

# FIDE RULES COMMISSION

## MEETING WITH FIDE PRESIDENT

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### MINUTES

#### Attendance:

- Arkday Dvorkovich(FP)  
(FIDE President)
- Victor Bologan  
(FIDE Executive Director)
- Mahdi Abdulrahim  
(Chairman)
- Ashot Vardapetian  
(Horary Chairman)
- Mehrdad  
Pahlevanzadeh  
(Secretary)
- Stephane Escafre  
(counsellor)
- Hassan Khaled  
(Counsellor)
- Mike Hoffpauir  
(counsellor)

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Time: 12:00 - 14:00 hrs

(Moscow time)

Date: 28 May 2020

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#### Observers:

- Kouatly, Bachar  
(Deputy President)
- Turlej, Lukasz  
(Vice President)
- Stoisavljevic, Sava  
(Assistant to the COO)
- Tsykina, Vadim  
President advisor
- Shohreh Bayat  
Arbiters Commission

#### REPORTS OF ACTIVITY IN THE PAST MONTHS

Chairman Mr. Mahdi Abdulrahim started with the report of the activity of the rules commission in the past months as follow:

- Publishing official translation of FIDE Laws of Chess in Russian, Arabic (By Mr. Mahdi Abdulrahim) and French (by Mr. Laurent and Mr. Escafre) and waiting for approval of Spanish Language.
- Launching new design of Rules Commission Website
- Producing few teaching videos in English and in Arabic and work for ideas to improve them.
- FIDE rules commission lunch instagram page and have plan to make it active and as an interesting source to communicate about Laws of chess.

#### CORONA VIRUS ARENA

Secretary Mr. Mehrdad Pahlevanzadeh opened the discussion about current situation and new circumstances during Corona Virus and after it, and Mr. Bologan mentioned that we should make situation in a way that after Corona, normal tournament still be preferable than live tournament.

#### Online Chess regulations

After discussion about recommendations of the Rules commission and draft of the new appendix drafted by Mr. Ashot Vardapetyan and comment by other members , FIDE President asked from rules commission to finalize the appendix for online chess as soon as possible, to introduce which part of laws of chess should not be consider in online chess and what is needed to add to be able to keep under control play in the online chess.

Idea of only allow desktop computer or laptops should be use for official FIDE tournaments approved, but for lower level or unofficial tournaments all devices or mobiles even might use.

General conclusion was that representative of all relevant commissions should co-operate to make appropriate regulation for online chess.

Mr. President said that he doesn't believe that results of online chess can mixed with on the board games.

It's recommended by Mr. Hassan Khaled to issue online ratings for standard, rapid and blitz separate from current official ratings, but use current ratings as initial rating for the same kind of time control.

### **Identification problem**

Since Identification of players is very important for organizing online tournaments, when the level of players going little lower than elite players, the Idea of publishing Handles of top players in their FIDE profile page of on FIDE website discussed and Mr. President said he believes that it is possible to do it now only for top players that are interested to publish their Handles from different platforms in their profile page on FIDE website.

### **Fair Play measurements**

One of the most important matters that is in-front of Online Chess is Cheating, Since even when players play on the board, it's very difficult to avoiding cheating, many chess people do not believe that it's possible to avoid cheating during online chess, but recent experiences shows it's very possible. The measurements are at-least 4 groups:

1- Controlling the player environment such as room and isolation of player from other people. We need to define Playing area and Playing venue to be able to define feasible rules. Observation need atleast 2 cameras from front and back, better cover 360 degree preferable with motion detectors Plus Microphones should be on and test time to time.

2- Stop access of others to the computer of player via internet, there are several ways for do it, that technically it's easy to avoid .

3- Make delay in the streaming to make it difficult for others to be able to hint, for example by one pair of moves.

4- Test moves to find if any player used engines to generate moves after the games.

Before the game Arbiter should ask the players to show the environment around them and their Ear or any other test that he need on computer of the player to be sure that situation is under control.

Start of the games should be by arbiter on time but he should be able to stop the games if needed or add time to any or both players and check again the environment if needed.

Recording sessions of games should not stop even when the player is disconnected. Arbiter should check if any disconnection happens during the games and decide what decision should take because of it.

### **Rules Commission Seminars**

Idea of making Rules Commission seminar for the Arbiters who wants to upgrade from FIDE Arbiter level to International Arbiter disused and approved to rules and arbiter commission co-operate with-together to handle them. In each lecture will be 2 lecturers, one from Rules and one from Arbiter commission.

### **Rules Commission activity in Social Media**

Decided to Rules commission be more active in the Social Media as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter by open discussions about rules and proposals.

### **Teaching Arbiters new rules, apps and equipments for online Chess**

Decided to Rules commission with other relevant commission make material for teaching how to organize online Chess events and how to handle online video recordings during the games.

### **FIDE Arbiters Manual**

In addition of support to the great work of Arbiters Commission, it's suggested to co-ordinate with rules commission in adding comments to the FIDE Laws of Chess.

### **Rules Commission is responsible to answer question about Laws of Chess**

FDIE president mentioned that the Rules Commission should be the source to address all questions about FIDE Laws of Chess.

Decided to answer questions about Rules only by FIDE Rules Commission.

### **Teaching Rules video's**

Even rules commission made few teaching rules videos with actions and few by describing rules in the Arabic Language by Mr. Mahdi Abdulrahim. Since we need some feedbacks to continue our work, we wait for other members and FIDE president opinion.

It's decided to with technical help of FIDE partner's as chesskid, Rules commission make appropriate videos for different Audience, as Children, Adults, Arbiters, top players ...

#### **PROJECTS AND BUDGET**

The requested budget and plans was sent to FIDE Executive director.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Rules commission will organize another meeting to make conclusion for the Appendix of online chess before FIDE online presidential board meeting in ... June 2020.

And at the end all Members of the Rules Commission appreciate from FIDE president to arrange this meeting and accept proposals of the Rules Commission.