

Report
FIDE TECHNICAL COMMISSION
Meeting Warsaw POL
“Novotel” Hotel, May 14-15, 2016

Present: Bharat SINGH (Chairman) Andrzej FILIPOWICZ (Secretary), Sultan AL TAHER, Jan MAZUCH, Roberto RICCA, Lukasz TURLEJ, Aleksander SOKOLSKI and Magdalena JUDEK

Agenda for the FIDE Technical Commission
TEC Meeting, Warsaw, POL, May 14-15, 2016

10:00-13.00 and 15:00–17:00

Chairman: Bharat Singh
Secretary: Andrzej Filipowicz

1. Opening by chairman
2. Information regarding the final text of the Separate Chapter of the Technical matters published in the FIDE Handbook & Website as “02. Standards of Chess Equipment for FIDE Tournaments”
3. Guidelines on treatment of school tournaments.
 - 3.1. The guidelines should be used for all school tournaments.
 - 3.2. Arrangements for participants
 - 3.3. Arbiters and their duties (e.g. necessary explanation of the basic rules)
 - 3.4. Organizers and their duties
 - 3.5. Tournament conditions - organisation of the tournament hall
 - 3.6. Rate of play and tie-break system
4. Tie-break system in FIDE and Continental events.
5. Unified Regulation of the FIDE and Continental events.
6. Miscellaneous

Report FIDE TECHNICAL COMMISSION – Warsaw 2016

1. **Chairman** Bharat Singh welcomed the participants of the meeting and introduced details of Agenda. He thanked the Polish Chess Federation for the organisation of the meeting. The TEC had the meeting on May 13, 2016 with the representatives of the Polish Chess Federation: vice-president and FIDE delegate Mr. Adam Dzwonkowski and both members of the Board Mr. Lukasz Turlej and Mr. Aleksander Sokolski.
2. **The Commission** once again passed throughout the Chapter of the Technical matters published in the FIDE Handbook & Website. After discussion TEC decided to make some changes and corrections in the Chapter and change the subtitle the Chapter in the FIDE Handbook as follows:

FIDE Handbook

C. General Rules and Recommendations for Tournaments

The new TEC proposal, regarding the subtitle of the Chapter (May 16, 2016)

C. Technical Recommendations for Tournaments

All other details and proposed changes see in attached 2016-05-17-TEC Chapter in FIDE HANDBOOK

3. The main part of our meeting was “Guidelines on treatment of school tournament”. It was based on organisation of many school tournaments by the Polish Chess Federation

It was prepared and presented by FA Magdalena JUDEK (POL), the member of the Polish School Commission and organiser of many school event in Poland – see attached text:

“2016-05-14-Guidelines on treatment of school tournaments”.

The presentation was illustrated by many photos of the school events in Poland and even the short film.

TEC long time discussed “Guidelines on treatment of school tournament”

and draw the attention to the original scoring of the chess games in the school tournaments – three points (3) for winning, two points (2) for drawing and one point (1) for losing. The player who loses by forfeit scores no points (0).

Finally the TEC has accepted this new part in the TEC Chapter and expressed the opinion that it should be applied in all school events around the world.

4. **Tie-break system in FIDE and Continental events.**

The TEC studied the actual tie-break system

TEAM COMPETITIONS

T.1. Olympiad, Tromso 2014 and Baku 2016

1. Number of match points
2. The sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which are calculated as follows:
match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of game points achieved against this opponent;
3. The number of the game points scored;
4. The sum of the match points of all the teams opponents, excluding the lowest one.

For tie-break purposes a bye or an unplayed match:

- a) if the opponent team does not appear on time – are counted as a drawn match against a virtual opponent.

- b) At the start of the round this virtual opponent has the same number of match points and game points as the team present. Then the result of the unplayed match is added (1 matchpoint and 4 gamepoints in case of an unplayed win, 1 matchpoint and 2 gamepoints in case of a bye, 0 matchpoints and 0 gamepoints in case of an unplayed loss) and finally for each subsequent round 1 matchpoint and 2 gamepoints.

Individual medals for Board Prizes - Baku 2016

1. The players performance rating shall be compared. Only players who have played a minimum of 8 games shall be eligible for board prizes.
2. If the performance rating is equal, the tie shall be broken by
 - (a) the number of games,
 - (b) the players performance rating after deducting the result against the lowest rated opponent,
 - (c) the players performance rating after deducting the results against the two lowest rated opponents and so on.

