



International Correspondence Chess Federation

ICCF World Tournament Director

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ICCF CONGRESS 2026 REPORT OF THE WORLD TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR

Dear Delegates, Officials, and Friends of ICCF,

I am pleased to submit my World Tournament Director's report.

There are the following sections:

- Open Tournaments Proposals
- Regional Tournaments proposals
- Invitational Tournaments proposals
- Internal International events
- Special tournaments

I do thank all friends and officials with whom I have been in contact in my role and who supported the tournaments and my work tremendously in their different functions – I hope we all may continue our excellent co-operation.

It appears to be risky to enumerate the names of all officials - therefore I would like to express my thanks to all of them in this general way. It is a pleasure to work with all of you.

The Disciplinary Committee had quite a few cases in the past. Consequently, much time is allocated to disciplinary cases, fortunately the Disciplinary Committee works very efficiently.

Uwe Staroske
ICCF World Tournament Director

Stuhr, October 2026

OPEN TOURNAMENTS PROPOSALS

AUSTRALIA

2026 Australian Open International Event (AUS)

International

Players: Unlimited

Games 12 per player

Entries Close: 1st March 2026

Planned start date 22nd March 2026

Time control: 10 moves in 40 days, with duplication after 20 days.

Organised by Garvin Gray

Divisions with norms will be directed by TD's IA 30521 Maylott, Peter S., IA 210514 Pheby, Ian M, IA 380027 Freeman, Michael Roy and IA 511296 Biedermann, Thomas and L1 or L2 TD's or TMC for other divisions.

Qualification requirements

Any player can play this tournament regardless of their rating.

The tournaments will be organised with the SILLI system (single round 12 games)

All player entries will be sorted according to the ICCF Rating list 2026/1 as of 1st March 2026 in these groups:

- 1) Division A: 2500+ (Round Robin or Silli System if required) (1st: 300 euros, 2nd 200 euros, 3rd 100 euros)
- 2) Division B: 2400 – 2499 (1st: 300 euros, 2nd 200 euros, 3rd 100 euros)
- 3) Division C: 2300 – 2399
- 4) Division D: 2200 – 2299
- 5) Division E: 2100 – 2199
- 6) Division F: 2000 – 2099
- 7) Division G: 0 - 1999

The event will be rated and if the criteria are met, it will be possible to achieve ICCF title norms.

If Division A does not receive 13 players or more for a Round Robin event, those players will be offered the option to withdraw with a refund, or join Division B.

Placings will be decided by ICCF tie break criteria

The tournament is open to all players who are currently not serving an ICCF suspension.

Players must enter via the ICCF Direct Entry system on the ICCF server by opening menu "New Events-Australia".

Entry fee for Direct Entry system is 15 euros

in the case of NF Entries, this is the responsibility of NF.

CCLA President/National Delegate Garvin Gray

BULGARIA

BCCA-Dimitar Gerasimov Memorial International OPEN (BUL)

In honor of famous bulgarian chessplayer Dimitar Gerasimov

ICCF Webserver

International Open Tournament

1 stages: Final Memorial

Each tournament should be organized according to the Silli System 10-12 or 14 game

3x Tournament Group 01 and 02 and 03: players 2450 -2750 ELO

3x Tournament Group 04 and 05 and 06: players 2400 -2449 ELO

3x Tournament Group 07 and 08 and 09: players 2300 -2399 ELO

3x Tournament Group 10 and 11 and 12: players 2150 -2299 ELO

3x Tournament Group 13 and 14 and 15: players 1900 -2149 ELO

3x Tournament Group 16 and 17 and 18: players 0000 -1899 ELO

3 Entries possible

50 days/10 move

Start date:

November 30, 2027

TO: Matjaz Pirs IA

TD: Simeon Vinchev IA

BCCA-Spas Spasov Memorial International OPEN (BUL)

In honor of famous bulgarian chessplayer **Spas Spasov**

ICCF Webserver

International Open Tournament

1 stage: Final Memorial

Each tournament should be organized according to the Silli System 10-12 or 14 games

3x Tournament Group 01 and 02 and 03: players 2450 -2750 ELO

3x Tournament Group 04 and 05 and 06: players 2400 -2449 ELO

3x Tournament Group 07 and 08 and 09: players 2300 -2399 ELO

3x Tournament Group 10 and 11 and 12: players 2150 -2299 ELO
3x Tournament Group 13 and 14 and 15: players 1900 -2149 ELO
3x Tournament Group 16 and 17 and 18: players 0000 -1899 ELO
3 Entries possible

50 days/10 move

Start date:

November 30, 2026

TO: Matjaz Pirs IA

TD: Simeon Vinchev IA

BCCA-2nd Dr. Georgi Popov Memorial INTERNATIONAL OPEN (BUL) - correction

2x groups A and B: players rated 2450 -2750 ELO

BCCA-Vasil Vasilev Memorial International OPEN (BUL)

In honor of famous bulgarian chessplayer **Vasil Vasilev**

ICCF Webserver

International Open Tournament

1 stage: Final Memorial

Each tournament should be organized according to the Silly System 10-12 or 14 game

3x Tournament Group 01 and 02 and 03: players 2450 -2750 ELO

3x Tournament Group 04 and 05 and 06: players 2400 -2449 ELO

3x Tournament Group 07 and 08 and 09: players 2300 -2399 ELO

3x Tournament Group 10 and 11 and 12: players 2150 -2299 ELO

3x Tournament Group 13 and 14 and 15: players 1900 -2149 ELO

3x Tournament Group 16 and 17 and 18: players 0000 -1899 ELO

3 Entries possible

50 days/10 move

Start date:

January 31, 2028

TO: Matjaz Pirs IA

TD: Simeon Vinchev IA

BCCA-Lyubomir Kalchev Memorial International OPEN (BUL)

In honor of famous bulgarian chessplayer **Lyubomir Kalchev**

ICCF Webserver

International Open Tournament

1 stage: Final Memorial

Each tournament should be organized according to the Silly System 10-12 or 14 game

3x Tournament Group 01 and 02 and 03: players 2450 -2750 ELO

3x Tournament Group 04 and 05 and 06: players 2400 -2449 ELO
3x Tournament Group 07 and 08 and 09: players 2300 -2399 ELO
3x Tournament Group 10 and 11 and 12: players 2150 -2299 ELO
3x Tournament Group 13 and 14 and 15: players 1900 -2149 ELO
3x Tournament Group 16 and 17 and 18: players 0000 -1899 ELO
3 Entrys possible
50 days/10 move
Start date:
July 31, 2027
TO: Matjaz Pirs IA
TD: Simeon Vinchev IA

BCCA- Radko Alexandrov Memorial International OPEN (BUL)

In honor of famous bulgarian chessplayer Radko Alexandrov

ICCF Webserver

International Open Tournament

1 stage: Final Memorial

Each tournament should be organized according to the Silly System 10-12 or 14 game

3x Tournament Group 01 and 02 and 03: players 2450 -2750 ELO
3x Tournament Group 04 and 05 and 06: players 2400 -2449 ELO
3x Tournament Group 07 and 08 and 09: players 2300 -2399 ELO
3x Tournament Group 10 and 11 and 12: players 2150 -2299 ELO
3x Tournament Group 13 and 14 and 15: players 1900 -2149 ELO
3x Tournament Group 16 and 17 and 18: players 0000 -1899 ELO
3 Entrys possible
50 days/10 move
Start date:
April 30, 2027
TO: Matjaz Pirs IA
TD: Simeon Vinchev IA

BCCA- Dobrotich Andreev Memorial International OPEN (BUL)

In honor of famous bulgarian chessplayer **Dobrotich Andreev**

ICCF Webserver

International Open Tournament

1 stage: Final Memorial

Each tournament should be organized according to the Silly System 10-12 or 14 game

3x Tournament Group 01 and 02 and 03: players 2450 -2750 ELO
3x Tournament Group 04 and 05 and 06: players 2400 -2449 ELO
3x Tournament Group 07 and 08 and 09: players 2300 -2399 ELO
3x Tournament Group 10 and 11 and 12: players 2150 -2299 ELO
3x Tournament Group 13 and 14 and 15: players 1900 -2149 ELO

3x Tournament Group 16 and 17 and 18: players 0000 -1899 ELO
3 Entrys possible
50 days/10 move
Start date:
January 31, 2027
TO: Matjaz Pirs IA
TD: Simeon Vinchev IA

CUBA

II Friends of Caissa International Open Tournament (CUB)

The Cuban Correspondence Chess Federation (FECAP) - is organizing the "II Friends of Caissa International Open Tournament" for the participation of all ICCF players. The tournament will be played in a single phase in several sections using rating 1/26 under all ICCF Rules.

