



World Team Championship 50+ & 65+
26.06. - 04.07.2016 in Radebeul



FIDE meeting "Chess 50+ & 65+ situation and questions".

Date: Monday, June 27th at 8 pm

Venue: Radisson Blu Hotel Nizzastraße 55, 01455 Radebeul

Host: IO/FA Dr. Dirk Jordan (FIDE Director 50+ & 65+) &

IO/FM Johann Pöcksteiner (ECU Seniors Tournament Director)

Topics:

1. schedule for organizing future tournaments
2. Questions of the open letter after WM 2015 Aqiu Termen
3. miscellaneous

World and European Senior / 50+ & 65+ Championships

Month	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
January							
February					24.02. - 04.03. Dresden, Ger		
March		26.03. - 05.04. Rogaska-Slat, Slov	10.03. - 20.03. Plovdiv, Bul	08.03. - 18.03. Oporto, Portugal			17.03.-25.03. Novi Sad, Ser
April	06.04. - 14.04. Aosta Valley, Ita			01.04. - 10.04. Sibenik, Croatia	13.04. - 22. 04. Porto Carras, Gre	18.04.-28.04. Halkidiki, Gre	28.04.-07.05. Eritrea, Gre
May	03.05. - 11.05. Tessaloniki, Gre						
June						04.06.-14.06. Yerevan, Arm	
July			20.07. - 28.07. Dresden, Ger	12.07. - 22.07. Vilnius, Lit	11.07. - 21.07. Vienna, Austria	26.06.-04.07. Radebeul, Ger	
August		18.08. - 27.08. Kaunas, Lithuania					11.08.-21.08. Barcelona, Spa
September							
Oktober							
November	14.11. - 27.11. Opatija, Croatia	13.11. - 25.11. Kamena Vourl, Gre	11. - 14. 11. Opatija, Croat	23.10. - 05.11. Katerini, Greece	20.11. - 30. 11. Acqui Terme, Ita	18.11.-01.12. Marinske-Laz, Cze	06.11.-19.11. Acqui Terme, Ita
Dezember							

World Senior Team Championship: **WSTC**
World Senior Championship: **WSC**

European Senior Team Championship: **ESTC**
European Senior Championship: **ESC**

Johann Pöcksteiner gibt die Kandidaten für die Ausrichtung der Welt- und Europameisterschaften für 2018 bekannt. Hier befinden sich die FIDE und die ECU gerade im Evaluations-Prozess.

ETC: Polen (Weydenburg) April 2018

ESC: Norwegen (Reservierung für ein BID)

WSTC: Deutschland (Radebeul) Juli 2018

WSC: Rumänien (Bukarest) November 2018

Italien (Tarvi) Oktober 2018

Slovenien (Bled) November 2018

2. Probleme bei der Ausrichtung der letzten WSC in Acqui Terme (Ita) 2015 und Anmerkungen zur Veränderung des Austragungsortes 2017 von Venedig in Acqui Terme.

Einige Teilnehmer (Unterzeichner des offenen Briefes, u.a. Tim Hardin, Jan Rooze, Matthias Kierzik) machten auf die folgenden Sachverhalte aufmerksam:

- Die Organisation der Abholung vom Flughafen war mangelhaft:
 - Einige Teilnehmer wurden an ihren Flughäfen „vergessen“.
 - Diese Teilnehmer mussten dann mit einem Taxi nach Acqui Terme fahren und bekamen teilweise nur 50% der Kosten vom Veranstalter ersetzt.

- Der Transport mit dem Bus vom Flughafen endete am Austragungsort und es wurde kein Weitertransport zu den Hotels angeboten. Es mussten die Teilnehmer deshalb mit dem Gepäck teilweise größere Strecken (bis zu 2km) zu ihren Hotels zu Fuß zurücklegen.
- Die teilweise im Zentrum und damit relativ weit entfernten Hotels hatten kein Shuttle-Angebot zum Turniersaal. Dies ist für die Altersklasse 50+ und insbesondere 65+ in Zukunft vorzusehen.
- Das Preis-Leistungsverhältnis in einigen Häusern war nicht angemessen (z.B. Kloster).
- Die ansonsten gut geeignete Turnierhalle hatte für ein Schachevent dieser Größenordnung (> 300 Spieler) zu wenig Toiletten (5x ♂ ohne Urinale, 1x ♀). Die Toiletten im Obergeschoss waren nicht benutzbar, da kein Licht und ein defekter Fahrstuhl.
- Die Internetanbindung war nicht ausreichend.
- Der Verkauf des Bulletins mit gerade mal den übertragenen LIVE-Partien ist zu bemängeln.

