

Minutes of the meeting of the Medical Commission in Antalya October 2017

Presence

Jana Bellin (ENG) Chairperson

Arthur Schuering (NED) Secretary

Kivanc Gungor (TUR) Member

Goran Urosevic (SER)

Nigel Freeman (BER)

Johann Poecksteiner (AUS)

Hal Bond (CAN)

1. Opening

The chairperson opens the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies are received from GM Plachetka, GM Speelman and Prof. Ganz.

3. Compliance with WADA Code

The chairperson explains that, until very recently, we have been fully compliant with the WADA Code. At present we are approximately 95% compliant with the new, revised, WADA Code.

We are not completely compliant only in electronic reporting.

Following recent breaches of the Code, the objective of WADA is to further enhance anti-doping programs worldwide. WADA developed new corrective action plans. Earlier this year the Medical Commission had to submit to WADA a detailed questionnaire about our Code compliance.

4. Chairperson's report

The chairperson reports about the doping controls.

5. Testing Pool

There are now 15 players in the testing pool, 10 male players and 5 female players. They are requested to be contactable. FIDE does this by email. In the past the new testing pool started 1st July. According to the new rules the new testing pool starts each year 1st January.

The players in the testing pool have to be notified about this inclusion in the pool and a copy of the standard notification letter should be submitted to WADA.

6. Review of doping tests 2016 and first half of 2017.
In 2016 the Medical Commission conducted 16 doping tests. All results were negative. There were no problems. The tests were conducted at the Olympiad, the Women World Championship match and the Individual World Championship match. In the first half of this year doping tests were conducted during the female world team championship. Also these results were negative.
7. Computer system ADAMS.
WADA accepted in the past that FIDE did not have to participate in electronic reporting into ADAMS. It is likely that in future WADA will request obligatory electronic reporting by International Federations.
There were detailed discussions about this important issue. The secretary advised that FIDE should not sign a contract that would be difficult to deliver.
8. National Federations reporting
The Commission received a report from the Portuguese federation. In a competition in Portugal there was an adverse analytic finding which lead, after a hearing, to a warning (under mitigating circumstances). The Medical Commission supports the action of the national federation.
9. Anti-Doping education programme
The Medical Commission delivered educational programmes in Europe and South America. An official letter from the IOC expressed satisfaction with the FIDE educational program. The IOC agreed to continue subsidising this program.
10. Any other business
On a question of Johann Poecksteiner the chairperson answers that youth events and senior events will not be tested at the moment by FIDE.

Hal Bond suggest that the Medical Commission should make a recommendation that a player should not eat at the board during the game on the grounds of hygiene and the prevention of a possible allergic reaction of the opponent.

After careful consideration - the Medical Commission agrees with this point and recommends that eating at the board be strongly discouraged.

The Medical Commission requests that the Events Commission and the Rules Commission consider this recommendation with a view of implementing it into the Tournament Rules.

Jana Bellin
Chairperson

Arthur Schuering
Secretary