FMJD Technical Committee remarks and proposals to the General Assembly 2021

Remarks on Special Committee report

Technical Committee acknowledges its part in the dispute between FMJD and Latvian Draughts Federation due to editing mistakes in Annex 17 and will do an additional review of annexes after General Assembly and will consider ways to prevent such a mistake happening in the future.

Remarks on the Latvian Draughts Federation proposal to change annexes

1. Technical Committee agrees with the 1st proposal of LDF (in not bold).

2. Technical Committee strongly advises AGAINST the second proposal of Latvian Draughts Federation to amend Annex 17 Article 13 in the following manner:

13. Exceptional cases. Only closure of borders between states represented by the players, prohibition legally imposed by the national state to the player to travel to another state or hospitalisation of the player can be considered as exceptional cases. If the Executive Board determines that an exceptional case exists, the World Title match should be postponed under the condition that the match ends no later than three months before the beginning of the regular World Championship tournament. If this is not possible, the match should not be played at all.

TC remarks, that there may arise many other situations that may warrant postponing organizing a tournament or a match, for example a natural disaster, incident at the arranged location of a title match, international travel issues, technical or economical problem or another type of unexpected and/or major event that can result in the need of rescheduling or postponing an event. The suggestion to introduce the aforementioned finite list of exceptional cases does not take into account the actual much larger realm of possibilities and would render reasonable action impossible in majority of those cases where a problem has escalated to that level. Additionally, no reason is given for the suggestion of the three months limit and why it is appropriate. Commonly the title match is played far earlier and should there be a case of approaching a time limit, obstruction is made possible where it otherwise wouldn't be. The benefits and the consequences of the proposed change are not clear. It should also be noted that latest Women's Title Match was held in less than 3 months before next tournament.

Proposals to change annexes

1. To respect the wish of Mr. Alexander Georgiev not to be represented by name in the Lehmann-Georgiev tie break, TC proposes to substitute current "Lehmann-Georgiev" and "Superblitz (Lehmann-Georgiev)" version of it with Superblitz throughout Annexes.
In support of this substitution is the current use of both together in Annexes, as early as 2013 in tournaments and 2016 in official championships.

2. To clarify role of the organizers (obligations, rights) in Annex 17.

3. To clarify Annex 9 article 6.3 to clearly state what players are assigned to List B and list C, respectively.

4. To amend Executive Board to Council/Executive Council in Annexes where present.

5. Correction of minor mistakes/typos and updating numeration.