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Non-Title Tournament Commissioner's Report

Introduction

It has been a year since I moved into the role and during that time we have seen the successful launch of a number of events. In particular it has been pleasing to see a large number of Title Norms generated for the new CCM/CCE titles in events within the commission.

Tournaments

Regular Tournaments

Promotion Tournament Office

Recently Jorg Kracht (GER) succeeded Olli Ylonen (FIN) in the role of Promotion Tournament's Organiser. I wish to thank Olli in his hard work in developing the office.

The PTO continues to go from strength to strength in providing a graduated international event for ambitious players.

Delegates are reminded that if a Federation wishes to nominate a player outside of their rating qualification that supporting evidence should be supplied.

Free Match Office

I wish to thank Wojciech Krzyzanowskil (POL) for his service before being replaced by Ivan Panitevsky (RUS). The Friendly Match Office continues to provide a useful service for new players, It does however continue to struggle to attract Tournament Directors and those who do serve (currently Ilonen, Ilmari (FIN), Løvås, Roger (NOR), Daatselaar, Jan Bart van (NED) and Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich (RUS)

Aspirer's Tournament

See Separate report by TO SIM Ian Pheby

Event Tournaments

World Cup

ICCF World Cup 16 (CTL Isigkeit, Hans-Jürgen)

This event completed just prior to the 2016 Congress, won by SIM Uwe Nogga (GER), followed by SIM Enrico Borrini (ITA) and IM Thomas Herfurth (GER)

ICCF World Cup 17 (CTL Hernáez Fernández, Cecilio.)

Completed on 23rd May 2017. Congratulations to GM Matthias Gliemann (GER), winning on the tightest of Tie breaks from SIM Kirill Valereich Oselesdets with GM Reinhard Moll (GER) taking third place

ICCF Diamond Jubilee World Cup 18 (Report provided by Marius Wojnar (POL))

ICCF Diamond Jubilee Webserver World Cup 18 – event organized by Polish Correspondence Chess Federation in tribute to Witold Bielecki (1947-2008) - former president of the Polish Correspondence Chess Federation and Polish delegate to ICCF - started on 2011-10-30 with 844 entries (685 players from 53 countries) distributed to 65 groups.

Preliminaries were played from 2011-10-30 to 2014-03-30. Semi-finals with 156 entries (from 33 countries) distributed to 12 groups started on 2013-08-30 and finished on 2016-06-23. Section winners qualified for a final (including former World Cup winners). Special invitation was addressed to winners of the ICCF Golden Jubilee Final tournaments ("ICCF 50 Jubilee Email Final" and "ICCF 50 Jubilee Postal Final") in order to bridge both 50th and 60th Anniversaries of ICCF.

Final started 2 years ago on 2015-06-30.

Completed games about 95% (middle of August 2017). There are still 7 ongoing games. Two players are leading (with the best chances to be co-winners), Reinhard Moll and Stefan Ulbig, having 9,5 points out of 16 at the same tie-break. They both finished all their games and are awaiting results of Matthias Gleichmann and Giulio Bonfissuto, who can theoretically be even ahead.

ICCF Diamond Jubilee World Cup 19 (Postal) (TO Gian-Maria Tani)

Completed on 3rd October 2016. IM Thomas Herfurth (GER) won , followed on a close tiebreak by SIM Achilles (GER) and IM Ralf Anderskewitz (GER)

ICCF World Cup 20 (TO Grodzensky, Sergey Yakovlevich)

Final commences on the 1st of September 2017 (Category 8)

ICCF World Cup 21 (Report provided by Marius Wojnar (POL))

ICCF Webserver World Cup 21 - event organized by Polish Correspondence Chess Federation - started on 2015-10-01 with 928 entries (718 players from 52 countries) distributed to 72 groups.

Unfinished games until closing date 2017-05-01 decisive for promotion were adjudicated. There are still 4 open games, but they didn't have an influence on promotions. The first two players of each preliminary section qualified for the World Cup 21 semi-final (tie-break applies).

The semi-finals with 143 entries (from 32 countries) distributed to 11 groups started on 2017-06-30. There is a fixed closing date of 2019-04-01. The final is expected to start on 2019-09-01 at the latest.

ICCF World Cup 22

Entries will open soon for World Cup 22, with an expected start date in Q4 2017

Veterans World Cup

ICCF Veterans World Cup 7 (TO Uwe Starowske)

Semi Final round commenced in September 2016 and will complete in 2018

ICCF Veterans World Cup 8,9,10 (TO Ian Pheby)

See Separate Reports

960 World Cup

3rd Chess 960 World Cup (TO Leonardo Madonia)

Finals commenced in September 2016 with currently 14 games remaining

4th Chess 960 World Cup

Semi-Final round commenced June 2016 with only 5 games remaining in play at the time of writing.

5th Chess 960 World Cup

Semi Final round commenced July 2017

6th Chess 960 World Cup

Preliminary round commenced March 2017

Direct Entry

DE 10th Webserver Anniversary (TO Ian Pheby)

Preliminary rounds commenced in April 2016 with an end date of November 2017

Champion's League

ICCF Champions League 2017 (aka CL6)

Completed on 31st December 2016 with Victory for The Underdogs II, followed by Et Reges Mortales and Hamburger Schachgesellschaft (HSG)

Champions League 7

For Champion's League 7 we reverted (where possible) to the structure utilised in Champion's League 5, as mandated by Congress. Champion's League 7 saw a total of 167 teams entering with a disposition of:

A Division : 2462 Average Rating - Cat 8-10

B Division : 2368 Average Rating - Cat 2-8

C Division: :2237 Average Rating – Cat G-3

Overall A Division is slightly lower than CL6 , due somewhat to two teams choosing not to return leading to the promotion of capable but lower rating team from B Division.

CL7 was also the first major ICCF event to utilize individual Norm calculations, which has lead to some tantalizing opportunities for specific players!

A number of team captains have approached me with a number of good ideas on how to develop the event and these will be examined and developed during the coming year, ready for discussion during the summer of 2018.

WebChess Open

5th Webchess Open Tournament

Started in Feb 2017 with an end date of January 2019. The Category 5 Final has 14 results as of yet with SIM Thomas Biedermann (USA) taking an early lead

6th Webchess Open Tournament

Semi Finals started in Feb 2017 with an end date of December 2018

7th Webchess Open Tournament

Preliminary rounds started in January 2017 and will complete in October 2018

Memorials

Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament

This new ICCF Team Tournament for players rated below 2300 was launched this year, replacing the Thor Lovholt event organized by Zone 1. The event attracted 32 teams and competition and competition has already been stiff in these events.

The event is a two stage (Preliminary and Finals) event, each stage being of 2 years in duration. On this basis the First Finals and the next Preliminary round will commence in 2019. In addition as this is a memorial event, the name will be reviewed by the Executive committee for each event.

Summary

It has been a both privilege and an education to act as NTTC this year! Objectives over the comment year are :

- Harmonise the organisation of the various events within the Commission
- Aid the development of Tournament Directors seeking their IA and opportunities for those who already have it.
- Improving the on-time start and finish of Tournaments
- Improved Tournament Announcements and notifications.
- Seeking to develop Tournament structures ready for discussion at Congress.

Finally it is worth point out that the “Non-Title” part of Non-Title Tournament Commissioner (and indeed Title Tournament Commissioner, refers to events such as ICCF World Championships’ and Olympiad’s not to individual player titles, e.g. GM, SIM....., which has confused a number of players and delegates!

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