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To the participants of the PWCE,

In the interest of the participants the FMJD formulated a few basic principles to be applied at the FMJD World Championships for draughts composers. These principles have been discussed in Warsaw during a meeting of the CPI chaired by me and these rules have been explained in an early stage of the PWCE to the jury members.

One of these principles is that participating compositions can only be eliminated based upon objective criteria as mentioned in the RI /RIE and that when the rules are not fully clear the participants have the benefit of the doubt. In other words, when it cannot be proven that the rules require elimination, the end game should be accepted.

The jury of the PWCE eliminated a large number of end games unanimously, but did not agree upon a few end games. Some jury members accepted an end game, other did not.

Mr. Céron the contact of the PWCE asked the jury members who wanted to eliminate these few end games to explain on what article of the RI /RIE their elimination was based. Both Mr. Shkludov and Mr. Mackevicius did not give a proper reply on this specific question. The result was that the jury could not find a common opinion.

Mr. Céron then asked the CPI, also with specific questions, to take a decision on these cases. First it was checked if there was any objective reason against accepting these end games, as one or more of the jury members did. It became clear that acceptance of these end games was not against the rules.

During further discussion the CPI failed to convince the jury members, both Mr. Shkludov and Mr. Mackevicius. They refused to accept these end games, though at least in some cases the reason to accept was evident.

Because of all this it became necessary that the FMJD took a decision. The final responsibility for an official FMJD World Championship is obviously with the FMJD.

These decisions are, taking into account the rights of the participants that these end games under discussion have to be accepted and have to get a normal score.

I wrote to Mr. Céron and the jury members to inform about the decisions, in an official letter. The decisions are formal FMJD decisions. Mr. Céron gave further explanation to Mr. Shkludov and Mr. Mackevicius about the specific end games where the score should be in line with the acceptance.

This means that Mr. Shkludov and Mr. Mackevicius got the chance to give reasonable scores to these end games that would have replaced the scores for these end games in the preliminary result.

However, Mr. Shkludov refused to follow the formal decision by the FMJD and Mr. Mackevicius only did it partly.

This leaves the FMJD no other choice than to discharge Mr. Shkludov and Mr. Mackevicius as jury members of the PWCE.

Their scores will no longer be recognized and further comments from their side will be considered irrelevant.

The FMJD appreciates very much the way Mr. de Bruijn did his job as jury member.

Under the circumstances it is not obvious for the FMJD to recognize the results of the PWCE. However, the FMJD acts in the interest of the participants. The FMJD will consult the remaining jury member as well as the contact how to get a fair result of the PWCE, so that there will be at least a PWCE World Champion.

The President of the CPI informed me sometime ago that he considers it far more important that the jury acts in a normal way than how many points his end games get. At his age he is not so much interested in earning points and he expects not to win the PWCE. It will be a pleasure for him to congratulate the new World Champion.

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