

Competitions where adjudication is possible will not be ECF-graded from 1st July, 2015

There have been an increasing number of enquiries made to the ECF about whether or not certain local rule variations in the FIDE Laws of Chess are permitted for the purposes of ECF-grading. The general approach of defining qualification of games for grading is that they meet the weakest interpretation of FIDE Laws as enacted from time to time. This is being dealt with separately, but one element of this is likely to divide opinion.

Adjudication is not recognised by the FIDE Laws of Chess as a valid completion of a game. It is felt that the ECF should encourage chess games that meet international standards. The proposal allows competitions still having this mode of completion time to update their rules so that games come to a formal conclusion; either by use of increments, quickplay finishes, or adjournment.

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