WORLD TITLE MATCH 2016

2 – 18 of December

Rules and Regulations

General organization

1. The organization of the World Title Match 2016 has been allotted by the World Draughts Federation FMJD to the Royal Dutch Draughts Federation (KNDB) and will take place from December 2nd till December 18th 2016.
2. Right to play the match

   As defending Champion refuse to play the match, the match will be held between 2 players: **Jan Groenendijk (Netherlands)** and **Roel Boomstra (Netherlands)**, the number 2 and 3 from the World Championship 2015.
3. The tournament will be supervised by main referee – international referee Frank Teer. He will be guided by strict maintenance of the FMJD rules and regulations.
4. A Jury d'Appel (appeal board) has been composed by the CD of the FMJD. Chairman: Jan Zioltkowski (Germany), members: Jacek Pawlicki (Poland), Janek Maggi (Estonia). The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 euros, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the main referee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the FMJD. The appeal has to be lodged by the player within 1 hour after the end of the game and before the next game. During rapid/blitz/superblitz games this is 15 minutes.

   The decisions of the Jury d'Appel are final.
5. Both players have to be present in the Opening ceremony and at the Closing ceremony.

Finances

6. All financial obligation (organisation fee and participants fee according FMJD internal regulations) must be paid to FMJD bank account (details: http://fmjd.org/fmjd.html) before December 1st.

7. Prize money is defined in an individual contract between the participants and the KNDB with their sponsors. It is 12.000 euro for the new vice-champion and 18.000 euro for the new World Champion.

Program

The first 4 rounds will be played on December 3,4,5 and 6 in Groningen, the next 3 on December 8,9 and 10 in Wageningen and the last 5 on December 12,13,15,16,17 in Den Haag / The Hague. If a tie break is necessary this will be played on December 18 in Den Haag.

The playing venues in these 3 cities are:

- Groningen : 'Van Swinderen Huys', Oude Boteringestraat 19, 9712 GC Groningen
- Wageningen : City Hall 'Stadhuis' , Markt 22, 6701 CZ Wageningen
- Den Haag/ The Hague :
    - December 12, round 8: room of the senate of the Dutch parliament, Binnenhof 23
    - December 13, round 9: on the square “Plein” near the houses of parliament
    - December 15-December 18: Zuiderstrandtheater, Houtrustweg 505, 2583 WB Den Haag

The rounds in Groningen start at 12:00, the rounds in Wageningen and Den Haag start at 11:00 and the tie-break on December 18 starts at 16:00.

Format of the match

8. This format is the result of talks between the players Roel Boomstra and Jan Groenendijk with KNDB Director Arjan de Vries. The proposed format, consisting of regular games, rapid and blitz games, is based on the FMJD format in Annex 17: Individual FMJD Competitions - The World Championship (all categories), article 12, which was used in the title Matches in Ufa (2004) and Enschede (2009).

   However there will not be Georgiev-Lehmann tie break games (“superblitz”) in this match.

   Briefly, the first player who wins 3 games wins the match, taking into account the following details:

Phase 1: 12 regular games

12 regular games will be played with a time schedule of 80 minutes plus 1 minute per move.

1. After 12 regular games the player who has the highest score wins the World Title, only if he won 3 games at least

2. If the match is decided before the 12th game is played, the players are obliged to finish all 12 games of phase 1

3. Tie break: when no player has won 3 games after 12 games of play, or after 12 games the score is tied at 12-12 and both players have won 3 or more games, there will be a tie break for the World Title which is described in phase 2

4. When the first 7 regular games all end in a draw, there will be a tie break for a first decision, after a break following the 7th regular game. This tie break will consist of an unlimited number of blitz games, with a time schedule of 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move. After each game the players get a short break. The player who first wins a blitz game wins the tie break (golden score). The winner of this tie break has a 8-6 lead in the match.

Phase 2: Tie break

When the match is not yet decided, a tie break will be played consisting of first a maximum of 3 rapid games with a time schedule of 20 minutes plus 10 seconds per move, if necessary followed by an unlimited series of blitz games, with a time schedule of 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move.

Between the games of the tie break the players will have a short break.

The tie break is played in the same venue in The Hague as the regular games 8-12.

The number of games won in phase 1 is the starting position of phase 2. So a player with 2 victories in phase 1 needs one more victory. A victory in phase 2 has the same value as a victory in phase 1.

The tie break ends when the first player reaches a third victory in all regular games and all tie break games.

This player is crowned as World Champion 2016.

In the special case that the first phase of regular games ends with 12-12, but both players have won 3 or more games, the tie break ends with the first victory of one of the players (golden score).

Others

9. It is forbidden to smoke in the playing hall.
10. The player has to be at his board at the scheduled starting time of the game. The consequences will be an official warning and a fine of 100 euro to FMJD for a player who is not present for the first time and a second time the game will be declared lost for him.
11. In the case of lack of clarity in the FMJD regulations or in these regulations, or in unforeseen circumstances, the matter at hand will be decided by the main referee in consultation with the FMJD Tournament Director and, if necessary with the Jury'dAppel.