



INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION

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Report on the Interzonal Tournaments to the ICCF Executive Board

It is my privilege to report on the Interzonal Tournaments since the Congress of 2019 held in Vilnius – Lithuania.

Interzonal Team Tournaments (IZTT)

Background

The IZTT are held every two years as a team event among the different geographical zones of ICCF. Each team consists of eight players playing at least eight games to make it possible to qualify for title norms. The purpose of these events is to play in the spirit of "amici sumus" (we are friends) and to give players in remote and less developed regions more exposure to competitive correspondence chess.

The following tournament has been completed during the past year

- The 9th Interzonal Team Tournament – 13 teams of 8 players each – single round robin.
 - Start Date: 10 March 2017.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Director: CCE Marco Caressa (IA) of Italy.
 - The winner and new champion is Europe B.

The following tournament is still in progress

- The 10th Interzonal Team Tournament – 19 teams of 8 players each – single round robin.
 - Start Date: 7 April 2019.
 - Tournament Organiser: Peter Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - Tournament Director: IM Mariusz Wojnar (IA) of Poland.

The following tournament will be started during the coming year

- The 11th Interzonal Team Tournament
 - Start date: During the 1st quarter of 2021.

Interzonal Individual Tournaments (IZIT)

Background

A number of players from each zone are entered. These are divided into groups playing for norms and to qualify for semi finals and a final. These events (just like the IZTT) are also organised on a two year basis.

The following tournaments have been completed during the past year

- The 2nd Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries with 12 groups of 9 players each.
 - Category 2.
 - Start Date: 17 June 2016.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Directors:
 - CCE Alok Saxena of India.
 - Ambar Chatterjee of India.
 - CCE Francisco Carapinha of Cape Verde.
 - CCE Marco Caressa (IA) of Italy.
 - SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.
 - SIM Michael Millstone (IA) of USA.
- The 1st Interzonal Individual Tournament Semi Finals with 4 groups of 13 players each.
 - Category 5.
 - Start Date: 30 March 2017.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Director: SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.
- The 3rd Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries with 12 groups of 9 players each.
 - Category 2.
 - Start Date: 16 June 2018.
 - Tournament Organiser: Peter S Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - Tournament Directors:
 - CCE Karel Glaser of Czech Republic
 - Jan Bart van Daatselaar of Netherlands
 - José Joaquin of Spain
 - Reto Moser of Switzerland
 - Alexander Relyea of USA
 - SIM Carlos Diéguez Vera of Cuba

The following tournaments have been started during the past year

- The 2nd Interzonal Individual Tournament Semi Finals with 4 groups of 13 players each.
 - Category 5.
 - Start Date: 31 December 2019.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Directors:
 - SIM Andrey Pavlikov (IA) of Russia.
 - SIM Per Soderberg (IA) of Sweden.
 - Wesley Underwood (IA) of USA.
 - SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.

- The 1st Interzonal Individual Tournament Final with 17 players.
 - Category 8.
 - Start Date: 31 March 2020.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Director: SIM Uwe Staroske (IA) of Germany.

- The 4th Interzonal Individual Tournament Preliminaries with 14 groups of 9 players each.
 - Category 1.
 - Start Date: 30 April 2020.
 - Tournament Organiser: SIM Everdinand Knol of South Africa.
 - Tournament Directors:
 - Peter Maylott (IA) of Australia.
 - CCE Jan Bart van Daatselaar (IA) of Netherlands.
 - SIM Andrei Yeremenko (IA) of Ukraine.
 - SIM Gino Franco Figlio (IA) of Peru.
 - SIM Andrey Pavlikov (IA) of Russia.

The following tournament will be started during the coming year

- The 3rd Interzonal Individual Tournament Semi Finals.
 - Start date: During the 3rd quarter of 2021.

Conclusion

I would like to conclude this report by thanking the zonal directors for their support in arranging the players that entered these events, the tournament organisers who assisted in the setting up as well as the tournament directors who are supervising the players taking part in them.

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 Tournament Organiser of Interzonal Events
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