



FIDE Rules Commission

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Report to the FIDE Council meeting at 17 October 2022

After the meeting during the Chess Olympiad on 4th August 2022, The Rules Commission held meetings online on the 11th September 2022 and approved the new version of the FIDE Laws of Chess according the previous decisions, (the new text and list of changes are attached).

The most important changes are as follows:

1. The time penalty in rapid chess time control changed to 1 minute as blitz chess time control (it was 2 minutes) since the rapid time control is closer to blitz time control than standard time controls.
2. Resigning in the positions that opponent can't make check mate with any series of legal moves will result in a draw.
3. Name of the second part of the FIDE Laws of Chess changed to "Competitive Rules of Play" instead of "Competition Rules" which is more correct in terms of english and is in harmony with the "Basic Rules of Play".
4. Possibility of using Electronic Scoresheets was added to the FIDE Laws of Chess.
5. The text of FIDE Laws of Chess changed entirely from uni-gender to both genders (He/She instead of he,...)

The commission representatives also made a meeting with Mellenium company on 21 September 2022 and made some suggestion for the Hybrid E-Boards as complete solution for Online Chess.

Best Regards

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