



Anti-Cheating Commission

MINUTES OF THE ACC MEETING

Batumi, 29 September 2018

In attendance for ACC: Israel Gelfer (Chair), Yuri Garrett (Secretary), Laurent Freyd, Konstantin Landa, Klaus Deventer, Andrew Howie.

The Chair opens the meeting at 9.10 am and briefly illustrates the history and work of the Commission. He also illustrated the reasons behind the proposed change of name of the Commission. Upon ending his proslusion he gave the floor to the Secretary.

The Secretary presented to the audience the two documents that are put to the attention of the GA, i.e. the **AC Regulations** and the **AC Protection Measures**. He also stressed that the anti-cheating effort is not, primarily, a regulatory effort but rather a cultural shift: cheating should not only be prosecuted but rather prevented. In this direction there is still a lot of work to be done, as the Chess Community seems to be resistant to the idea that each and everyone of us is a major element of the fight against cheating. Also communication and interaction with other Fide Commissions needs to be improved and intensified.

Among the new provisions proposed in the new regulations there is a better specification of arbiter and organizer responsibility, which should illustrate who should be doing what. Also there is a provision for a new figure: the anticheating arbiter, which should be implemented by ARB. Tournaments that do not materially comply now are subject to non-rating. The AC Regulations now also define manifestly unfounded accusations and specify that a properly filed complaint will never expose the claimant to ETH sanctions.

Before the end of the first session, the Chair gave the floor the the remaining members of the ACC; who each illustrated part of the new developments.

In the second half of the meeting there followed a rather fruitful Q&A Session, with attendents asking for clarifications over different aspects of the AC framework. Answers by the Commission were deemed to be satisfactory.

Finally, the Secretary stressed, yet again and in the name of ACC, that i) ACC is lacking proper financial support from Fide; ii) three key tools still need to be implemented: the **Commission Web Site**, the **On-line repository** and the **Screening Tool**; and iii) the number of the members of the ACC should be increased to 15, with 5 Councillors (in addition to Chair and Secretary). The two extra Councillors are justified in the light of the heavy duty that is entrusted to the Commission.

The Chair closed the meeting at 12:50 am.