



FÉDÉRATION INTERNATIONALE DES ÉCHECS System of Pairings and Programs Commission

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Decisions:

1. To put on google drive to put all material of the commission on one place for all members.
2. To put on google drive all the materials of previous SPP commission as well as old FIDE website material.
3. To Ask the rating officer to get all tournament database with Accelerated pairing (ideally teams one). Only Vega software support it for now.
4. To Publish the rule of Dubov and to inform Vega that he has to tell him to get new endorsement for the new rule till June 1st 2020 .
5. Idea from Rupert Jones suggested the introduction of Bonus Points for ,tie-break, or a kind of "rewarding" wins. Examples from others sports: Rugby four tries, Crickets competition. The rationale is to create excitement and reward fighting spirit. The idea is to prevent the fact for example that at the last round of the last olympiad among the 16 first boards there was only ONE decisive game Nepomniachi vs Bacrot, BUT at the same time this brought bronze medal to Russia!

Today you get 2 points for a win, 1 for a draw & you play 11 rounds. There is a limit to how far you can make that work. How about say 4 points for a win & then a bonus point if you score 3 1/2 points plus.

For example rugby union has bonus points. If you score 4 tries you get a bonus point. This makes things very interesting especially in the last round of group games.

In the English domestic rugby you get 4 points for a win. If you score 4 try's you get an additional bonus point. For the losing side you can also get a bonus point for scoring 4 tries and in addition if you lose by 7 points or less then you also get an additional bonus point. Yes bonus points for the winning and defeated sides to play for.

Imagine how much more exciting the last two rounds of an Olympiad could be if bonus points were at stake. And this applies all the way down the field. Going home to your country saying that you finished 130th when actually you finished =115th and you can't explain the tie break. With bonus points to play for you



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would not get such big score points groups. Maybe the players will not like it but spectators and organizers will certainly like it.

6. Correction and change of the article A 2.3

A.2.3 If an error is discovered or reported in an endorsed software program, the secretary of the “Systems of Pairings and Programs” will send a notification to the supplier of the program to correct the error. Errors will be classified as major or minor. Major errors must be fixed within two weeks after from the time the secretary send the notification and within two months for minor errors. Should the error not be fixed within the stipulated timeframe, the endorsement of the programs will be automatically suspended until the error is fixed to the satisfaction of the “Systems and Pairings Committee Council”

Major errors include but are not limited to:

- a. Pairing errors
- b. Tie-break errors

7. New VCL point:

VCL.19: All tie breaks included in the pairings software will be tested and must give the results as per the rules described in the FIDE Handbook

8. Endorsement Certificates:

- UTU swiss - YES
- Tornelo - NO
- Tournament Services.com - NO
- ChessManager - YES
- Schachturnierorganisationsprogramm – YES

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