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First, I would like to note that the current numbers in this report cover a 14-month period (April 2025 through May 2026). The comparative numbers for 2025 cover a period of only 12 months.

Awards

In the period from April 2025 to May 2026, 841 (2025: 462) new titles were awarded:

- Correspondence Chess Grandmaster	27	(2025: 14)
- Correspondence Chess Senior International Master	119	(2025: 21)
- Correspondence Chess International Master	260	(2025: 94)
- Correspondence Chess Master	232	(2025: 145)
- Correspondence Chess Expert	195	(2025: 180)
- International Arbiter of the ICCF	8	(2025: 8).

There has been a significant increase in the segment of the higher titles.

As in the previous year, most of the new titles were awarded to players from

- Germany: 128 (2025: 70),
- U.S.A.: 86 (2025: 50),
- Italy: 54 (2025: 31).

These federations also received the most awards overall (titles and tournaments):

- Germany: 162,
- U.S.A.: 87,
- Italy: 61.

All new title holders as well as the winners and runners-up in team and individual tournaments can be found in the appendices.

All time GM Norm List

On May 31, 2026, a total of 458 (2025: 434) grandmasters was listed in the All time GM Norm List. 19 of them have achieved 10 or more norms.

GM Hans-Dieter Wunderlich from Germany is still in the lead, having achieved 18 GM norms.

The complete list can be found in the appendix "All time GM Norm List 2025-2026".

Manfred Frerichs, Qualifications Commissioner
Oldenburg, August 2026

Attachments

- Titles 2025-2026
- Team Tournaments 2025-2026
- Individual Tournaments 2025-2026
- All time GM Norm List 2025-2026