T.2. Olympiad under 16, Poprad SVK 2016

1. Number of match points
2. Number of game points
3. Buchholz (all rounds included).

Individual medals for Board Prizes - Hungary 2014

Player`s performance rating from all their games shall be compared. Board Numbers 1 to 4 have to play at least 60% of the rounds; Board Number 5 has to play at least 50% of the rounds.

T.3. World Team Championships 2015 (10 teams – Round-Robin)

1. Number of match points
2. Number of game points
3. The direct encounter - scores obtained by the tying teams against each other.
4. Berger system.
5. Board Mount (Berlin system) as follows:
 - a win on Board 1 = 4 points
 - a win on Board 2 = 3 points
 - a win on Board 3 = 2 points
 - a win on Board 4 = 1 pointIn case of drawn games these points are shared.
6. These teams shall play a match against each other at a fast time-rate (15 minutes per player for the entire game); if this match is indecisive, then lots shall be drawn.

Individual medals for Board Prizes

1. The players` percentage scores from their games, Players of boards 1 to 4 who take part in at least 60% of the rounds (i.e. at least in 6 games for 9 rounds).

Players of board 5 who take part in at least 50% of the rounds (i.e. at least in 5 games for 9 round

2. The points,
3. Number of games
4. The performance.

T.4. European Team Championship 2015

1. Number of match points
2. The sum of Sonneborn-Berger points, which is calculated as follows: match points of each opponent, excluding the opponent who scored the lowest number of match points, multiplied by the number of board points scored against each opponent respectively.
3. The number of board points won.
4. The sum of the board points of all team's opponents.
5. The sum of the board points of all opponents defeated plus one half of the board points of all the opponents with which a tied result was achieved.

Individual medals for Board Prizes – European Team Ch. 2015

1. Average rating of the opponents cut-1, (unplayed games, byes are not calculated);
 2. Buchholz cut-1,
 3. Buchholz,
 4. Number of wins
- In case of unplayed games, for the calculation of (2), (3) and (4), the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

In case there are less than 75% rated players, the following criteria will be applied:

- (a) Buchholz cut-1
- (b) Buchholz,
- (c) Number of wins,

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

I.1. World Championship match 2016,

- (a) A new drawing of colors, four (4) tie-break games G-25'+10"
- (b) A new drawing of colors and a match of 2 games G-5'+3"
- (c) A new drawing of colors and the second match of 2 games G-5'+3"
- (d) A new drawing of colors and following matches (until 5 matches – total 10 games)) of 2 games G-5'+3"
- (e) Armageddon G-5'-4' and 3"/move from move 61 In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

I.2. World Cup 2015, knockout-system (classical 2 games, in the final 4 games)

1. A new drawing of colours, two (2) tie-break games shall be played. G 25'+10"

2. A new drawing of colours, a match of 2 games G10'+10"
3. A new drawing of colours, a match of 2 games G-5'+3"
4. Armageddon G-5'-4' and 3"/move from move 61 In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

I.3. Candidate tournaments (round-robin) Moscow 2016

In case of a tie for the first place

- (a) The results of the games between the players involved in the tie.
- (b) The total number of wins of every player involved in the tie.
- (c) Sonneborn - Berger System.
- (d) A new drawing of colours and a the match of two games G-25'+10" will be held among all players with the same points scored according to tie-break system.
- (e) A new drawing of colours, a match of 2 games G-5'+3"
- (f) A new drawing of colours, the second match of 2 games G-5'+3"
- (g) Armageddon G-5'-4' and 3"/move from move 61 In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

I.4. World Junior U20 and World Youth (8-18 years) 2016

- (a) Result of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other);
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black;
- (e) The greater number of wins

I.5. World Senior Championships 2016, men and women 50+ and 65+

- a) Direct Encounter (the results of the players in the same point group)
- b) Buchholz (variabel with parameter)
- c) Buchholz
- d) Most black
- e) The number of wins

I.7. Rapid and blitz World Championships 2015

The tie break system (for medals only) is as follows:

- (a) ARCO (Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1)
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Direct Encounter
- (d) The greater number of games with Black (unplayed games counted as White)

I.8. Individual European Championship 2016

The tie break system

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,

- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The Greater number of wins.

In the case of unplayed games, for the calculation of tiebreak criteria the current FIDE Tournament Rules shall be applied.