Questions of the open letter after WM 2015 Aqi Termen and the answers from FIDE

<p>Open Letter: 1 Hotel choice</p>	<p>Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director</p>
<p>There is a widespread concern that the choice of organisers for senior events is insufficiently open, and that the organisation criteria are far from clear. This seems to lead to repeated “allocation” of events to a limited group of countries. The impression sometimes conveyed, that this is based on favourable hotel prices for participants, is not always confirmed in practice, as hotel prices off-season repeatedly turn out to be substantially higher than if they had been booked by an independent tourist.</p>	<p>The choice of Organisers depends on who is willing to bid for the events. We ask for bids two years in advance and we inspect those who bid. Obviously when making the bids, the bidders negotiate with hotels and will normally have to guarantee the hotels a certain number of rooms before getting a reasonable quote. Often the hotel(s) concerned are part sponsors of the event. Obviously two years later most hotels are willing to give lower quotes to individual tourists if they have spare rooms, but it is unlikely that any bid would be successful if they stated there is no hotel and it was up to the players to find their own.</p>
<p>Open Letter: 2 Hotel prices</p>	<p>Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director</p>
<p>As a result, hotel prices are often high, or fail to deliver the expected quality. The undersigned have no doubt that the rate of participation in senior events might therefore be substantially higher if prices were set more reasonably.</p>	<p>The prices are reasonable at the time of the bid and often Organisers offer a choice of hotel to cover various player’s pockets.</p>

<p>Open Letter: 3 quality ration of offered accommodation</p>	<p>Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director</p>
<p>Where the price to quality ratio of the offered accommodation has been perceived to be poor, this has also often caused considerable disquiet on the part of many seniors concerning the obligation to stay in one of the hotels proposed by the organiser. The undersigned are convinced that this requirement, combined with the frequent lack of competitive, value for money hotel choices, inhibits wider participation. Moreover, the principle of a “penalty” claimed by some organisers for players deciding to stay somewhere else, is acceptable only if it is reasonable, and explicitly sanctioned by FIDE or ECU rules.</p>	<p>Knowing that Seniors have to pay for the hotels themselves, when checking bids, the hotels on offer are a major deciding choice when it comes to accepting a bid. We can only deal with those who bid. Having guaranteed the rooms, the Organisers obviously must ensure that they fulfil the guarantees to the best of their ability.</p>
<p>Open Letter: 4 participation fees as high as 150 €/person</p>	<p>Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director</p>
<p>Considering the often heavy bill for accommodation, participation fees as high as 150 € per person may have the effect of further deterring interested players.</p>	<p>Again this depends on the bid, but the Organisers do have overheads that they wish to cover.</p>

<p>Open Letter: 5 payment up-front Hotel prices</p>	<p>Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director</p>
<p>The practice of 100% payment up-front for hotel accommodation is likewise very dubious, and contrary to normal hotel practice in Europe. This has repeatedly led to situations where players who are dissatisfied with the quality of their accommodation, have either been unable to make any changes, or faced penalties for doing so.</p>	<p>Since 2012 FIDE regulations have not allowed 100% prepayment, but a maximum of 50%. In most cases the hotels will want some form of prepayment from the Organisers.</p>
<p>Open Letter: 6 Hotel and playing venue</p>	<p>Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director</p>
<p>The chosen hotels should be close enough to the playing hall, taking into account the difficult mobility of some senior players. If this cannot be guaranteed for all hotels, then organisers should specify this very clearly, and offer free and flexible shuttle services.</p>	<p>Since 2012 FIDE regulations have not allowed 100% prepayment, but a maximum of 50%. In most cases the hotels will want some form of prepayment from the Organisers.</p>

