# Awards in ICCF

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## General Rules

ICCF will not arrange to deliver medals or certificates directly to individual players. The player's national federation delegate is responsible for negotiating with the Qualifications Commissioner for medals and certificates to be handed over (usually at the annual ICCF Congress). The Qualification Commission will not take responsibility for the failure of a member federation delegate to arrange to receive an award and pass it to the player; these awards will not be produced.

Awards will be distributed annually, usually at the ICCF Congress. The deadline for producing awards will generally be at least four month in advance of the congress.

Awards will not be produced retrospectively; only awards achieved after the deadline for medals in front of the last congress will be made.

If there is no Congress in a particular year, awards will be carried over until the following year. If there is no Congress two years running, alternative arrangements will be made with member federation delegates.

## Titles

### Grandmaster, Senior International Master, International Master, and International Arbiter

ICCF will provide a medal and a certificate for holders of each of the three major titles plus International Arbiter achieved until the deadline for medals, provided arrangements have been made by that players' member federation delegate to collect the awards.

### Correspondence Chess Master and Correspondence Chess Expert

ICCF only produces certificates for the minor titles if the player can attend the award ceremony at Congress; these certificates can be downloaded and printed from the ICCF website. ICCF no longer supplies medals for the minor titles.

# Tournaments

## General Rules

To qualify for a medal or certificate related to a specific individual tournament outcome, except for the final of the World Correspondence Chess Championship, a positive score will be required.
A positive score aggregated across all boards will be required for team events.

## World Correspondence Chess Championship

The World Correspondence Chess Championship winner will receive an engraved plate, which will be handed to the player's delegate if arrangements have been made to collect the plate (the plate will not be produced if arrangements for collection have not been made).
The winners and first two runners-up will receive a medal and a certificate; unlike other events, a positive score is not required to receive an award for the WCCC Final.

## Correspondence Chess Olympiads

Certificates and medals will be produced for each player and the team captain of teams achieving first to third place in the Correspondence Chess Olympiad. Uniquely for team events, in the case of Olympiads, if the team qualifies from a preliminary tournament, the players in that team will also receive final medals and certificates.

## Other Tournaments

Certificates and medals will be produced for the winner and first two runners-up of the following events:
Individual

- ICCF Chess 960 World Championship Final
- ICCF World Cups (including Chess 960 and Veterans)
- Super Regional Individual Championships Finals

Team (for each player and the team captain)

- ICCF Champions League Section A
- Under 2,300 Memorial Team Tournament Final
- Super Regional International Team Tournament Final

# Buy Your Medal

If a player has not received any of the medals listed above because of the failure of their member federation delegate to arrange collection, or if a medal is lost, or in the case of an isolated player, the Qualification Commissioner will facilitate an
arrangement for the player to order their medal directly from the ICCF supplier. The shipping costs will be at the player's own expense.
Certificates for all titles can be downloaded directly from the ICCF website; certificates for tournaments cannot currently be downloaded; we will try to provide that functionality in time.

# Tournaments Organised by Member Federations

It is the responsibility of the federation organising tournaments to produce awards and to arrange for those awards to be transferred to the winning players.

# Special Regulations

If the national federation confirms to attend the Congress but fails to do so, that national federation must pay a "no-show fee" of EUR 100.

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