	ratP
1	IM	Arabidze Meri	2374	GEORGIA	85,7	6	7	2613
2	WGM	Pogonina Natalija	2456	RUSSIA	64,3	4½	7	2452
3	IM	Shen Yang	2459	CHINA	64,3	4½	7	2439

Board 4

Rank		Name	Rtg	Team	%	Pts.	Games	ratP
1	WGM	Lei Tingjie	2444	CHINA	72,2	6½	9	2494
2	WGM	Goryachkina Aleksandra	2473	RUSSIA	71,4	5	7	2507
3	IM	Batsiashvili Nino	2473	GEORGIA	64,3	4½	7	2465

Board 5

Rank		Name	Rtg	Team	%	Pts.	Games	ratP
1	WGM	Girya Olga	2464	RUSSIA	92,9	6½	7	2695
2	WGM	Ding Yixin	2434	CHINA	75	4½	6	2482
3	IM	Melia Salome	2459	GEORGIA	60	3	5	2404

Organization:

The Organizing Committee did an excellent work and showed a very good ability in organizing a chess event of such high level.

All people of the Committee did their best concerning all details of the event and succeeded to achieve very good standards of organization.

Conclusion:

The 5th Women's World Chess Team Championship 2015 in Chengdu, China, was organized on a high level and it was a big success.

All requirements mentioned in the FIDE Handbook for organizing this top-level chess tournament were fulfilled.

All participants (players, captains, principals, etc.) were satisfied and had only positive comments for the event.

I would like also to mention the great sportsmanship all players showed during the whole event.

It was a great pleasure for me to work as the Chief Arbiter in this very successful event.

I add as attachments all the relevant information of the event.

Respectfully,

IA Panagiotis Nikolopoulos
Chief Arbiter WWTCC 2015

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