

Solving committee agenda

Since the last online meeting in autumn, four matters were sent to the solving committee:

1. proposal to recognize Taras Rudenko performance achieved in the 40th Open Swiss Solving Championship as fulfilling qualifications for IM norm in solving. (by Arvydas Mockus)
2. proposal to change norm eligibility rules in multi-location solving events to allow granting norms to solvers locally present. (by Arvydas Mockus)
3. distinguishing between solving norms WIM and FM (by Axel Steinbrink)
4. proposal for a change of rules in World Solving Cup to allow tournaments with less than 10 solvers with rating to be eligible for WSC. (by Roland Ott)

Other issues:

5. Choosing a date (January 16, 24 or 31, 2027) and central controller of the ISC 2027 (Arvydas expressed willingness to continue). Preparing a list of members of the appeal committee.
6. Choosing WSC directors (Roland - director, Axel, Marek – assistants expressed willingness to continue).
7. z-score: implementation and discussion. See attached documents (@Delegates: these attachments are sent only to solving committee members; if you want to see them, send an email).

Proposal 1 and 2

Dear members of the Solving Committee,

In the **Swiss Solving Championship 2025 (Bern)**, Rudenko's result met the criteria for an **IM norm** based on the locally present participants.

(If the Lithuanian **multi-location group**, which was originally scheduled to participate on-site but was forced to solve remotely due to a cancelled flight, had been able to attend and compete in Bern as planned, Rudenko's performance would have achieved a GM norm.)

However, because the event was classified as *multi-location*, all norms were automatically excluded.

This situation seems unfair to those who solved **on-site under official supervision**, since their eligibility for norms should not depend on remote participants solving elsewhere.

Rudenko solved in Bern according to all rules and under proper supervision, and his result should be treated as valid for norm purposes within the context of the local event.

At the moment, the regulation unintentionally penalises local participants who have followed all procedures correctly, simply because another **multi-location group** happened to solve the same set of problems elsewhere.

Therefore, I would like to **formally propose that the Solving Committee recognise Rudenko's IM norm achieved in Bern 2025**, as his performance fully meets all standard criteria under proper on-site supervision.

Afterwards, the Committee may consider clarifying the rule for future cases to avoid similar misunderstandings.

-In multi-location events, title norms (GM/IM/FM) may be awarded based solely on the locally present participants.
Multi-location groups may count for rating purposes only.

40th Open Swiss Solving Championship 2025 (25.10.2025)

Norms				
Name	Country	Norm		
Rudenko, Taras	UKR		IM	FM

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☐	1 Pavlov, Danila	j	FID	GM	2835	1	5	5	15	5	5	30	0	5	65	5	5	15	5	5	34	5	5	30	55	189	2779	-2
☐	2 Van Beers, Eddy		BEL	GM	2625	6	5	5	15	4	5	40	5	0	65	5	5	16	5	5	55	5	5	15	54	206	2744	3
☐	3 Rudenko, Taras	j	UKR		2242	84	5	5	13	0	5	40	5	5	61	4	5	22	5	5	35	3,75	5	30	52,75	201	2701	13
☐	4 Schäfer, Ronald		GER	FM	2268	77	5	5	12	1,5	5	40	2	0	65	5	5	26	5	5	50	5	5	19	48,5	212	2553	8
☐	5 van Rijn, Wouter		NED		2080	154	5	5	15	2,5	1,25	40	2	1	63	5	5	28	3	5	55	5	5	26	44,75	227	2422	10
☐	6 Michiels, Joost		NED		2340	55	5	5	15	0	2,5	40	1	0	65	5	5	18	5	5	38	5	5	17	43,5	193	2379	1
☐	7 Kopyl, Valery	s	UKR	IM	2311	66	5	5	15	0	2,5	40	5	0	65	5	3	30	3	5	32	5	5	19	43,5	201	2379	2
☐	8 Ott, Roland	s	SUI		2308	67	5	5	12	0	5	40	0	0	65	5	5	21	3	5	55	5	5	28	43	221	2361	2
☐	9 Maeder, Thomas		SUI	IM	2225	88	5	5	15	5	5	38	0	0	65	5	5	30	3	-	55	5	5	21	43	224	2361	4
☐	10 Tkhoruk, Roman	j	SUI		1921	243	5	5	14	-	5	40	0	5	65	5	5	25	3	5	55	-	5	30	43	229	2361	13
☐	11 Zude, Arno	s	GER	GM	2515	20	5	5	8	0	3,75	40	0	1	65	3	5	13	5	5	45	5	5	16	42,75	187	2352	-5
☐	12 Chekina, Anastasiya	jw	FID		1890	268	5	5	15	-	5	40	3	0	65	5	5	19	3	0	55	5	5	22	41	216	2291	12
☐	13 Uitenbroek, Hans	s	NED	IM	2329	59	5	5	15	-	-	40	0	0	65	5	5	18	3	5	55	5	5	15	40	208	2257	-2
☐	14 Rein, Andreas	s	GER		2202	97	5	5	14	0	5	40	2	0	65	5	5	26	3	0	55	5	5	29	40	229	2257	2
☐	15 Köchli, Klaus	s	SUI		2203	94	5	5	15	0	5	40	1	0	65	5	2	30	3	5	55	3,75	2,5	30	37,25	235	2161	-1
☐	16 Selivanov, Andrey		FID	GM	2421	36	0	0	15	0	-	40	3	0	65	5	5	11	5	5	55	5	5	30	33	216	2013	-12
☐	17 Kolčák, Marek	s	SVK	IM	2264	81	5	5	11	4	0	40	0															

