

**88th FIDE Congress 2017 in Göynük**  
**Systems of Pairings and Programs Commission**  
**Annex 1**

<b>Section C.04.2.A</b>		
<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>		<b>PROPOSED WORDING</b>
The pairing system used for a FIDE rated tournament shall be either one of the published FIDE Swiss Systems or a detailed written description of the rules shall be explicitly presented to the participants.	1	The pairing system used for a FIDE rated tournament should be one of the published FIDE Swiss Systems. Accelerated methods are acceptable if they were announced in advance by the organizer and are published in section C.04.5.
While reporting a tournament to FIDE, the Arbiter shall declare which of the official FIDE Swiss systems was used. If another system was used, the Arbiter shall submit the rules of this system for checking by the Systems of Pairings and Programs Commission (SPPC).	2	In derogation of the previous rule, unpublished pairing systems or accelerated methods may be permitted, provided that a detailed written description of their rules: (a) be submitted in advance to the Systems of Pairings and Programs Commission (SPPC) and temporarily authorized by them; and (b) be explicitly presented to the participants before the start of the tournament.
Accelerated methods are acceptable if they were announced in advance by the organizer and are not biased in favour of any player.	3	While reporting a tournament to FIDE, the Arbiter shall declare which official FIDE Swiss system and acceleration method (if any) were used, or provide the temporary authorization(s) given by the SPPC as per the previous rule.
The FIDE Swiss Rules pair the players in an objective and impartial way, and different arbiters or software programs following the pairing rules should arrive at identical pairings.	4	The Swiss Pairing Systems defined by FIDE and not deprecated (see C.04.4) pair the players in an objective, impartial and reproducible way. In any tournament where such systems are used, different arbiters or endorsed software programs must be able to arrive at identical pairings.
It is not allowed to alter the correct pairings in favour of any player. Where it can be shown that modifications of the original pairings were made to help a player achieve a norm or a direct title, a report may be submitted to the Qualification Commission to initiate disciplinary measures through the Ethics Commission.	5	It is not allowed to alter the correct pairings in favour of any player. Where it can be shown that modifications of the original pairings were made to help a player achieve a norm or a direct title, a report may be submitted to the Qualification Commission to initiate disciplinary measures through the Ethics Commission.

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