

Report of the Adjudication System for the Congress 2022

Since the last Congress, more than 700 adjudications have taken place. There have been very few protests, which are all handled manually – a one-digit number of cases regrettably not counted precisely.

Currently, 72 adjudicators are active, among them 8 panelists. A few adjudicators, among them panelists, resigned from their task, fortunately new adjudicators and new panelists could be found. The playing strength of the adjudicators allows adjudications of games in tournaments of all playing levels.

Thanks to their dedicated and reliable work, all adjudications have been settled in a short period. In some cases adjudicators were not aware of the rule, that the player who claims a win has to submit a substantial analysis. All these cases were clarified quickly.

For the games with a Ukrainian player who unfortunately could not resume their games for the first time an automated adjudication by means of an engine was applied, following a decision of the Extraordinary Congress earlier this year. This was the only practicable option to process a big number of adjudication within a rather short period of time. In all cases, in which the evaluation of the engine exceeded a certain threshold, a manual evaluation followed. In total a bit less than 60 games ended with a win.

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Rather probably the work of the adjudication system is going to change, maybe the system is going to be abolished. The adjudication system is able to cope with the normal number of adjudications, therefore this is not the reason for this proposal. In the past the procedure to withdraw players has been treated inconsistently: partly, because Tds have not acted in accordance with the rules, partly, because some National Delegates failed to take care of their players properly. who have fallen ill or were even deceased.

Apart from my sincere thanks to all the adjudicators and panelists, it is my genuine wish to express my gratitude to Frank Geider, Michael Millstone, Austin Lockwood, and Dennis Doren. Their help, support, and advice was valuable for the functioning of the adjudication system.

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