

Verification Checklist

The Verification Check List (VCL) is a non-exhaustive list of requirements that an endorsed program must comply with.

A FIDE Mode Requirements

- VCL.01 the FIDE mode must be the default operating mode of the software
- VCL.02 it ought to be possible to enter the FIDE mode by a standard installation of the tournament manager, as well as by a standard invocation of the program
- VCL.03 the default pairing system activated by a standard invocation must be the one for which the program is endorsed and it must be clearly specified - however, if the program is endorsed for more than one pairing system, the standard invocation should activate one of the systems for which the program is endorsed
- VCL.04 every pairing-related service available in the FIDE mode must show a correct behaviour
- VCL.05 the FIDE mode must inhibit whatever functionalities or services that may be explicitly prohibited by FIDE
- VCL.06 the word FIDE cannot be used for any pairing-related service that is currently not endorsed by FIDE

B Pairing Requirements

- VCL.07 all the pairings produced by the software must strictly adhere to the rules of the pairing system
- VCL.08 pairing must be done using pairing numbers, not ratings (*except for the Dubov System, of course*)
- VCL.09 pairing numbers cannot be changed after the fourth round has been paired (accordingly to rule C.04.2.B.3)
- VCL.10 the acceleration systems defined in the FIDE handbook (*see C.04.5*) must be implemented

C Import/Export Requirements

- VCL.11 the program must offer the capability to correctly import a TRF (implementing version TRF16 is mandatory - implementing also version TRF06 is recommended)
- VCL.12 the exporter in the TRF format (version TRF16) must be done in such a way that the output can be correctly analyzed by a pairing-checker, even when a different scoring point is used - it is recommended that such export is done using UTF-8 encoding

D Tournament Requirements

- VCL.13 management of unusual results (like ½-0, 0-½ or an unforfeited 0-0) must be available; on the other hand, inconsistent scores (like 1-½ or 1-1) are not allowed
- VCL.14 possible forfeit results are only: 1F-0F, 0F-1F, 0F-0F - forfeit draws are not allowed
- VCL.15 adjourned or postponed games (if allowed by the program) must be managed properly
- VCL.16 it must be possible to define the value (usually win or draw) for the pairing-allocated bye
- VCL.17 it must be possible to assign half-point byes; if the software allows the assignment of full-point byes: upon assignment, a warning must be issued, stating that this practice is deprecated by FIDE
- VCL.18 the program should make the official FIDE rating list readily available; or, failing that, it should offer adequate facilities for an arbiter that would like to use it
- VCL.19 all tie breaks included in the pairings software will be tested and must give the results as per the rules described in the FIDE Handbook