

Report of QC Chairperson to FIDE Council October 2022

1. Rapid & Blitz

In the rating list published on 1st October, 2022, there was a one-off change to the rapid and blitz ratings of players who had them:

- If the player was unrated in rapid or blitz, then they remained unrated in rapid or blitz
- If the standard rating was more than 100 points higher than one of the other ratings, then that rating was moved up to: standard rating minus 100 points
- If the standard rating was 100 or less points higher than one of the ratings, then the player retained their rating

K factors were amended to be the same as those used for standardplay.

2. HCF proposal

In August, the Hungarian Chess Federation proposed to FIDE to amend the regulations of the FIDE Handbook B.04.Transfer Regulations & Rules of Eligibility for Players.

QC was requested to study HCF proposal. We suggested that FIDE should not change the rules based on a specific case. Current regulations were approved in 2020 and nobody opposed.

It could be useful to ask opinion from the Federations and Athletes Commission about transfer regulations.

Specific rules on eligibility for the Olympiad (and possibly other FIDE events) could be added, rather than changing our transfer rules.

The Council is the strategic and oversight body of FIDE. They should consider strategically what they want from transfers and legislate accordingly.

3. Norm report

It would be important to clarify that norm certificates issued by arbiters are not valid until confirmed by QC. The only authority that validates norms according to our rules is QC.

We suggest to modify Norm Report Form (IT1)'s title to "*Certificate Proposal*" or "*Norm Report*" and/or include a sentence at the bottom of the certificate "*This report is not valid until confirmed by QC*" in order to emphasise that arbiters don't have the power to confirm norms.

4. Direct titles from 2.3 Zone

There was a misunderstanding between "establish qualifiers to the World Cup" and "being part of the Cycle".

QC recommended to delete "Sub-Zonals" from article 1.2.4. This would not be a change, it would be just to reflect the reality as Sub-Zonals don't establish qualifiers to the World Cup.

Federations should not to include explicitly in the regulations of each event the titles that would be awarded by FIDE. This generates double source of information and could be different causing problems.

Organizers should be reminded that no certificates related to Direct Titles should be awarded by Chief Arbiter. The Chief Arbiter should send a report to FIDE containing a list of direct titles earned. Following review by QC, the federations concerned are informed by the FIDE Office.

We would like to remind to the Federations that they can always get advice from QC if they need clarification about regulations.

5. Active players

The lack of rated events due to the coronavirus pandemic could have led, under the existing regulations, to many players being considered as "inactive". As such, they could have been removed from the rating list.

In order to prevent that, the Qualification Commission made the recommendation to temporarily extend the period required to be considered "inactive" from 12 to 24 months.

Resolution of FIDE Council Nov 2020 regarding the rating lists:

"WHEREAS, since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, it has been possible for only a reduced number of FIDE rated tournaments to take place. As a result, it is likely that many players who would under normal conditions be playing rated games will find that they are unable to do so and will therefore be marked as inactive.

The FIDE Council has considered this problem and has decided on the advice of the Qualification Commission (QC) that, from the November 2020 list UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, the period specified in the definition of inactivity will be increased from 12 months to 24 months."

QC considers that nowadays chess has a good level of activity and competitions.

We recommend to revert this modification and consider inactive a player after a period of one year without rated games.

6. Title Applications

We are submitting our recommendations on title applications.

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