

Report of an office without a name – adjudications

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This paper reports the main activities in the area of adjudications. Although the adjudications cause a lot of work and sometimes trouble, this office has no name.

I took over last year in April from Dennis Doren. I am very thankful to Dennis for having prepared this field with far-sightedness and energy.

Since the last Congress and until the beginning of July 2019 944 adjudications and furthermore 70 panels (20 automated ones operated by the server, 50 operated manually) have been conducted. Currently there are 78 adjudicators, among them 5 panelists. Thanks to their dedicated work the adjudications are handled reliably and within a very short period of time. The average time between a game being called for adjudication to the adjudicator's decision is 16 days. Please note, that the players have 14 days to submit their claims and analysis. This number refers only to those adjudications, where a human adjudicator is required, it does not include games where both players agreed so not adjudication was necessary. The range of the playing strength of the adjudicators allows adjudications in every event in ICCF.

At the beginning of the year the panels have become automated – thanks to the efforts of Austin Lockwood and Martin Bennedik – I sincerely wish to thank a lot both of them! Previously the panels have been handled manually – rather incredible in the digital age. This included the distribution of several mails to the TD, the original adjudicator and the panelists. This stone-age procedure has become obsolete.

Most of the difficulties players are facing with the adjudications is the claim of a win. A win can only be awarded, if the player

- a) Claims a win
- b) Submits supportive analysis. Analysis means
relevant lines
and/or
verbal analysis.

It is not enough simply to state “I am winning”, “my neighbour says, my position is much better”, “engine xy states my position is + 10”. Without some kind of proper analysis a win cannot be awarded.

If a player fails to submit an analysis, consequently the claim of win is reverted to a claim of a draw, furthermore losing the right to appeal the adjudicator's decision.

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