Criteria for gaining norms			
✓	N1	At least 15 rated solvers from at least 3 countries with a full rating must compete in the tournament.	21/8
✗	N2_GM	Norms for the title International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE (GM) can be gained in a tournament if the top 5 participating solvers have a current rating average of at least 2550.	2547,64
✓	N2_IM	Norms for the title International Solving Master of the FIDE (IM) can be gained in a tournament if the top 5 participating solvers have a current rating average of at least 2450.	2547,64
✓	N2_FM	Norms for the title FIDE Solving Master (FM) can be gained in a tournament if the top 5 participating solvers have a current rating average of at least 2350.	2547,64
✓	N2_WGM	Norms for the titles Women International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE (WGM) can be gained in a tournament if top 5 participating solvers have a current rating average of at least 2450.	2547,64
✓	N2_WIM	Norms for the title Women International Solving Master of the FIDE (WIM) can be gained in a tournament if top 5 participating solvers have a current rating average of at least 2350 respectively.	2547,64
✓	N2_WFM	Norms for the title Women FIDE Solving Master (WFM) can be gained in a tournament if top 5 participating solvers have a current rating average of at least 2250.	2547,64
✓	N3	Norms cannot be gained at tournaments which take place in multiple locations.	-
✗	N4_GM	A solver obtains a GM norm when he/she achieves a performance rating of at least 2650. The solver must be placed within the number of solvers with the qualifying rating of 2550 (i.e. at least sixth place when there are 6 solvers with the qualifying rating of 2550).	-
✓	N4_IM	A solver obtains a IM norm when he/she achieves a performance rating of at least 2550. The solver must be placed within the number of solvers with the qualifying rating of 2450 (i.e. at least sixth place when there are 6 solvers with the qualifying rating of 2450).	3
✓	N4_FM	A solver obtains a FM norm when he/she achieves a performance rating of at least 2450. The solver must be placed within the number of solvers with the qualifying rating of 2350 (i.e. at least sixth place when there are 6 solvers with the qualifying rating of 2350).	4
✓	N4_WGM	A women solver obtains a WGM norm when she achieves a performance rating of at least 2550. The solver must be placed within the number of solvers with the qualifying rating of 2450 (i.e. at least fifth place when there are 5 solvers with the qualifying rating of 2450).	3
✓	N4_WIM	A women solver obtains a WIM norm when she achieves a performance rating of at least 2450. The solver must be placed within the number of solvers with the qualifying rating of 2350 (i.e. at least fifth place when there are 5 solvers with the qualifying rating of 2350).	4
✓	N4_WFM	A women solver obtains a WFM norm when she achieves a performance rating of at least 2350. The solver must be placed within the number of solvers with the qualifying rating of 2250 (i.e. at least fifth place when there are 5 solvers with the qualifying rating of 2250).	10

Criteria for gaining titles			
?	T1	International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm 3 times (at least once at the WCSC or ECSC) and achieve a rating of 2550.	-
?	T1_W	International Solving Women Grandmaster of the FIDE: A woman solver must gain a women norm 3 times (at least once at the WCSC or ECSC) and achieve a rating of 2450.	-
?	T2	International Solving Master of the FIDE: A solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2450.	-
?	T2_W	International Solving Women Master of the FIDE: A woman solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2350.	-
?	T3	FIDE Solving Master: A solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2350.	-
?	T3_W	FIDE Solving Women Master: A woman solver must gain a norm twice and achieve a rating of 2250.	-
?	T4	The obligatory rating may be achieved anytime (i.e. at any official rating list or as a current rating after a tournament).	-

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Best wishes
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Issue 3

Axel Steinbrink brought attention to the issue that titles WIM and FM have the same conditions. What should happen when a woman gains these titles? Should her title be WIM, FM, WIM/FM? Should we remove WIM title? Should we change criteria to distinguish between the titles? The issue is open.

Proposal 4

Proposal 4 was sent with separate PDF. If it is not approved, the WSC rules still should be clarified that a tournament can be eligible for WSC only if at least there are 10 rated solvers at the place of the central controller.