

International Correspondence Chess Federation

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Report to the 2017 Congress Aspirer Tournaments

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Dear Chessfriends.

1. **Introduction**

I am pleased to submit my fourth report as Tournament Organiser of the Aspirer tournaments to the 2017 ICCF Congress. The period of this report will be from 22^{nd} June 2016 through to 20^{th} June 2017.

2. Aspirer tournaments

The Aspirer tournaments enables players who are new to the ICCF, without an ICCF rating, or have an ICCF rating or a FIDE rating of less than 1600, to participate within ICCF events where they are not likely to be outclassed. They therefore should get some enjoyable games and hopefully become quite active within the ICCF family.

Players may either register via their National Federation or through the Direct Entry Programme.

3. Aspirer tournament entries

During the period of this report I have received a total of 158 entries which have been split into 22 separate events.

Appendix 1 of this report contains details of the breakdown of the entries.

4. **Appreciation**

Finally, I wish to thank my Tournament Directors for their hard work in these events. The Tournament Directors are (in alphabetical order):

SIM Biedermann, Thomas, IA (USA)

LGM Halliwell, Toni (ENG)

Maylott, Peter S. (AUS)

SIM Panitevsky, Ivan Anatolevich (RUS)

Relyea, Alexander (USA)

CCM Sherwood, Russell, IA (WLS)

IM Tseng, Wilbur (USA)

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Appendix 1

1. Entries

Total entries though National Federations = 35

Total entries through the Direct Entry Programme = 123

Total = 158

2. Entries by National Federation

Number of National Federations = 30

Argentina = 2	Australia = 12	Belgium = 5	Brazil = 2
Canada = 4	Chile = 2	Croatia = 3	Egypt = 2
England = 18	Germany = 9	Greece = 1	Israel = 1
Italy = 4	Latvia = 1	Netherlands = 4	Peru = 1
Philippines = 1	Poland = 2	Portugal = 1	Russia = 4
Romania = 1	Scotland = 8	Singapore = 2	South Africa = 1
Switzerland = 2	Spain = 4	Turkey = 1	Ukraine = 3
USA = 50	Wales = 7		

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