

D) 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by 20 moves in one hour, followed by 30 minutes for all moves (40/2, 20/1, 30/All). (The Mechanical Clock time control.)

Choice A, (All/150+30) gives each player two and a half hours to begin the game, and players can use the allotted time however they wish. The additional 30 seconds means that a player would have to make 120 moves before obtaining an additional one hour of thinking time, keeping the game well within the desired seven-hour period.

Choice B, (40/100+30 & 60 + 30/All) keeps a more constant rate of play. Unlike the first time-control (All/150+30), it is unlikely that the two players will consume a great deal of time on a given move and on the reply to it. Choice B is slightly slower than Choice A.

Choice C, (40/2, 20/1, 15+30/All) is the most conventional. The first two time-controls of Choice C are exactly the same as those used for the Mechanical Clock. The third time-control of 15 minutes plus the 30-second bonus increment avoids the undesirable guillotine finish. However, this time-control is the slowest. It would mean that games that last beyond move 90 would probably go beyond the seven-hour playing session.

The fourth suggested time control Choice D is the same for the **Mechanical Clock**.

These time controls were the ones most discussed. The Committee **welcomes suggestions** for other Professional Chess time-controls for the Digital Clock. *The Committee requests the top one hundred rated players to select the digital clock time control for Professional Chess by a majority vote.*

*Please check **one** of the following boxes. Or leave the boxes blank if you'd like to propose a different time limit for Professional Chess.*

Choice A) (All/150+30) ?

Choice B) (40/100+30, All/60 + 30) ?

Choice C) (40/2, 20/1, 15+30/All) ?

Choice D) (40/2, 20/1, 30/All) ?

If you would like to propose a different time control for Professional Chess, please write your preference below. Any additional comments or proposed time controls would be appreciated.

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