I.9. Individual 2016 European Youth Championship U8-U18

The tie break system

The order of players that finish with the same number of points shall be determined by application of the following tie-breaking procedures in sequence, proceeding from (a) to (b) to (c) to (d) to (e) the extent required:

- (a) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other),
- (b) Buchholz Cut 1,
- (c) Buchholz,
- (d) The greater number of games played with black,
- (e) The Greater number of wins.

I.10. Individual Asian Championship, Tashkent 2016

TIE BREAK

- a) tie-breaks are organized only in the following cases:
- b) to establish the Champion;
- c) to establish qualifiers for the World Cup / Women's World Championship.

Tie break system to make ranking will be calculated in the following order:

- a) Direct Encounter;
- b) More number of victories (forfeits counted);
- c) The average rating of opponents except 1 highest and 1 lowest Opponent;
- d) The Buchholz System Cut 1 (less 1 lowest);
- e) The Median Buchholz System (less 1 highest and 1 lowest).

4.1. After discussion during the meeting in Warsaw, the TEC opinion is as follow:

- a) The tie-breaks for the team and individual World and Continental Championships should be unified separately for Swiss and Round-Robin events.
- b) The tie-break systems for the Olympiad and the World Championships are well done and should be kept, but tie-break for Olympiad under 16 should be changed.
- c) The TEC is favour to introduce the play-of for the Candidates Tournament. The system will be prepared for the meeting in Baku.
- d) For the World Junior Championship, the World Youth Championship (U8-U18) and for the similar Continental event the first tie-break

should be Buchholz Cut-1, which is the best tie-break to illustrate the current level of participant of the events.

4.2. Additional remarks regarding the tie-break system published in the TEC Chapter and other statements in the FIDE Handbook

a) F. Handling Unplayed Games for Calculation of Buchholz

Following may be removed: (This system shall not apply from July 1, 2012) see attached.

b) G. Recommended Tie-Break Systems

Greater number of wins: Nothing has been mentioned whether to include forfeit as a win or not (it may be better to include). A uniform policy may be followed and TEC may decide.

c) 05 Competition Rules

4 Preparation of the Playing Hall: Refer to the Technical Commission

Rules 5 Chess Equipment Refer to the Technical Commission Rules

Refer to the Technical Commission Rules may be replaced by the exact reference

Handbook:: C. General Rules and Recommendations for Tournaments 02. Standards of Chess Equipment and tournament venue for FIDE Tournaments

12.4 Following may be added:

A player is not allowed to stop the clocks, if he wishes to speak to his captain or to search the captain, if he is not nearby.

Page 2 of Agenda T2.T.2. Olympiad under 16, Hungary 2014
What is the necessity of T2, T3 and other tournaments held earlier or the years have to be changed to future dates?

T3. 3 Spelling correction for Direct encounter

T4 is Sonneborn Berger system

I5 b and c may be merged together. Spelling correction for *variable*.

Most Black may be replaced with number of wins with Black. This may get a lower priority than number of wins.

1.7 a ARCO may be replaced by ARO-C.

Many strong players in India feel that number of wins may be given lower priority, as there will be fighting draws on top boards. A player playing on lower boards may beat lower rated opponents, come up and play on middle boards and may have more number of wins and have same points as that of a strong player having less number of wins.

Rank	Name	IRtg	Club	Type	Pts	Res.	Vict	BH.
1	Saravana Krishnan P.	2285	KVB		8	0	8	52½
2	Yohan J.	2117	KER		8	0	8	45
3	Kathmale Sameer	2301	CRLY		8	0	7	54

4	Ramakrishna J.	2193	AB		7½	0	7	46½
5	Raju O A	1876	KER		7½	0	7	46½
6	Maheswaran P.	2219	TN		7½	0	6	54

In a recent tournament in India, P. Maheswaran had 6 wins and three draws and no loss. The average rating of his opponents is 1907. J Ramakrishna and OA Raju had six wins, one loss and one draw and the average rating of their opponents are 1609 and 1725 approximately. Maheswaran's Buchholz score is the highest in the tournament and he has met only strong players. Even then, he is placed below Ramakrishna and Raju. I can quote several examples like this.

The problem will be discussed in Baku.

- 5. Unified Regulations of the FIDE and Continental events.**
TEC decided to discuss the matter in Baku

6. Miscellaneous

Chairman thanked the Polish Chess Federation and all the participants for very fruitful meeting and discussion.

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