Section A for players with rating 2400 or higher

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section B for players with rating between 2300 – 2399

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section C for players with rating between 2000 – 2299

TO: Carlos Vila Hernandez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section D for players with rating 1999 or lower

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

The tournament will be played on the ICCF server at triple block time control with an appropriate tournament duration according to the average rating of each group: 350 days event, with 75 days initial bank and 1 day increment for the first 50 moves is used. No guaranteed time will be available after move 50. The game system of the II Friends of Caissa International Open Tournament allows up to two registrations by player. Registered players grouped by rating from Higher to Lower will be allocated to groups of 11, 13 or 15 players, so that all group members have a similar rating. The player's second registration will be paired in the group following the first group. The number of groups will depend on the number of registrations.

The start date of the tournament is March 15, 2026.

The registration fee is 12 €.

Registrations

The registrations and the payment of the fees for II Friends of Caissa International Open Tournament must be done by the DE system in the server of the ICCF opening the menu Cuba in New Events. The link leads to the registrations for II Friends of Caissa International Open Tournament. Inscriptions must be received no later than March 1, 2026.

Certificates

This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 in each group. The tiebreaker system will be:

1. Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the highest rating at the start of the tournament.

I Chess Masters International Open Tournament (CUB)

The Cuban Correspondence Chess Federation (FECAP) - is organizing the "I Chess Masters International Open Tournament" for the participation of all ICCF players. The tournament will be played in a single phase in several sections using rating 2/26 under all ICCF Rules.

Section A for players with rating 2400 or higher

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section B for players with rating between 2300 – 2399

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section C for players with rating between 2000 – 2299

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section D for players with rating 1999 or lower

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

The tournament will be played on the ICCF server at triple block time control with an appropriate tournament duration according to the average rating of each group: 350 days event, with 75 days initial bank and 1 day increment for the first 50 moves is used. No guaranteed time will be available after move 50. The game system of the I Chess Masters International Open Tournament allows up to two registrations by player. Registered players grouped by rating from Higher to Lower will be allocated to groups of 11, 13 or 15 players, so that all group members have a similar rating. The player's second registration will be paired in the group

following the first group. The number of groups will depend on the number of registrations.

The start date of the tournament is June 15, 2026.

The registration fee is 15 €.

Registrations

The registrations and the payment of the fees for I Chess Masters International Open

Tournament must be done by the DE system in the server of the ICCF opening the menu Cuba in New Events. The link leads to the registrations for I Chess Masters International Open Tournament

Inscriptions must be received no later than June 1, 2026.

Certificates

This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 in each group. The tiebreaker system will be:

1. Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the highest rating at the start of the tournament.

Prizes

This tournament will award a money prize of 30 € to each group winner depending of a plus score (+50% of the points) After tie breaks prize will be adjudicated to the higher rated player at the start of the tournament.

II Caribbean Tropical Sun International Open Tournament (CUB)

The Cuban Correspondence Chess Federation (FECAP) - is organizing the "II Caribbean Tropical Sun International Open Tournament" for the participation of all ICCF players. The tournament will be played in a single phase in several sections using rating 3/26 under all ICCF Rules.

Section A for players with rating 2400 or higher

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section B for players with rating between 2300 – 2399

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section C for players with rating between 2000 – 2299

TO: Carlos Vila Hernandez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section D for players with rating 1999 or lower

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

The tournament will be played on the ICCF server at triple block time control with an appropriate tournament duration according to the average rating of each group: 350 days event, with 75 days initial bank and 1 day increment for the first 50 moves is used. No guaranteed time will be available after move 50.

Prediction of moves is mandatory: from the 11th to the 40th move.

The game system of the II Caribbean Tropical Sun International Open Tournament allows up to two registrations by player. Registered players grouped by rating from Higher to Lower will be allocated to groups of 11, 13 or 15 players, so that all group members have a similar rating. The player's second registration will be paired in the group following the first group. The number of groups will depend on the number of registrations. The start date of the tournament is September 15, 2026. The registration fee is 12 €.

Registrations

The registrations and the payment of the fees for II Caribbean Tropical Sun International Open Tournament must be done by the DE system in the server of the ICCF opening the menu Cuba in New Events. The link leads to the registrations for II Caribbean Tropical Sun International Open Tournament. Inscriptions must be received no later than September 1, 2026.

Certificates

This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 in each group. The tiebreaker system will be:

1. Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the highest rating at the start of the tournament.

II Caribbean White Sands International Open Tournament (CUB)

The Cuban Correspondence Chess Federation (FECAP) - is organizing the "II Caribbean White Sands International Open Tournament" for the participation of all ICCF players. The tournament will be played in a single phase in several sections using rating 4/26 under all ICCF Rules.

Section A for players with rating 2400 or higher

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section B for players with rating between 2300 – 2399

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section C for players with rating between 2000 – 2299

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section D for players with rating 1999 or lower

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: Noel Hernandez Fernandez

The tournament will be played on the ICCF server at triple block time control with an appropriate tournament duration according to the average rating of each group: 350 days event, with 75 days initial bank and 1 day increment for the first 50 moves is used. No guaranteed time will be available after move 50. The game system of the II Caribbean White Sands International Open Tournament allows up to two registrations by player. Registered players grouped by rating from Higher to Lower will be allocated to groups of 11, 13 or 15 players, so that all group members have a similar rating. The player's second registration will be paired in the group following the first group. The number of groups will depend on the number of registrations.

The start date of the tournament is December 15, 2026.

The registration fee is 15 €.

Registrations

The registrations and the payment of the fees for II Caribbean White Sands International Open Tournament must be done by the DE system in the server of the ICCF opening the menu Cuba in New Events. The link leads to the registrations for II Caribbean White Sands International Open Tournament. Inscriptions must be received no later than December 1, 2026.

Certificates

This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 in each group. The tiebreaker system will be:

1. Baumbach,
2. Sonnenborn-Berger,
3. the results of the players tied with each other and
4. the highest rating at the start of the tournament.

Prizes

This tournament will award a money prize of 30 € to each group winner depending of a plus score (+50% of the points) After tie breaks prize will be adjudicated to the higher rated player at the start of the tournament.

Amici Sumus,

Giraldo Menéndez Rodríguez

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ICCF Delagate Cuba & FECAP President

ENGLAND

Third England International Triple Block Open (ENG)

ICCF webserver. The event is open to all players to enter.

Start date: 2nd Quarter 2027.

Event: One stage only.

Groups: Each group will contain 11, 13, or 15 players. Groups will be formed with players of as similar a rating as possible. All groups will be single round all-play-all.

Rating: All groups will be rated. The start rating for the event will be based upon each players' rating in the 2027/2 rating list.

Number of entries: Each player may enter a maximum of **two** groups. Players making a second entry will be placed in the group immediately after their first group.

Norms: Norms for ICCF titles will be available in all groups that meet the criteria required by the ICCF.

Entries: All entries may be made by Direct Entry or through a player's National Federation. Entries will not be accepted by email.

Entry fee: The entry fee is 15.00 Euros by Direct Entry for each entry. Each National Federation can specify their own entry fee.

Time control: Each group will be played by the Triple Block time control for a 350 days event. No guaranteed time will be available after move 50.

