



SKÁKSAMBAND
STOFNAÐ 1925 **ÍSLANDS**

FIDE congress in Batumi 2018

Reykjavik, June 27th, 2018

Fischer Random (Chess960) ratings – A proposal from the Icelandic Chess Federation


The Icelandic Chess Federation proposes that FIDE will start to calculate Elo rating points for Fischer Random Chess (Chess960) as soon as possible.

Fischer Random Chess has been growing, and in our opinion the next step to make Fischer Random more important is to start to calculate Fischer Random Elo rating points.

The first European Fischer Random tournament was organised by the Icelandic Chess Federation during the recent GAMMA Reykjavik Open, and went very well. Last year, there was an event in Norway where Magnus Carlsen and Hikaru Nakamura participated.

The Icelandic Chess Federation proposes the following:

- Initially, there will be only one Fischer Random rating. It's possible to have a rating for all time limits; for Blitz and Rapid combined; or Rapid and Blitz separated.
- Tournaments must be played according to FIDE Chess960 rules (Appendix F) and all other FIDE rules should apply.
- Current FIDE ratings should be used as a base rating; the same system as was used for implementing FIDE Blitz and Rapid.
- If this experiment goes well, it is possible to continue with more choices of time limits for Fischer Random Chess ratings.

Sincerely yours,

Gunnar Björnsson,
President of the Icelandic Chess Federation