

Russian Go Federation proposes to EGF AGM the following items to discuss:

1. Russian Go Federation proposes to conduct the following tournaments in Russia:

- European Team Go Championship (2011)
- European Student Go Championship (2011 or 2012)
- European Go Congress (2014)

2. Russian Go Federation supports the suggestions of Alexandre Dinerstein:

2.1. "I think EGF made a big mistake last meeting, when accepting the rule that EGC must not be affected by Asians. I think that this decision will kill EGC. Koreans and Japanese will not travel thousand kilometers for playing with each other (if top Europeans will have separate events).

I prefer the same EGC system as usual, but:

A). With smaller supergroup - only for the best 24 by rating (16 Europeans +8 Asians). So, all important games between main candidates will be played. I feel that regular European 4-5 dans have no chances to win the title, so there is nothing wrong if they start from the second MM group.

B). With separate prizes for Open section and European section - prizes for Europeans must be bigger.

C). With announced prizes amount before the start of the each tournament, so top players can make the decision to play or not. Right now the prizes can be VERY different: from 0 Euro till 3000 Euro. It's not correct to announce information about prizes available only after the last round, like on EGC-2009.

I like the idea with fixed minimum amount of prizes, which will be guaranteed by organizers of EGC. For Europeans: 3000 Euro in total (with the first prize, at least 1500 Euro), Open section: 2000 Euro in total (with the first prize, at least 1000 Euro). I don't like the idea of sharing prizes between players with same MM score.

2.2. For World Cup preliminaries I suggest to give the first event to the current European Champion and to play online preliminaries for other events (after getting invitations from Asia) with 4 best Europeans according to EGF rating. EGF numbers 1-4, 2-3 for semifinals and the final between the winners.

I also suggest to delete the rule: 1-tournament per person only. So, if the current European champion wins the preliminary for event #2, he can take part in both #1 and #2 events as the European Representative.

2.3. I also think that top EGF players should have the right to vote on EGF meetings. It's not correct that small federations (with just few players per country) have the right to decide important things and we are not allowed. I suggest to invite the best 3 Europeans (by rating) to each EGC and give them right to vote on AGM."

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