Prizes: No prize money is being offered. Certificates for the top three players in each group will be available subject to those players obtaining a positive score. The tiebreaker system for tied players will be: 1. Baumbach; 2. Sonneborn-Berger; 3. the results of the players tied with each other; 4. The lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TO: SIM Ian M. Pheby, IA (ENG)

TD: TBC

Second England International Triple Block Open (ENG)

Played on: ICCF webserver. The event is open to all players to enter.

Start date: 2nd Quarter 2026.

Event: One stage only.

Groups: Each group will contain 11, 13, or 15 players. Groups will be formed with players of as similar a rating as possible. All groups will be single round all-play-all.

Rating: All groups will be rated. The start rating for the event will be based upon each players' rating in the 2026/2 rating list.

Number of entries: Each player may enter a maximum of two groups. Players making a second entry will be placed in the group immediately after their first group.

Norms: Norms for ICCF titles will be available in all groups that meet the criteria required by the ICCF.

Entries: All entries may be made by Direct Entry or through a player's National Federation. Entries will not be accepted by email.

Entry fee: The entry fee is 14.00 Euros by Direct Entry for each entry. Each National Federation can specify their own entry fee.

Time control: Each group will be played by the Triple Block time control for a 350 days event. No guaranteed time will be available after move 50.

Prizes: No prize money is being offered. Certificates for the top three players in each group will be available subject to those players obtaining a positive score. The tiebreaker system for tied players will be: 1. Baumbach; 2. Sonneborn-Berger; 3. the results of the players tied with each other; 4. the lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TO: SIM Ian M. Pheby, IA (ENG)

TD: TBC

FRANCE

Jean-François Epinoux Memorial Tournament (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

Silli System

Open tournament with the Silli system.

One group for the 0-2200 ELO players.

Time: Triple block system, 350 days with 75 days initial bank and one day increment for the first 50 moves is used. Guaranteed time after 50 moves: one day

Registrations:

The registrations must be done by the DE system and by the NF for the AJEC players. Only one entry per player.

The registration fee is 8€

No price. One medal commemorative for the three top players.

Tiebreaker system: Buchholz cut2; Buchholz Cut 1; Buchholz; Buchholz 2nd stage.

Start of the tournament: October 2026

TO: Alain Rogenmont

TD: tbd

GERMANY

Fritz Baumbach Memorial Tournament (GER)

Fritz Baumbach left the board forever on April 24, 2025.

This tournament is intended to honor his memory.

Friedrich "Fritz" Baumbach

(* September 8, 1935 in Weimar; † April 24, 2025 in Berlin)

Fritz Baumbach was a German correspondence chess player and official.

He was President of the German Correspondence Chess Federation (BdF) from 1993 to 2010 and General Secretary of the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) from 1995 to 1990.

Fritz Baumbach was the 11th Correspondence Chess World Champion (tournament ended in 1989). He became a Grandmaster in 1973. He achieved numerous other chess successes, including first place with the German team at the 13th ICCF Olympiad.

Fritz Baumbach was also a strong player at the board (among other achievements, East German Champion in 1970).

He received the Bertl von Massow Medal in silver (2000) and gold (2006) and was appointed an honorary member of the ICCF in 2010.

Fritz Baumbach was awarded the Federal Cross of Merit in 2011.

In 2019, Fritz Baumbach was appointed honorary president of the BdF.

The German Correspondence Chess Federation (BdF) hopes for active participation from players all over the world!

It is organized for a group of players with an ELO rating of 0 to 2750 (two sections per player).

All player entries (max. 2 per player) will be sorted in this group according to the player's Elo on the 2026/4 list from 01.07.2026.

- 2 groups 01 and 02: players 2500 – 2750 ELO
- 2 groups 03 and 04: players 2450 – 2499 ELO
- 2 groups 05 and 06: players 2400 – 2449 ELO
- 2 groups 07 and 08: players 2300 – 2399 ELO
- 2 groups 09 and 10: players 2150 – 2299 ELO
- 2 groups 11 and 12: players 1900 – 2149 ELO
- 2 groups 13 and 14: players 0000 – 1899 ELO.

In practice this means that each player can play 2 sections!!

The tournament will be played (if possible) using the Silli system (12 games) on the ICCF server.

Tournament description:

- ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.
- 45 days of leave per year are available to each player.
- There is no special leave in this event.
- Linear conditionals can be entered.
- This tournament allows claims based on the seven piece tablebase.
- The event will be rated and if the criteria are met, it will be possible to achieve ICCF title norms.
- Tie-breaking: standard tie-breaking procedures (para 1.3.4.2.2. a-e)
- If needed, adjudicators will be selected by the server.
- Other participants can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event. and games are finished.
- The public can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event and games are finished.
- The tournament will start on 24.04.2026. There is no end date.

Registrations

The tournament is open to all players.

All entries have to go through the DE system on the ICCF server by opening Germany menu in New Events.

Entries cannot be sent via email!

Entry fee for Direct Entry system is 15,00 Euro (in the case of NF Entries, this is the responsibility of NF).

The ICCF rating as of 01.04.2026 (rating list 2026/2) is binding.

The registration deadline for DE is 03.04.2026.

The registration deadline for NF entries is 01.04.2026.

Prize and Certificates

Prize fund Group 1 & 2:

- First place cash 150 Euros and 150 Euro voucher Chess Base
- Second place cash 100 Euros and 100 Euro voucher Chess Base
- Third place cash 50 Euros and 50 Euro voucher Chess Base

Prize fund Group 3 until 14

- First place 30 Euro voucher Chess Base
- Second place 20 Euro voucher Chess Base
- Third place 10 Euro voucher Chess Base

All cash prizes will be paid via PayPal; if place is split by tiebreak, the prize will be split equally.

All prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of all groups of this tournament.

Electronic certificates will be awarded for the first 10 places.

Amici Sumus,

Manfred Scheiba, President BdF

Jörg Kracht, TO

3rd German Open (80 years of BdF) (International Open) (GER)

The BdF was founded on August 25, 1946!

The German Correspondence Chess Federation e.V (BdF) is pleased to organize new open tournaments for ICCF players

ICCF webserver

International open tournament

1 stage: Final

Each tournament should be organized according to the Silly System 12 game

2 x tournament group A and A-1: players 2500 -2750 ELO

2 x tournament group B and B-1: players 2450 -2499 ELO

2 x tournament group C and C-1: players 2400 -2449 ELO

2 x tournament group D and D-1: players 2300 -2399 ELO
2 x tournament group E and E-1: players 2150 -2299 ELO
2 x tournament group F and F-1: players 1900 -2149 ELO
2 x tournament group G and G-1: players 0 -1899 ELO
2 entries possible

Registration fee € 9,00 per direct entry registration

Start date: September 25, 2026

TO: Jörg Kracht IA

TD: Michael Schirmer IA and others

Tournament description:

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

45 days of leave per year are available to each player.

There is no special leave in this event.

Linear conditionals can be entered.

This tournament allows claims based on the seven piece tablebase.

The event will be rated and if the criteria are met, it will be possible to achieve ICCF title norms.

Tie-breaking: standard tie-breaking procedures (para 1.3.4.2.2. a-e)

If needed, adjudicators will be selected by the server.

Other participants can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event. and games are finished.

The public can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event and games are finished.

The tournament will start on 25.08.2026. There is no end date.

Registrations

The tournament is open to all players.

All entries have to go through the DE system on the ICCF server by opening Germany menu in New Events

(<https://www.iccf.com/EventAnnouncement.aspx?id=?????>).

Entries cannot be sent via email!

Entry fee for Direct Entry system is 15,00 Euro (in the case of NF Entries, this is the responsibility of NF).

The ICCF rating as of 01.07.2026 (rating list 2026/3) is binding.

The registration deadline for DE is 07.08.2026.

The registration deadline for NF entries is 05.08.2026.

Certificates

Electronic certificates will be awarded for the first 10 places.

