

2ND WOMEN'S WORLD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2009
Report by Chief Arbiter Ignatius Leong

- 1 General Information
Dates: 31st August to 11th September 2009
Venue: Ningbo, China
Appeals Committee: Andrei Selivanov (RUS) – Chairman;
William Kelleher (USA) & Ye Jiangchuan (CHN)
Chief Arbiter: Ignatius Leong (SIN); Deputy Chief Arbiter: Xie Jun (CHN)

- 2 Playing Venue, Players' Meeting and Draw of Colours
 - 2.1 The participating teams were hosted in a 5-star hotel where the tournament was played.
 - 2.2 The organisers provided live-game coverage hosted by the Chinese technicians.
 - 2.3 The Players' Meeting lasted less than 30 minutes. By popular request from the team captains, the playing schedule was slightly adjusted.
The Technical Meeting held on 1 September 2009 decided that the play-off match is played on four boards. In the case of a 2-2 tie, a further match will be played on three boards using the Sudden-Death Time Control of 5 minutes for Black and 6 minutes for White. In case of draw in any game, Black wins. The team captains make decide the team composition and the draw for colours shall be made separately for the two matches.
 - 2.4 The Draw of Lots was conducted by Deputy Chief Arbiter Xie Jun during the Opening Ceremony.

- 3 Special Measures and Incidents
 - 3.1 All Players, Captains and Coaches respected the Regulations; coming to the venue early for security check, seated at the playing table several minutes before the start of each game; attending both the Opening and Closing Ceremonies.
 - 3.2 During the Games, there was absolutely no special incident arising which required special attention of the Arbiters. The Appeals Committee was not called upon to function.
 - 3.3 In round 2, the mobile phone of a local official sounded. He was fined RMB 1,100 (about 100 euro). Following this, notice was posted and there were no more similar recurrence. The money collected would be forwarded to the FIDE Women's Commission.

- 4 Final Remarks
 - 4.1 The Organiser did an excellent job ensuring that the Championship was held at the highest level.
 - 4.2 I would like to thank my Deputy Chief Arbiter, all the Match Arbiters and the Technical Team for their co-operation. The Match Arbiters are young and are able to speak English. They have thorough theoretical knowledge in the Laws of Chess and good experience with the Swiss Manager Pairing Programme. With more international exposure, they will be very good arbiters.



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Chief Arbiter