Open Letter: 7 selling a game bulletin	Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director
<p>Games should be made available through the internet during the tournament. The petty practice of selling a games bulletin to participants during the tournament, is not appreciated.</p>	<p>We agree and this is part of the evaluation of a bid.</p> <p>Organisers are encouraged to use as many electronic boards as possible so that the games can be shown live on the internet, but these boards are expensive especially for a once-off event.</p>
Open Letter: 8 pick up service	Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director
<p>More than once over the last few years, participants have complained about the pick-up service from airports, when sometimes the impression is created that profits for the organiser take precedence over adequate service to participants. In cases when participants waited in vain for the pick-up service promised and paid for, organisers sometimes showed little willingness to compensate or even apologise for this.</p>	<p>Again when choosing a venue, the transportation is part of the equation. All Organisers always claim that they will be good as possible, but mistakes will happen.</p>

Open Letter: 9 more events in Western Europe	Nigel Freeman, FIDE Executive Director
<p>Considering that a large majority of current participants in senior events are Western European, it may be beneficial, for the future development of senior chess, if more countries in Western Europe could be encouraged to organise European or World Championships. However, the current practice of tendering for the organisation of FIDE or ECU events, and the insecurity related to this, may in fact discourage those countries from bidding. Therefore, we suggest that FIDE/ECU consider the possibility of making exceptions to current tendering practice, by allowing interested member countries to host an event under terms and conditions that are, of course, strictly specified and vetted by FIDE or ECU.</p>	<p>I am perplexed by the points in your last paragraph. You say “if more countries in Western Europe could be encouraged...” I am unsure about your definition of Western Europe. Amongst the events in 2015, 2016 and 2017 which have been awarded are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">2015 World Seniors Teams-Germany2015 European Seniors Teams- Austria2015 World Individual- Italy2016 World Seniors Teams-Germany2016 World Seniors Individual- Czech Republic2017 European Individual-Spain2017 World Seniors-Italy <p>FIDE tendering process is open, transparent and simple, I fail to understand your claim about insecurity, nor your request to make exceptions, it appears to be requesting exactly what takes place now. We of course want as many bids as possible, but we cannot force people to bid.</p>

3. Miscellaneous

In der Diskussion wird von Dirk Jordan u.a. die Einführung eines Fragebogens zur Evaluierung während der Veranstaltung angeregt. Per Ofstadt schlägt einen auf die Qualität ausgerichteten offenen und keinen mit standardisierten Fragen und eventuell zum Ankreuzen mit Noten von 1-5 entwickelten vor.

Einen breiten Raum nahm die Diskussion um die Hotelbindung der Teilnehmer ein. Diese wird regelmäßig beanstandet. Deshalb findet der versuchsweise bei der WM in Radebeul praktizierte Weg eines Organisationsbeitrages für die Teilnehmer, die nicht in den offiziell angebotenen Häusern übernachten, breite Zustimmung (z.B. Jan Rooze). Es wird angeregt diese Regelung in die allgemeinen FIDE-Regularien zu übernehmen.

Durch die Einführung der Kategorien 50+ (w, m) und 65+ (w,m) sind vier Weltmeisterschaften entstanden. Wenn nun ein Ausrichter ein BID für dieses Events abgeben möchte, muss er bei der WSC nach den FIDE-Regularien (Handbook, D. Regulation for Specific Competitions 03. FIDE World Seniors Championships (6., 7., 8.)) bis zu 60 bezahlte Freiplätze anbieten (Einzelzimmer mit Vollverpflegung). Das scheint eine sehr große finanzielle Herausforderung zu sein. Deshalb wird angeregt nur die Titelverteidiger (also D 03, 6. und 8.) beizubehalten und die Verbindung von 7. zu 8. zu streichen. Damit wird erhofft, dass sich mehr Ausrichter für dieses Event bewerben.

Das Auslosungssystem (SwissChess) bei einer Mannschaftsweltmeisterschaft wird in zwei Details besprochen:

a) Sollte die Setzlistennummer zu Beginn des Turniers (analog der WM in Radebeul) ermittelt werden. Insbesondere Carsten lobt diese Ermittlung.

b) Da die Farbverteilung bei einem Mannschaftsturnier nicht so bedeutend wie bei einem Einzelturnier ist regen mehrere Teilnehmer (insbesondere aus England) an, über die strenge Einhaltung des Farbausgleiches beim dritten Mal nachzudenken. Dirk Jordan wird dies an die Swiss Pairing Commission der FIDE weitergeben.