ITALY

Giuseppe Siviero Memorial (ITA)

Tournament description

- Tournament start 30.09.2026
- Max two entries for each player
- Rating list 2026/3
- registered players will be grouped by rating and allocated to sections of 13 players, in ranking order from highest to lowest, ensuring that all players within a section have a similar rating
- ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 40 days with duplication after 20 days is used.
- 45 days of leave per year are available to each player.
- There is no special leave in this event.
- Linear conditionals can be entered.
- This tournament allows claims based on the seven-piece tablebase.
- The event will be rated and if the criteria are met, it will be possible to achieve ICCF title norms.
- If needed, adjudicators will be selected by the server.
- Other participants can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event.
- The public can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event and games are finished.

The tie-breaking system will be applied in the following order:

1. Baumbach
2. Sonneborn–Berger
3. Results among tied players
4. Highest rating at the start of the tournament

Registrations

The tournament is open to all players.

All entries may be made by Direct Entry on the ICCF server by opening Italy menu in New Events. Entries are not permitted by email.

Entry fee for Direct Entry system is 10 Euro (in the case of NF Entries, this is the responsibility of NF).

Closing date for Direct Entry is 15th September 2026.

After that date any registrations received by the tournament organizer will only be confirmed so that groups may be balanced.

Awards

Electronic certificates will be awarded for the top three placed of each section (score above 50% required, tie-break applies).

1st Italian Open (ITA)

ASIGC is delighted to announce the “1st Italian Open”.

The tournament is played in one stage on the ICCF Webserver.

Silli system with ten games per player or Round Robin, depending on number of entries.

The event will consist of 14 sections, with two sections allocated to each of seven rating ranges. The tournament is open to players with ICCF rating from 0 to 2750.

All entries, with a maximum of two entries per player, will be allocated according to the player's rating on the ICCF 2027/1 rating list, valid from January 1st 2027:

Sections 01 and 02: ratings from 2500 to 2750

Sections 03 and 04: ratings from 2450 to 2499

Sections 05 and 06: ratings from 2400 to 2449

Sections 07 and 08: ratings from 2300 to 2399

Sections 09 and 10: ratings from 2150 to 2299

Sections 11 and 12: ratings from 1900 to 2149

Sections 13 and 14: ratings from 0 to 1899

Players may enter a maximum of two sections.

Tournament description

The ICCF standard time control of 10 moves in 50 days, with duplication after 20 days, will be used.

Each player will be entitled to 45 days of leave per calendar year.

Special leave will not be available in this event.

Linear conditional moves may be entered.

Claims based on the seven-piece tablebase will be permitted.

The event will be rated, and ICCF title norms will be available where the relevant criteria are met.

The standard ICCF tie-breaking procedures under Rule 1.3.4.2.2(a)–(e) will apply.

Where required, adjudicators will be selected by the server.

Games will not be visible while they are still in progress.

Completed games will become visible to other participants and to the public once at least ten games have been completed in the event.

The tournament will start on March 30th 2027.

No fixed closing date has been set for the tournament.

Registration

The tournament is open to all ICCF players.

All entries must be submitted through the Direct Entry system on the ICCF server by selecting Italy under New Events.

Entries cannot be accepted by email.

The entry fee through the Direct Entry system is euro 15.00. For entries submitted through a national federation, the applicable fee is the responsibility of that federation.

The ICCF rating published on the 2027/1 rating list, valid from January 1st 2027, will be used for the allocation of players to sections.

The registration deadline is March 10th 2027.

Certificates

Electronic certificates will be awarded to the players finishing in the first ten places in each section.

Elio Troia Memorial (ITA)

Tournament description

- Tournament start 30.12.2026
- Max two entries for each player
- Rating list 2026/4
- registered players will be grouped by rating and allocated to sections of 13 players, in ranking order from highest to lowest, ensuring that all players within a section have a similar rating
- ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 40 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

- 45 days of leave per year are available to each player.
- There is no special leave in this event.
- Linear conditionals can be entered.
- This tournament allows claims based on the seven-piece tablebase.
- The event will be rated and if the criteria are met, it will be possible to achieve ICCF title norms.
- If needed, adjudicators will be selected by the server.
- Other participants can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event.
- The public can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event and games are finished.

The tie-breaking system will be applied in the following order:

5. Baumbach
6. Sonneborn–Berger
7. Results among tied players
8. Highest rating at the start of the tournament

Registrations

The tournament is open to all players.

All entries may be made by Direct Entry on the ICCF server by opening Italy menu in New Events. Entries are not permitted by email.

Entry fee for Direct Entry system is 10 Euro (in the case of NF Entries, this is the responsibility of NF).

Closing date for Direct Entry is 15th December 2026.

After that date any registrations received by the tournament organizer will only be confirmed so that groups may be balanced.

Awards

Electronic certificates will be awarded for the top three placed of each section (score above 50% required, tie-break applies).

2nd Italian Open (ITA)

ASIGC is delighted to announce the “2nd Italian Open”.

The tournament is played in one stage on the ICCF Webserver.

Silli system with ten games per player or Round Robin, depending on number of entries.

The event will consist of 14 sections, with two sections allocated to each of seven rating ranges. The tournament is open to players with ICCF rating from 0 to 2750.

All entries, with a maximum of two entries per player, will be allocated according to the player's rating on the ICCF 2027/2 rating list, valid from April 1st 2027:

- Sections 01 and 02: ratings from 2500 to 2750
- Sections 03 and 04: ratings from 2450 to 2499
- Sections 05 and 06: ratings from 2400 to 2449
- Sections 07 and 08: ratings from 2300 to 2399
- Sections 09 and 10: ratings from 2150 to 2299
- Sections 11 and 12: ratings from 1900 to 2149
- Sections 13 and 14: ratings from 0 to 1899

Players may enter a maximum of two sections.

Tournament description

- The ICCF standard time control of 10 moves in 50 days, with duplication after 20 days, will be used.
- Each player will be entitled to 45 days of leave per calendar year.
- Special leave will not be available in this event.
- Linear conditional moves may be entered.
- Claims based on the seven-piece tablebase will be permitted.
- The event will be rated, and ICCF title norms will be available where the relevant criteria are met.
- The standard ICCF tie-breaking procedures under Rule 1.3.4.2.2(a)–(e) will apply.
- Where required, adjudicators will be selected by the server.
- Games will not be visible while they are still in progress.
- Completed games will become visible to other participants and to the public once at least ten games have been completed in the event.
- The tournament will start on June 30th 2027.
- No fixed closing date has been set for the tournament.

Registration

The tournament is open to all ICCF players.

All entries must be submitted through the Direct Entry system on the ICCF server by selecting Italy under New Events.

Entries cannot be accepted by email.

The entry fee through the Direct Entry system is euro 15.00. For entries submitted through a national federation, the applicable fee is the responsibility of that federation.

The ICCF rating published on the 2027/2 rating list, valid from April 1st 2027, will be used for the allocation of players to sections.

The registration deadline is June 10th 2027.

Certificates

Electronic certificates will be awarded to the players finishing in the first ten places in each section.

3rd Italian Open (ITA)

ASIGC is delighted to announce the “3rd Italian Open”.

The tournament is played in one stage on the ICCF Webserver.

Silli system with ten games per player or Round Robin, depending on number of entries.

The event will consist of 14 sections, with two sections allocated to each of seven rating ranges. The tournament is open to players with ICCF rating from 0 to 2750.

All entries, with a maximum of two entries per player, will be allocated according to the player's rating on the ICCF 2027/3 rating list, valid from July 1st 2027:

- Sections 01 and 02: ratings from 2500 to 2750
- Sections 03 and 04: ratings from 2450 to 2499
- Sections 05 and 06: ratings from 2400 to 2449
- Sections 07 and 08: ratings from 2300 to 2399
- Sections 09 and 10: ratings from 2150 to 2299
- Sections 11 and 12: ratings from 1900 to 2149
- Sections 13 and 14: ratings from 0 to 1899

Players may enter a maximum of two sections.

