

## Q1 Report

### Tripartite Meeting with Arbiter and Rules Commission

Q1 has been dominated by the work between the three commissions, culminating in a face to face meeting in Amsterdam. The goal of the meetings was to find an agreement between the three commissions on how to find a consensus on how to amend the proposal from Rules on Fair Play that would be agreeable to all three parties.

We are delighted that there was a willingness from all to compromise and find a solution that all parties could agree with.

We were hopeful to have everything in place for approval at the 1<sup>st</sup> Council meeting, but there are logistical challenges from the changes that require more time to overcome. It is everyone's intention to present the changes and regulation changes to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Council meeting and finally put this issue to bed.

The key agreements from the meetings can be summarised as follows

- All Fair Play Personal must be trained as arbiters
- Anyone on the Red, Blue and Green Panels must be trained to FPE Level
- All Arbiters FA and above will receive improved fair play training
- Fair Play Titles remain but will change FPE remains, but FPO becomes a tournament position, those currently FPO will become SFPEs (Senior Fair Play Experts)
- FPL will run some free seminars for panel members and lecurers. ARB will do the same for FPL who are not already arbiters
- FPL will run 2 seminars at the Olympiad.
- Fair Play positions will appear in the Laws of Chess
- There will be a transition period of 3 years to allow everyone to gain the necessary additional qualification for their specialism.



## Equipment

We have purchased two additional pieces of equipment to assist with the detection of signals in the playing hall for the top tournaments. They will be used for the first time at the upcoming Candidates tournament and will be part of an upcoming training course for FPOs

We still need to replace our Non Linear scanners, The Cayman is proving to be too flimsy for the travelling it has to do, the EDT, although more expensive, is showing to be the better option as it has no moving parts and an integrated antennae. I would recommend that we look to get these for the Olympiad and Match.

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