



Hong Kong Chess Federation Limited

香港國際象棋總會有限公司

Event: Hong Kong Chess Championship 2022  
Venue: 7/F Utility Room, Smithfield Sports Centre, Kennedy Town  
Type: Standard chess for rating under 2400

Round: 11  
Board: 2  
Date: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Time: Appeal received 23:47 on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Members of the Appeals Committee  
IA KK Chan – President of the Hong Kong Chess Federation Ltd.  
Other board members when necessary.

The players

White: Deng Yu Dong Michael  
Black: Lam Daniel King Wai

Documentation: Video attached (recording made by HKCFL)

## **DECISION**

As this was the final round, I watched the entire last game and had it recorded on high quality video. I attached the relevant portion with this Decision for the record.

The appellant Michael Deng offered a draw on his move without following the procedure stated in the Laws of Chess 9.1.2.1. This is not encouraged however there are no prescribed penalties for this and the game should have carried on with a word that the draw offer was improperly made. Daniel told the arbiter that this was an infringement and ask for a decision. The arbiter Raymond Lam then made the decision to forfeit Michael based on his 3 strikes rule. *I note that this decision should have been made by the Chief Arbiter based on its importance and severity.*

The appellant Michael Deng appealed to me for a fairer decision based on the facts.

After viewing the video of that incident many times, I conclude that the appellant's draw offer was done improperly but under the circumstances did not affect the flow of the game. However, this draw offer stands regardless.

Based on that evidence I have changed the result of this game to a draw and amended the final standings accordingly.

Therefore, this appeal has been **upheld**.

7<sup>th</sup> June 2022