Tournament description

- The ICCF standard time control of 10 moves in 50 days, with duplication after 20 days, will be used.
- Each player will be entitled to 45 days of leave per calendar year.
- Special leave will not be available in this event.
- Linear conditional moves may be entered.
- Claims based on the seven-piece tablebase will be permitted.
- The event will be rated, and ICCF title norms will be available where the relevant criteria are met.
- The standard ICCF tie-breaking procedures under Rule 1.3.4.2.2(a)–(e) will apply.
- Where required, adjudicators will be selected by the server.
- Games will not be visible while they are still in progress.

- Completed games will become visible to other participants and to the public once at least ten games have been completed in the event.
- The tournament will start on September 30th 2027.
- No fixed closing date has been set for the tournament.

Registration

The tournament is open to all ICCF players.

All entries must be submitted through the Direct Entry system on the ICCF server by selecting Italy under New Events.

Entries cannot be accepted by email.

The entry fee through the Direct Entry system is euro 15.00. For entries submitted through a national federation, the applicable fee is the responsibility of that federation.

The ICCF rating published on the 2027/3 rating list, valid from July 1st 2027, will be used for the allocation of players to sections.

The registration deadline is September 10th 2027.

Certificates

Electronic certificates will be awarded to the players finishing in the first ten places in each section.

4th Italian Open (ITA)

ASIGC is delighted to announce the “4th Italian Open”.

The tournament is played in one stage on the ICCF Webserver.

Silli system with ten games per player or Round Robin, depending on number of entries.

The event will consist of 14 sections, with two sections allocated to each of seven rating ranges. The tournament is open to players with ICCF rating from 0 to 2750.

All entries, with a maximum of two entries per player, will be allocated according to the player's rating on the ICCF 2027/4 rating list, valid from October 1st 2027:

- Sections 01 and 02: ratings from 2500 to 2750
- Sections 03 and 04: ratings from 2450 to 2499
- Sections 05 and 06: ratings from 2400 to 2449
- Sections 07 and 08: ratings from 2300 to 2399
- Sections 09 and 10: ratings from 2150 to 2299
- Sections 11 and 12: ratings from 1900 to 2149

- Sections 13 and 14: ratings from 0 to 1899

Players may enter a maximum of two sections.

Tournament description

- The ICCF standard time control of 10 moves in 50 days, with duplication after 20 days, will be used.
- Each player will be entitled to 45 days of leave per calendar year.
- Special leave will not be available in this event.
- Linear conditional moves may be entered.
- Claims based on the seven-piece tablebase will be permitted.
- The event will be rated, and ICCF title norms will be available where the relevant criteria are met.
- The standard ICCF tie-breaking procedures under Rule 1.3.4.2.2(a)–(e) will apply.
- Where required, adjudicators will be selected by the server.
- Games will not be visible while they are still in progress.
- Completed games will become visible to other participants and to the public once at least ten games have been completed in the event.
- The tournament will start on December 30th 2027.
- No fixed closing date has been set for the tournament.

Registration

The tournament is open to all ICCF players.

All entries must be submitted through the Direct Entry system on the ICCF server by selecting Italy under New Events.

Entries cannot be accepted by email.

The entry fee through the Direct Entry system is euro 15.00. For entries submitted through a national federation, the applicable fee is the responsibility of that federation.

The ICCF rating published on the 2027/4 rating list, valid from October 1st 2027, will be used for the allocation of players to sections.

The registration deadline is December 10th 2027.

Certificates

Electronic certificates will be awarded to the players finishing in the first ten places in each section.

WALES:

Second Welsh International Open (WLS)

International Open Event, Entry fee 12 Euros

No prizes to be awarded

Open to all players

Entry Fee: €12 Euros per entry via DE

No prizes to be awarded

Time control for the open will be Triple Block 700, no GT in the preliminary round or semi-final, GT in the final

Start Date: Q3 2026 (but flexible)

TO: Austin Lockwood

TD: Tournament Management Committee

Preliminary Round

Multiple sections, 7-11 players balanced for equal average rating

No norms available

Semi Finals

Top two players with a positive score from each preliminary round

Norms available

Final

Top two players from each semi final with a positive score

Norms available

British Championship 2026-8 (WLS)

International Open Event, Entry fee 12 Euros

Open to players registered for England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man, Channel Islands, and other British territories

Entry Fee: €12 Euros per entry via DE

No prizes to be awarded

Start Date: 1st Oct 2026

Time: 40 days/10 moves, leave: 28 days / year

TO: Austin Lockwood

TD: Tournament Management Committee

Championship - one section

Category 5-8 (Expected)

15 Players

Candidates - one or two sections

Category 1-3 (Expected)

13 -15 Players

Reserves - potentially multiple sections

Category To be determined by Entries
9-11 players per group

REGIONAL TOURNAMENTS PROPOSALS

Peter Dudeney Memorial Tournament 2026 (proposed by Wales, England, Scotland, Ireland)

ICCF Webserver

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Michael Blake

Tournament Director: Colin Hipwell

Start Date: Mar 2026

End Date: Jan 2027

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

Rated Event, Time Control 10 moves in 40 days, with doubling after 20 days.

45 Days leave

per year

Three division events, made up by members of the NCCC

1 x Championship 7-9 players

2 x Candidates 7-9 players

As many Reserves sections are required of maximum of 7 players.

NCCC Server League Championship (SLC) Playing Rules

1) The Server League Championship shall be an annual event.

2) The Server Controller shall announce the closing date for entries in 'En Passant' and on

the club web site, following approval of the event from ICCF.

3) Entry shall be open to fully paid-up members of Natcor resident in the British Isles.

4) Entries received by the Tournament Controller after the closing date shall normally be

ineligible but may be considered under Rule 13.

5) Games not finished within 10 calendar months of the published starting date shall be

adjudicated by the ICCF system.

6) The league shall consist of at least a Championship Division consisting of 7 players, 2

Candidates divisions and. additional divisions, each consisting of a maximum of 7 players,

shall be created as entries allow.

7) Each player shall play one game against each other player in the same division.

8) The Premier Division winner shall be known as 'The Server Champion of Natcor' and

shall receive a year's free membership.

- 9) A certificate shall be awarded to the winner of each division.
- 10) The two highest-placed players in each division shall be promoted to the division above.
- 11) The two lowest-placed players in each division shall normally be relegated to the division below.
- 12) Vacancies in any division shall be filled at the Tournament Organiser's discretion in a consistent manner.

Reg Gilman Continuous Tournament (RGCT) (ENG-SCO-WLS-IRL)

ICCF Webserver (& Postal)

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Michael Blake

Tournament Director: Colin Hipwell

Start Date: Rolling through 2026

End Date: Jan 2027

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

Rated Event, Time Control 10 moves in 30 days, with doubling after 12 days.

14 days' leave

per year

ICCF Webserver Regional tournaments consisting of double pairings played between players who are paying members of NATCOR (National Correspondence Chess Club) and identify with the ICCF as a member of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, or from a country without Member Federation representation. No other entry criteria are expected or required. Rate of play: ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 30 days with duplication after 12 days is used. Start date: ongoing as and when pairings are requested by members. Expected number of pairings for calendar year 2026: around 140 based on numbers hosted in 2025. No additional entry fees are levied above the membership fee required to be a member of NATCOR, and there is no cash prize. A ladder-style tournament with players close to each other in the table paired as requested but with an ICCF ratings difference not exceeding 200 points. The most recent 20 results from each participant are calculated and recorded in a rankings table freely accessible on NATCOR'S website. If any player stays at the top of the table for three or more consecutive months their name will thereafter be displayed in capital letters

Norman Bond Knockout Tournament (NBKO) (ENG-SCO-WLS-IRL)

ICCF Webserver

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Colin Hipwell

Tournament Director: TBA

Start Date: Rolling through 2026

End Date: Jan 2026

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

ICCF Webserver Regional tournaments consisting of double pairings played between players who are paying members of NATCOR (National Correspondence Chess Club) and identify with the ICCF as a member of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, or from a country without Member Federation representation. No other entry criteria is expected or required. Each section shall comprise a first round of 8 players playing a double pairing with each other player in the section. The winners progress to a semi-final and then a final. Rate of play: ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 30 days with duplication after 12 days is used. Start date: ongoing as and when sufficient entries are received to complete a first round of 8 players. End date: 12 months from the start date. Expected number of 8-player sections for calendar year 2026: around 3-5 based on number of pairings hosted in 2025. No additional entry fees are levied above the membership fee required to be a member of NATCOR, and there is no cash prize for the winner of any round or tournament. The winner of each tournament section is recorded in the NBKO hall of fame, accessible on NATCOR's website.

