

# MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE WORLD CUBE ASSOCIATION REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

On September 3, 2019 at 15:00 UTC+0, the WCA Regulations Committee (the “WRC”) met for a regular meeting via Jitsi. The following members were present at the meeting:

Antonio Kam Ho Tung (甘浩東)  
Clément Cherblanc  
Han Wu (吳翰)  
Iván Brigidano Pérez  
Jules Desjardin  
Katie Hull  
Kotaro Terada (寺田晃太郎)  
Lucas Garron  
Pedro Miranda Moreira  
Sydney Weaver

## INTRODUCTION

The meeting is being live streamed and recorded. In the future, the WRC plans on taking moderated live online questions. WRC members should be careful not to share any confidential information.

## MEMBER INTRODUCTIONS

Lucas Garron (2006GARR01), WRC leader, has been cubing since 2005. He works on GitHub with software development, and is responsible for moving part of the WCA Operations to this platform. He feels like he learned a lot of his skills from cubing and wants to reach sub-10. He started the WRC around 2011/12, when he offered to clean up the regulations. He has been co-leader of the Committee in the past.

Iván Brigidano Pérez (2016PERE44) started cubing about 3 years ago. He bought a cube from a store where Alberto Pérez was promoting the Cube, who encouraged him to go to a competition. On his first competition, he only competed in 3x3 OH and 3x3 BLD. He is currently on university and lives in a city in the south of Madrid, called Getafe. He is a co-founder of the Madrid Speedcubing Association (AMS).

Pedro Miranda Moreira (2014MORE05) is from Brasília, Brazil and is a law student. He learned how to solve the 3x3 in 2013, when his friends from high school were also solving it. He first competed in 2014, in Brasília.

Sydney Weaver (2013WEAV01) lives in South Carolina and has been cubing since 2012. She began competing in 2013 and one of her most memorable moments from her competitions is doing factory solves with Chris Olson.

Kotaro Terada (寺田晃太郎) (2010TERA01) was born and raised in Japan and currently lives in Tokyo. He graduated from university last year and is currently working for an internet company as a software engineer. He joined the WRC instead of the WST because he wants to do something different from his job. Also, he has been translating the Regulations since 2010. His favorite event is FMC. On the night before his first competition, he was so excited he couldn't sleep well, so he was late for the competition and missed his first event.

Antonio Kam Ho Tung (甘浩東) (2017TUNG13) is a 16 year old cuber from Hong Kong. He is in his junior year of high school, and learned how to solve a 3x3 in 2015 when he saw a friend from school doing it. He switched to Roux in early 2017, and his first competition was soon after. It was a side event competition, with 3x3 OH as the main event. Even though at the time he was slower with Roux than with CFOP, he competed in 3x3 OH with Roux and since then it has been his main event.

Han Wu (吳翰) (2008WUHA01) is from Taiwan but is currently living in Japan. He started cubing in 2003 after seeing some media of the 2003 World Championship in Toronto. His first competition was in Taipei, Taiwan, where he succeeded in his first 3x3 BLD solve, followed by a DNF streak of 20 solves.

Katie Hull (2010HULL01) is a Delegate from Georgia that learned how to solve the 3x3 in 2008 when somebody from her middle school brought a cube to class. On her first competition, in 2010, she really wanted to podium and was able to do so in Magic. She graduated college last year and is currently editing videos part time.

Jules Desjardin (2010DESJ01) is a french cuber currently living in Stuttgart, Germany. He is an electronic engineer for a company that builds satellites. He has been cubing since 2009 and has attended almost 100 competitions. He is a member of the WRC since the end of 2017.

Clément Cherblanc (2014CHER05) knows Jules since his first competition. He is currently the WRC member with the most competitions at 108 in total. He joined the WCAT last november. He got a LL skip the very first time he solved the cube.

Since Oleg Gritsenko (2011GRIT01) couldn't attend the meeting, he left the following message: "Hi, I'm Oleg Gritsenko! I originate from Russia, started cubing in 2011, became a Delegate in 2013. 4 years ago I moved to Switzerland where I reside now. In 2016 (I think) I joined WRC. I work as a software engineer (or a programmer if you prefer. Besides cubing I like learning languages, playing piano, travel and hiking".

## **WRC PROCESSES**

The current process for the revision of delegate reports on behalf of the WRC were discussed, as well as the planned and possible improvements for it.

The WRC Priorities board on the WCA GitHub was presented.

## **UPCOMING PRIORITIES**

*2020 Regulations:* The plan is for the draft of the 2020 Regulations to be ready by the end of October. In November, the WRC will gather feedback about the proposed changes, make the final adjustments to them and present the Board with a final version of the proposed changes at the end of that month. The 2020 Regulations should come into effect on January 1st of 2020.

*Community Survey:* The WRC is leading the process of surveying the community this time because there are important questions to be asked to help determine the direction of the 2020 Regulations. All teams and committees are involved in designing the survey. The survey should be sent out to the community by the 13th of September.

The initial draft of the survey can be found on its repository on the WCA GitHub, and there's a Google Doc where anyone can make comments with their suggestions. It currently has 8 sections, 2 of them for Delegates and Organizers only.

Clément wants to lead the process of translating the survey and its responses. He wants to guarantee the translations are reliable and that they are ready as quickly as possible.

If there are no other volunteers, Clément wants to take on the process of coordinating with the WCT to come up with a communications/outreach plan.

Iván wants to help setting up and updating the survey on Survey Monkey or in the other chosen platform for it.

*Incidents:* It is part of the duties of the WRC to produce and publish regular reports to all WCA Delegates, that include notable information in order to improve the overall quality of WCA Delegates, WCA Competitions, and the application of the Regulations.

*GitHub Issues:* Antonio, Iván and Han will take on the process of adding all missing incidents from 2019 to the Incidents Log on the WCA website, as well as plan a sustainable WRC digest.

Clément, Han and Kotaro will take on the process of resolving old GitHub Regulation issues.

*Simpler regulations:* On the 2020 Regulations, the WRC will try and simplify them whenever possible in order to make them more practical.

Katie will take on the process of evaluating the possibility of making the position of clock pins not matter.

The possibility of reducing FMC moves to only the 18 basic ones was discussed.

The possibility of penalizing a misalignment on the end of the solve with a DNF was discussed. Additionally, the WRC discussed different approaches to other +2 penalties.

Sydney will take on the process of evaluating possible measures to increase scramble accountability in 2020.

There was some discussion about how to design systematic leniency in the Regulations. Jules will take on the process of discussing how that design might come to be.

*Events:* The official plan is to remove 3x3 WF. A question about it will be asked in the community survey. Katie will compile a full list of arguments in favor and against removing it.

There was some discussion around how to circumvent the stagnation of the event list on the WCA, mainly through three possible solutions: event tiers, temporary events and encouraging unofficial events.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 16:03 UTC+0

/s/ Lucas Garron

Leader of the WRC  
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