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Sol Antillas Hotel

Committee/Commission: Swiss Pairings Committee

Chairman: C. Krauze

Date: 24 October 2004

Venue: Sala Indurain

Present: M. Piguet (SUI), J-C. Basaille (FRA), Juan Jose Escribano Lasa (ESP), A. Christoffel (LUX), A. Burstein (ISR).

1. Endorsement of submitted programs.

Due to the timetable of the congress and overlapping of meetings there were only two members of the committee present. Therefore the following decisions were taken at the meeting of the Technical Commission:

There are three Swiss programs unanimously proposed for endorsement by the General Assembly:

- SWISS Master 5.0 from Netherlands (a progressed version of the SWISS Master 4.8)
- SWISS Manager from Austria
- PROTOS

The other two programs formerly endorsed (of Mr.Weber (GER) and of Mr.Bordonada(PHI)) are invited to submit their application to the next year.

2. General Swiss Tournament Regulations

The meeting unanimously agreed to the following regulations which may be the first step to General Swiss Tournament regulations:

These regulations should be standard regulations used provided there is no change by the organizer announced in advance:

Pairing Systems:

The pairing system used for a FIDE rated tournament shall be either one of the published FIDE Swiss Systems or a detailed written description of the rules shall be handed over to the participants. Accelerated methods are acceptable if they were announced in advance by the organizer and are not biased in favour to special players.

It is not allowed to vary the correct pairings so as to maximise a players' opportunities to fulfil title requirements.

Late Entries:

Any prospective participant who has not arrived at the venue of a FIDE rated tournament before the scheduled time for the pairings of the first round shall be excluded from the tournament as long as he does not show up at the venue in time before a pairing of another round. An exception may be made in the case of a registered participant who has given written notice that he will be unavoidably late.

No player shall receive points for unplayed rounds. A player who is not present cannot receive the bye.

Initial Ranking list:

Due to the principles of rating based swiss systems the initial ranking of a player is according to his FIDE rating. If the player has no FIDE rating his initial ranking will be determined according to the best available informations about his strength (e.g. his national rating adapted due to the relation between FIDE rating and national rating)

Changing Published Pairings

The pairings once published shall not be changed unless two players have to play the second time.

Withdrawals:

A player who is absent without notifying the arbiter will be considered as withdrawn unless the absence is explained with acceptable arguments before the next pairing.

3. Swiss Pairing Rules Amendments

There were no proposals

4. Olympia Pairing and Ranking

Due to the timetable of the congress and overlapping of meetings there were only two members of the committee present. Therefore the following decisions were taken at the meeting of the Technical Commission.

The members agreed unanimously to the proposal of the following changes of the Olympia pairing and ranking:

- the pairing shall use for the first 4 rounds matchpoints (first) and gamepoints (second) instead of gamepoints (first) and matchpoints (second)
- the pairing shall use from round 5 until the last round matchpoints (first) and Buchholz of matchpoints (second) instead of gamepoints (first) and Buchholz of gamepoints (second)
- the ranking of the teams shall be changed from gamepoints (first) and matchpoints (second) to matchpoints (first) and gamepoints (second)

Christian Krause (Chairman)