Keith Richardson GM All Play All Tournaments (APA) (ENG-SCO-WLS-IRL)

ICCF Webserver

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Colin Hipwell

Tournament Director: Graham Mill-Wilson

Start Date: Rolling through 2026

End Date: Jan 2027

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

ICCF Webserver Regional tournaments consisting of five players playing a single pairing against each other, with each player playing as white in two games and black in two games. The only entrance restriction we impose is that all participants are paid-up members of NATCOR and identify with the ICCF as a member of England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales, or from a country without Member Federation representation. Rate of play: ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 30 days with duplication after 12 days Appendix II is used. Start date: ongoing as and when sufficient players request a place in a tournament. End date: Twelve calendar months from the commencement of play (for example, if a tournament starts on 01/02/22, the end date will be 01/02/23). Expected number of APA events for calendar year 2026: around 5 based on the numbers for 2025. No entry fee is levied to play in these tournaments above the fee required to be a member of NATCOR and there is no cash prize. Each winner receives a certificate.

Scotland League (SCO, ENG, WLS, NZL, USA):

This is a server event.

The start date is TBC

The end date was TBC

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 30 days with doubling after 20 days is used.

If a player exceeds allowed thinking time in any way, the player will automatically be scored with a loss. Under some circumstances all of the player's games will subsequently be cancelled (if not already rated).

45 days of leave per year are available to each player.

There is no special leave in this event.

Linear conditionals can be entered.

This tournament allows claims based on the seven piece tablebase.

Draw offers are restricted to one offer per player every 10 moves (called the ten moves draw rule).

Team ties are broken by the board points tie breaking rule, see ICCF rule 1.3.4(3).

If needed, adjudicators will be selected by the server.

This event is organized by SCCA.

Programme of Rated Regional Tournaments Organised by The National Correspondence Chess Club (NCCC) to be Hosted on the ICCF Server For 2027 Proposed by Wales, England and Scotland

Webserver League Championship (ENG-SCO-WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Michael Blake

Tournament Director: Colin Hipwell

Start Date: Mar 2027

End Date: Jan 2028

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

Time Control 10 moves in 40 days, with doubling after 20 days. 45 Days leave per year.

Three division events, made up by members of the NCCC

1 x Championship 7-9 players

2 x Candidates 7-9 players

As many Reserves sections as are required, each of maximum of 7 players.

NCCC Server League Championship (SLC) Playing Rules:

- 1) The Server League Championship shall be an annual event.
- 2) The Server Controller shall announce the closing date for entries in 'En Passant' and on the club web site following approval of the event from ICCF.
- 3) Entry shall be open to fully paid-up members of Natcor resident in the British Isles.
- 4) Entries received by the Tournament Controller after the closing date shall normally be ineligible but may be considered under Rule 12.
- 5) Games not finished within 10 calendar months of the published starting date shall be adjudicated by the ICCF system.
- 6) The league shall consist of at least a Championship Division consisting of 7 players, 2 Candidates divisions and additional divisions, each consisting of a maximum of 7 players, shall be created as entries allow.
- 7) Each player shall play one game against each other player in the same division.
- 8) The Premier Division winner shall be known as 'The Server Champion of Natcor' and shall receive a year's free membership.
- 9) A certificate shall be awarded to the winner of each division. .
- 10) The two highest-placed players in each division shall be promoted to the division above.
- 11) The two lowest-placed players in each division shall normally be relegated to the division below.
- 12) Vacancies in any division shall be filled at the Tournament Organiser's discretion in a consistent manner.

Reg Gilman Continuous Tournament (RGCT) (ENG-SCO-WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Michael Blake

Tournament Director: Colin Hipwell

Start Date: Rolling through 2027

End Date: Jan 2028

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

Rated Event, Time Control 10 moves in 30 days, with doubling after 12 days.
14 days' leave

per year

ICCF Webserver Regional tournaments consisting of double pairings played between players who are paying members of NATCOR (National Correspondence Chess Club) and identify with the ICCF as a member of England, Scotland, Wales or from a country without Member Federation representation. No other entry criteria are expected or required.

A ladder-style tournament with players close to each other in the table paired as requested but with an ICCF ratings difference not exceeding 200 points. The most recent 20 results from each participant are calculated and recorded in a rankings table freely accessible on NATCOR's website. If any player stays at the top of the table for three or more consecutive months their name will thereafter be displayed in capital letters.

Rate of play: ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 30 days with duplication after 12 days is used.

Start date: ongoing as and when pairings are requested by members.

Expected number of pairings for calendar year 2027: around 130 based on numbers hosted in 2026. No additional entry fees are levied above the membership fee required to be a member of NATCOR, and there is no cash prize.

Norman Bond Knockout Tournament (NBKO) (ENG-SCO-WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Colin Hipwell

Tournament Director: TBA

Start Date: Rolling through 2027

End Date: Jan 2028

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

ICCF Webserver Regional tournaments consisting of double pairings played between players who are paying members of NATCOR (National Correspondence Chess Club) and identify with the ICCF as a member of England, Scotland, Wales, or from a country without Member Federation representation. No other entry criteria are expected or required. Each section

shall comprise a first round of 8 players playing a double pairing with each other player in the section. The winners progress to a semi-final and then a final.

Rate of play: ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 30 days with duplication after 12 days is used.

Start date: ongoing as and when sufficient entries are received to complete a first round of 8 players.

End date: 12 months from the start date.

Expected number of 8-player sections for calendar year 2027: around 2-4 based on number of pairings hosted in 2026.

No additional entry fees are levied above the membership fee required to be a member of NATCOR, and there is no cash prize for the winner of any round or tournament. The winner of each tournament final is recorded in the NBKO Hall of Fame, accessible on NATCOR's website.

GM Keith Richardson All Play All Tournaments (APA) (ENG-SCO-WLS)

ICCF Webserver

Regional Tournament

Tournament Organiser: Colin Hipwell

Tournament Director: Graham Mill-Wilson

Start Date: Rolling through 2027

End Date: Jan 2028

Adjudication to be used if necessary.

ICCF Webserver Regional tournaments consisting of five players playing a single pairing against each other player as white in two games and black in two games. The only entrance restriction we impose is that all participants are paid-up members of NATCOR and identify with the ICCF as a member of England, Scotland, Wales, or from a country without Member Federation representation.

Rate of play: ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 30 days with duplication after 12 days. Appendix II is used.

Start date: ongoing as and when sufficient players request a place in a tournament.

End date: Twelve calendar months from the commencement of play (for example, if a tournament starts on 01/02/22, the end date will be 01/02/23).

Expected number of APA events for calendar year 2027: around 5 based on the numbers for 2026.

No entry fee is levied to play in these tournaments above the fee required to be a member of NATCOR and there is no cash prize. Each winner receives a certificate.

INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENTS PROPOSALS

BULGARIA

Vasil Vasilev Memorial A (BUL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament in memory of the magnificent Bulgarian chess player, chess coach and wonderful person <https://www.iccf.com/player?id=50558>.

Category 12-13

15 players

Single round

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

Start date: December 2026

TO Petyo Marinov

TD: tbd

Vasil Vasilev Memorial B (BUL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament in memory of the magnificent Bulgarian chess player, chess coach and wonderful person <https://www.iccf.com/player?id=50558>.

