

80TH FIDE CONGRESS 2009

Kallithea, Greece

Rules and Tournament Regulations Committee Meeting

13 October 2009

15.00-19.00

Minutes

Chairman: Geurt Gijssen (NED)

Acting Secretary: Hesham Elgendy (EGY)

Present: M. Markkula (FIN), A. Filipowicz (POL), Nikolopoulos P. (GRE), A. Vardapetian (ARM), V. Tsorbatzoglou (GRE), C. Krause (GER), W. Stubenvoll (AUT), A. Burstein (ISR), R. Alt (GER), I. Vereschagin (RUS), D. Sedgwick (ENG), F. Dapiran (ITA), H. Bond (CAN), N. Faulks (BER), , N. Freeman (FIDE Treasurer), C. Abundo (PHI), M. Pahlevanzadeh (IRI), A. Herbert (BAR), E. Price (RSA), H. Karimi (IRI), W. Brown (USA), T. Ameyar (ALG), K. Msukwa (MLW), R. Haring (USA), A. Vasse (DGT).

1. Opening

Chairman Geurt Gijssen welcomed all members of the committee and observers. He opened discussions about amendments of Tournaments regulations and rules of Top level tournaments. He showed that we have more time also in 2010 for further suggestions before GA approve these changes in Khanty Mansiysk to come in effect starting from July 1, 2011.

2. According to proposal of I. Vereschagin , the committee agreed to add a separate appendix for Varma, Scheveningen and Berger tables

3. Chairman suggested deleting Progressive Score (PS) from Tie-Break systems. Mr. C. Krause explained that PS is not fair system depending on examples from many tournaments. The committee voted in favor of deleting PS. Some members still liked to keep PS in the Tournament Regulations.

4. Chairman suggested adding amendments to Top level tournaments to include the new changes of the laws regarding the offering of draw and the allowed delay time at start of the game (0 minute) in the invitation to

players. He suggested also deleting any wording about adjourned games, which are not applied anymore. The committee agreed.

5. The committee agreed to a proposal of Mr. Vasse to re-adjust the allowed size of chessboard square to be from 5 cm to 5.5 cm, in order to fit with the height of the king (9.5 cm).

6. It is approved to re-adjust the size of playing table to be: 100/120 X 80/83 cm and the height is 74 cm.

7. The committee recommended standardizing the size of the score sheet to be A4 paper size for top level tournaments.

8. Mr. Markkula suggested not to allow the team captain to intervene in the game and to delete article 15.b, but the committee decided to keep article 15.b with some amendments to restrict any illegal interference by the team captain in the game: He should speak to his player only through or in presence of the arbiter with an understandable language for the arbiter and gives only short advise to his player either to offer or accept draw or resign. The role the team captain should remain administrative. The committee asked the chairman and Mr. Markkula to **.9** review and suggest the best order of Tie-Break systems in all **.FIDE** official individual tournaments

Geurt Gijssen

Chairman

Dr. Hesham Elgendy

Secretary