



## Chief Arbiter's information

### FIDE Women's World Championship Match 2020

*WWM is the match between the reigning Women's World Champion GM Ju Wenjun and her challenger, the winner of the FIDE Women's Candidates Tournament 2019, Aleksandra Goryachkina.*

#### 1. Drawing of colours

The draw for colours shall be conducted during the Opening Ceremony on January 4<sup>th</sup>. For subsequent rounds, the colours alternate automatically. The colours shall be reversed after game 6. (The player getting the white colour in game 1 shall play game 7 with the black colour)

The drawing of lots for tie-break games, if needed, shall be done immediately after game 12, on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### 2. Default Time

The default time is 0, it means the start of the session is the moment when the Chief Arbiter announces it, and the Chief Arbiter has to declare the game lost for the player who is not present at the chessboard.

#### 3. Playing session

Each playing session starts at 3:30 pm.

#### 4. Score sheets

In tie-break games, the players and the Chief Arbiter or her Deputy shall sign a result sheet.

#### 5. Move Counter

A move counter simply counts the number of times it has been a player's turn to move. It should be used cautiously because the move counter registers the number of times the clock has switched sides, which may differ from the number of moves completed if players accidentally pressed the clock. We will use the move counter method for transition to the next period.

#### 6. Playing venue

The playing venue for the first 6 rounds in Shanghai is located at the Shanghai Chess Center. For the rest of the tournament, in Vladivostok, the playing venue is located in the Russian Island on the campus of the Far Eastern Federal University.

## **7. Playing Conditions**

The Chief Arbiter of the WWM gives both players permission for the whole duration of the tournament to proceed to the toilets and the refreshment room. So, the players will not need further permission during the games.

However, if a player leaves the playing venue without permission, the Chief Arbiter shall declare the game lost for that player. The Chief Arbiter will explain what the playing venue consists of during the technical meeting.

Both players are expected to conduct themselves professionally and in adherence to the highest standards of fair play throughout the match. According to Articles 11.5 and 11.6 of the FIDE Laws of Chess, the Chief Arbiter may penalize, with a warning or a more severe penalty, a player's behaviour which she considers disturbing the opponent, this includes unreasonable claims, unreasonable offers of a draw or the introduction of a source of noise into the playing area.

## **8. Ceremonies & Technical Meeting**

The Opening Ceremony in Shanghai takes place on January 4<sup>th</sup>, at --- in Shanghai Jingan Intercontinental Hotel. In Vladivostok, the Opening Ceremony starts on January 15<sup>th</sup> (**evening time**). The exact place and time are not settled yet and will be announced later by the organisers. Players are required to be present at the Ceremonies, and all members of both delegations are expected to be present there as well.

The Technical Meeting of the WWM takes part on January 4<sup>th</sup>, at --- in Shanghai Jingan Intercontinental Hotel. The players are required to attend the Technical Meeting.

There will be the press conferences the day before the first round, after round 6, and at the end of the tournament. Both players are obliged to participate.

The Closing Ceremony takes place on the day of the last game or one day thereafter. It will be announced after the last game.

## **9. Arbiters**

The Chief Arbiter of the WWM is IA Shohreh Bayat from Iran and the Deputy Chief Arbiter is IA Marika Japaridze from Georgia.

## **10. Appeals Committee**

The Chairman of the Appeals Committee is GM Nigel Short from England, he also serves as FIDE Supervisor, and the two other members of the Committee are GM Oleg Romanishin from Ukraine and IA Abd Hamid Bin And Majid from Malaysia. They should be available at the playing venue during all rounds.

If there are tie-break games, a player willing to appeal is encouraged to do it within 5 minutes after the relevant tie-break game. The decision should be taken as soon as possible.

## 11. Schedule

City	Date	Event
Shanghai	January 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Arrival
	January 4 <sup>th</sup> , 4:00pm	Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting
	January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30pm	Game 1
	January 6 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30pm	Game 2
	January 7 <sup>th</sup>	Free day
	January 8 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 3
	January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 4
	January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Free day
	January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 5
	January 12 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 6
	January 13 <sup>th</sup>	Departure
Vladivostok	January 14 <sup>th</sup>	Arrival
	January 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2:00pm	Opening Ceremony & Technical Meeting
	January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 7
	January 17 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 8
	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Free day
	January 19 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 9
	January 20 <sup>th</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 10
	January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Free day
	January 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 11
	January 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 3:30 pm	Game 12
	January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tie-break (if needed) or Closing Ceremony
	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Closing Ceremony (if tie-break is played)

	January 26 <sup>th</sup>	Departure
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**For More information check:**

The full regulations of the WWM on the FIDE website:

<https://handbook.fide.com/files/handbook/FWWCM20192020.pdf>

The FIDE Laws of Chess, as valid since 1 January 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

<https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012018>