Category 11

15 players

Single round

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

Start date: December 2026

TO Petyo Marinov

TD: tbd

MESAMBRIA PONTICA CORR CHESS CUP 2026 (BUL)

ICCF Webserver

International tournament promoting the ancient Thracian city of Mesambria Pontica 8th century before Christ);

Category 8-9;

13 players;

Single round robin

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used;

Start date: 25 March 2026

Certificates: This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 places.
The tiebreaker system will be: 1. Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. The results of the players tied with each other and 4. The lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TD: Tournament Management committee

This event is organized by IM Parushev, Alexandar Miroslavov;

ULPIA SERDICA CORR CHESS CUP 2026 (BUL)

ICCF Webserver

International tournament promoting the ancient Thracian city of Ulpia Serdica (4th century before Christ);

Category 8-9;

13 players;

Single round robin;

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50days with duplication after 20 days is used;

Start date: 17 September 2026;

Certificates: This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 places.

The tiebreaker system will be: 1. Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. The results of the players tied with each other and 4. The lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TD: Tournament Management Committee

This event is organized by IM Parushev, Alexandar

XV Anniversary Chess club Troyan Super GM (BUL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament on the occasion of the 15th Anniversary of the Troyan chess club.

Category 14

9-11 players

Single round

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

Start date: 1 May 2026

TO: Petyo Marinov

XXX Anniversary Chess club Vratza A (BUL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Vratza chess club.

Category 11-12

15 players

Single round

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

Start date: 2 June 2026

TO Petyo Marinov

XXX Anniversary Chess club Vratza B (BUL)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament on the occasion of the 30th Anniversary of the Vratza chess club.

Category 7-9

15 players

Single round

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.

Start date: 2 June 2026

TO Petyo Marinov

CUBA

The Caribbean Battle Invitational Team Tournament (CUB)

The Cuban Correspondence Chess Federation (FECAP) - is organizing the "II The Caribbean Battle Invitational Team Tournament".

It will be an International Invitational Team Tournament played in a single phase with 13 Teams of 6 boards. The Teams will represent National Federations or Region mainly from America (Three Teams from Cuba).

Invited Teams must register their players in the following ranking using ICCF rating list 2/2026:

Board 1 – 2450 or higher

Board 2 – 2400 - 2449

Board 3 – 2350 - 2399

Board 4 – 2300 - 2349

Board 5 – 2250 - 2299

Board 6 – 2200 - 2249

Every team must have a Team Name and a Team Captain.

TO: Carlos Vila Hernandez

TD: IA Noel Hernandez Fernandez

The start date of the tournament is June 15, 2026.

Invitation should be answered as soon as possible. List of players send at last

in May 15.

There's no registration fee. Cost will be on FECAP.

The tournament will be played in a single Robin Round on the ICCF server at triple block time control with an appropriate tournament duration according to the average rating of each group: 350 days event, with 75 days initial bank and 1 day increment for the first 50 moves is used.

The tournament will be rated and valid to obtain the norms for ICCF titles in groups that meet all the conditions required by the ICCF.

This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 in each group. The first 3 Teams will be invited to the next year event.

Giraldo Menéndez Rodríguez

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FECAP President & ICCF Delegate Cuba

Capablanca IM 2026 (CUB)

The Cuban Correspondence Chess Federation (FECAP) - is organizing the "Capablanca IM 2026" to honor the 3er FIDE World Champion (1921 – 1927) our José Raúl Capablanca Graupera (La Habana, November 19, 1888 – Nueva York, March 8, 1942)

It will be an International Invitational Tournament played in a single phase with 5 Sections of 13 players each using ICCF Rating 3/2026 and all ICCF Rules.

Section 1: + 2525 looking for Category 12

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: IA Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section 2: + 2500 looking for Category 11

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: IA Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section 3: + 2475 looking for Category 10

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: IA Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section 4: + 2425 looking for Category 8

TO: Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

TD: IA Noel Hernandez Fernandez

Section 5: + 2375 looking for Category 6

TO: Giraldo Menendez Rodriguez

TD: IA Pedro Vertiz Gutierrez

The start date of the tournament is November 19, 2026.

There's no registration fee. Cost will be on FECAP.

The tournament will be played in a single Robin Round on the ICCF server at triple block time control with an appropriate tournament duration according to the average rating of each group: 350 days event, with 75 days initial bank and 1 day increment for the first 50 moves is used.

The tournament will be rated and valid to obtain the norms for ICCF titles in groups that meet all the conditions required by the ICCF.

This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 in each group.

Giraldo Menéndez Rodríguez

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FECAP President & ICCF Delegate Cuba

CZECH REPUBLIC

1. Czech Christmas Tournament (CZE)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Category 7

1 section – 13-15 players - max. 6-7 Czech players and min. 7-8 foreign players, depending on the entries

Standard ICCF time control of 10 moves/50 days

Start date: 25th December 2026

No prize fund will be available.

The first 3 players will receive a electronic certificate.

TO: Filip Mrkvička (CZE)

TD: Zdeněk Nývlt (alternate TD Josef Mrkvička)

1st Czech Chessmaster tournament (CZE)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

1 section – 13-15 players - max. 6-7 Czech players (invited on an individual base) and min. 7-8 foreign players, depending on the entries

Standard ICCF time control of 10 moves/50 days

Start date: 15th July 2026

No prize fund will be available.

The first 3 players will receive a electronic certificate.

rating 2300+

TO : Filip Mrkvička (CZE)

Category 6-7 depending on entries

13 players

TD: to be updated (probably IA Karel Glaser (CZE))

ENGLAND

Toni Halliwell Memorial (ENG)

ICCF webserver

Invitational International Tournament (with norms available)

Category: 7/8

Number of players: 13 or 15

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with doubling after 20 days is used.

Start date: 3rd Quarter 2026

Prizes: £300, £200, £100 (Prizes will only be paid where a player has at least a +1

score)

TO: Phillip J. Beckett, IA (ENG)

TD: TBC

Andrew Dearnley Memorial (ENG)

ICCF webserver

Tournament: Invitational International Tournament (with norms available)

Category: 7/8

Number of players: 13 or 15

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with doubling after 20 days is used.

Start date: 3rd Quarter 2026

Prizes: £300, £200, £100 (Prizes will only be paid where a player has at least a +1 score)

TO: Phillip J. Beckett, IA (ENG)

TD: TBC

Chris Shepherd Memorial (ENG)

ICCF webserver

Invitational International Tournament

Category: 9/10

Number of players: 13 or 15

ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with doubling after 20 days is used.

Start date: 3rd Quarter 2026

Prizes: £500, £300, £200 (Prizes will only be paid where a player has at least a +1 score)

TO: Phillip J. Beckett, IA (ENG)

TD: TBC

FRANCE

Claude Lepage Memorial Tournament (FRA)

ICCF Webserver

category 7-8

Round Robin for 13-15 players, category 7-8

Time: 50 days for 10 moves, with duplication after 20 days is used. 45 days of leave per year.

No price. One medal commemorative for the three top players.

Tiebreaker system: Baumbach, Sonneborn-Berger, the results of the players tied with each other. The lower ELO at the beginning of the tournament.

Start of the tournament: October 2026

TO: Alain Rogemont

TD: tbd

GERMANY

ICCF Webserver,

Invitation Tournament,

Cat. 11 - 15,

11 - 17 players,

Start date: 15th October, 2024

TO Manfred Frerichs

NETHERLANDS

NBC60JUB (NED)

In celebration of its 60-year anniversary the Nederlandse Bond van Correspondentieschakers is organizing an Invitational Tournament
ICCF Webserver

Invitation tournament

5 Groups

13-15 players per group (max 8 Dutch players - no more than 1 player from a foreign country per group - If the number of entries exceeds the number of spots available, the higher rated player(s) will be selected at the discretion of the TO)

Rate of play Standard 50 days/10 moves with duplication after 20 days

Rating list 03/2026 or 04/2026

Start date 19-11-2026

TO: IA Joop Jansen (NED)

Group A

ELO > 2400

Prizes:

1st - 200 euros

2nd - 160 euros

3rd - 120 euros

Prize money for the top three players in each group will be available subject to those players obtaining a positive score. The tiebreaker system will be: 1.

Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TD: IA Jan Bart van Daatselaar (NED)

Group B

ELO 2200- 2400

Prizes:

1st - 180 euros

2nd - 140 euros

3rd - 100 euros

Prize money for the top three players in each group will be available subject to those players obtaining a positive score. The tiebreaker system will be: 1.

Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TD: Erik van Vliet (NED)

Group C

ELO 2000- 2199

Prizes:

1st - 160 euros

2nd - 120 euros

3rd - 80 euros

Prize money for the top three players in each group will be available subject to those players obtaining a positive score. The tiebreaker system will be: 1.

Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TD: Henk Schulenberg (NED)

Group D

ELO 1800- 1999

Prizes:

1st - 130 euros

2nd - 100 euros

3rd - 70 euros

Prize money for the top three players in each group will be available subject to those players obtaining a positive score. The tiebreaker system will be: 1.

Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TD: Wim van Vugt (NED)

Group E

ELO <1800

Prizes:

1st - 100 euros

2nd - 80 euros

3rd - 60 euros

Prize money for the top three players in each group will be available subject to those players obtaining a positive score. The tiebreaker system will be: 1.

Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

TD: Krine Faber (NED)

POLAND

100th Anniversary of the Polish Chess Federation tournaments (POL)

On the occasion of 100th anniversary of the Polish Chess Federation POLAND is organizing Polish Correspondence Chess Championship (POL) – regular and 960 chess – with an exceptionally international lineup

- ICCF Webserver
- 2 Invitational tournaments (regular and 960 chess), each 3 sections – championship, candidates, reserves
- Eligible invited players from abroad:
 - championship section - 2400+,
 - candidates section - 2200+,
 - reserves section - 2000+
- Rated; Title tournament, if possible
- 100 or more players
- Silli type (12, 10, 8 games)
- Time control: 550 days Triple Block without "guaranteed time" (50/75/3)
- Start date: 2026 February; duration: about 15 months
- Entry fee: none
- Prize money: none
- TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

International Clergy Polish Correspondence Chess Championship (POL) – 13th edition

- ICCF Webserver
- Invitational tournament, eligible players: clergymen from Poland and abroad
- Rated; Title tournament, if possible - average rating about 2200 depending on entries
- 11-17 or more players
- Single round robin (maximum games played will not go beyond 12) or Silli type (10 games) for more than 13 participants
- Time control: 550 days Triple Block without "guaranteed time" (50/75/3)
- Start date: 2026 September; duration: about 15 months
- Entry fee: none
- Prize money: none
- TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

International Clergy Polish Correspondence Chess Championship (POL)
– 13th edition (postponed from 2026)

- ICCF Webserver
- Invitational tournament, eligible players: clergymen from Poland and abroad
- Rated; Title tournament, if possible - average rating about 2200 depending on entries
- 11-17 or more players
- Single round robin (maximum games played will not go beyond 12) or Silli type (10 games) for more than 13 participants
- Time control: 550 days Triple Block without "guaranteed time" (50/75/3)
- Start date: 2027 September; duration: about 15 months
- Entry fee: none
- Prize money: none
- TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

International School Friendly Event 2027/2028 (POL) (postponed from 2026)

- ICCF Webserver
- Invitational tournament; eligible participants: school teams - 4 players/team (1xteacher, 3xstudents under 19)
- Unrated; this team tournament is supposed to be a single round robin team event. However, depending on the number of registrations, TO may choose a different system for pairing.
- Start date: 2026 September/October; End date: 2027 May; duration: about 8 months
- Entry fee: none
- TO: IA Mariusz Wojnar (POL)

PORTUGAL

APXC M Norm International (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 3

17 players

Time: 50/10

Start date: 30 December 2026

TO: Gonzaga Grego, Luís ([390342](#))

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

APXC GM Norm International (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 11

17 players

Time: 50/10

Start date: 30 September 2026

TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

Orfeão de Águeda 110 Anos (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Start date: 16th July 26

Cat. 11

17 players

Time: 50 days/10 moves

TO: Martins, Sérgio A. (390350)

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen (440353)

I Torneio “Jornal Soberania do Povo” (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 10/11

17 players

time: 50 days/10 moves

Start date: 1 May 2026

TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

III Memorial António Moura (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 10/11

17 players

time: 50 days/10 moves

Start date: 2 jun 2026

TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

110º Aniversary Órfeão de Águeda (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 10/11

17 players

time: 50 days/10 moves

Start date: 16 jul 2026

TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

APXC Autumm International (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 7

17 players

time: 50 days/10 moves

Start date: 17 set 2026

TO: Gonzaga Grego, Luis

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen

II Casa de Águeda (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 10/11

17 players

time: 50 days/10 moves

Start date: 6 nov 2026

TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))

TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

IV Beira-Mar/Pizzarte (POR)

ICCF Webserver

Invitational tournament

Cat. 10/11

17 players
time: 50 days/10 moves
Start date: 15 dez 2026
TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))
TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

I Dia Internacional da Mulher (POR)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 10/11
17 players
time: 50 days/10 moves
Start date: 23. April 2026
TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))
TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

I Pão e Paz (POR)

ICCF Webserver
Invitational tournament
Cat. 5/6
time: 50 days/10 moves
17 players
Start date: 24. April 2026
TO: Martins, Sérgio A. ([390350](#))
TD: Demian, Valer-Eugen ([440353](#))

U. S. A.

Alex Relyea Memorial Invitational (USA)

Section A

15 Players
CAT.: 11+
Start date: 30 June 2026
Prizes: none

Sponsor: ICCF-US
TO: IA GM Tom Biedermann

Section B

15 Players
CAT.: 8+
Start date: 30 June 2026

Prize: none
Sponsor: ICCF-US
TO: IA GM Tom Biedermann

Section C

15 Players
CAT.: 5+
Start date: 30 June 2026
Prize: none
Sponsor: ICCF-US
TO: IA GM Thomas Biedermann

Section D

15 Players
CAT: 1+
Start date: 30 June 2026
Prize: none
Sponsor: ICCF-US
TO: IA GM Thomas Biedermann

WALES:

WCCF 18th Invitational (WLS)

Invitational event, no entry fee
No prizes to be awarded
Format: Round Robin
Players: 15 (14 games each)
Time Control: ICCF Standard 10 moves in 50 days
Minimum rating: 2,476
Category 10 or higher
Norms available
Start Date: 31st March 2026
Tournament Organiser: Austin Lockwood
Tournament Director: Tournament Management Committee

Invitational Team Event (WLS)

Teams invited: ENG and SCO

Rating Limits: Event is restricted to players rated 2,200 or lower

Time Control: Standard ICCF time control of 10 moves in 50 days with 45 days leave

Double Rounded (two games against each opponent)

Number of Teams: 3 or possibly 4

Number of Boards: Depends on recruitment, probably around 10.

TD: Keith Kitson

TO and backup TD: Austin Lockwood

Start Date: 14th July 2026

Internal International events

Belgium

Belgian Championships

One player from the Netherlands

FINLAND

Finish Championships

1 player USA

ITALY

Italian Championship Final – one isolated player

Italian Championship Semifinal – one player from Romania

SPAIN

AEAC W/M/112 – one player from Argentine

AEAC W/P/149 – one player from France

AEAC W/XVIII Copa/Final – one player from Germany

AEAC W/Cup19 – one player from France

V Final Sub-2400 del Campeonato de España Individua – one player from Germany

IV Final Sub-2400 del Campeonato de España Individual – one player from Germany

XXXIV Final Absoluta del Campeonato de España Individual - one player from Germany