

## RATINGS BY-LAW

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### Division 1 - Rating System

#### Administration

1. The ACF Council shall appoint as many Ratings Officers as it considers necessary to administer the ACF Ratings System and to prepare the ACF rating lists.

#### ACF rating lists

2. (1) The Ratings Officers shall prepare rating lists as follows -

(a) a normal list relating to games played at normal time controls;

(b) a Quick rating list.

(2) A game will be rated in the Quick list if it is played at a time control of between 5 and 59 minutes per player for the whole game.

(3) Games at longer time controls will be rated in the normal list.

(4) Games using increments in the time control will be accepted for rating -

(a) in the normal list provided they are of the form  $G/X\text{mins} + Y\text{secs}$  per move from move 1 where X and Y are 30 or greater or where X is 60 or greater; or

(b) in the Quick list if they are of the form  $G/X\text{mins} + Y\text{secs}$  per move where X is 3 to 29 and Y is not less than 2 or greater than 30, or where X is 30 to 59 and Y is less than 30.

#### Publication of ratings

3. The ACF rating lists are to be published four times per year, on 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December.

#### Rating system - implementation

4. (1) Subject to this by-law, the ACF rating lists are to be prepared generally in accordance with the Glicko 2 system, described at Professor Glickman's web site at <http://www.glicko.com>.

(2) The Ratings Officers may implement the Glicko 2 system in the manner they deem most appropriate.

#### Adjustment of ratings

5. Without limiting the generality of by-law 4 (2), the Ratings Officers may adjust the ACF ratings as they see fit to try to bring the ACF ratings more in line with FIDE ratings, such an adjustment to be made, when determined necessary, before, or at the same time as, the publication of the first ACF rating list for each calendar year.

#### Rating of matches

6. (1) A match will be rated and, where applicable, submitted to FIDE for rating if -

(a) the match is approved for rating by the State Associations of the players concerned; and

(b) the match is for a legitimate title play-off.

(2) Despite paragraph (1) a match will be rated if it is authorized by the ACF Council, in its absolute discretion, to be rated.

#### Submission of games for rating

7. Where possible, information regarding games submitted for rating should be provided using the Swiss Perfect system.

Rating of certain telechess games

8. If the captains in a telechess match, played in accordance with the ACF Rules for Telechess Matches, determine the result of an unfinished game for scoring purposes, the result of the game shall not be rated unless the players agree that it be rated.

Division 2 - Transitional

Ratings officers - preservation of appointments

9. The Ratings Officers holding appointment at the commencement of this By-law shall continue to hold office as if appointed under this by-law.

ACF ratings - preservation

10. The ACF ratings in force at the commencement of this by-law shall continue in force as if made under this by-law.