

Prediction Criterion System – Rules and Guidelines

Used for the **Janko Bohak Memorial - Open Tournament**

Prediction Criterion System – Playing Rules

- The tournament will be played according to proposal 2024-045, approved by the ICCF Congress in Llandudno: <https://www.iccf.com/Proposal.aspx?id=1461>.
- Entering conditional moves is mandatory from move 11 through move 40 (inclusive).
- At least one conditional move must be entered. **One conditional move consists of the opponent's predicted move and the player's corresponding response.** It is possible (and recommended) to enter multiple conditional moves along one linear line.
- In each game, separate prediction accounts will be opened for white and black. The initial balance of both accounts is 0 points.
- For each conditional move accepted by the opponent, the player receives one point in his prediction account for that game.
- Prediction points are not collected outside the interval between moves 11 and 40, even if conditional moves are entered.
- The current prediction point totals for both players in the game are displayed on the screen next to each game.
- If the game ends in a draw, a 'prediction winner' will be determined. This is the player who scored more points in his prediction account for the game. If the prediction scores are equal, the player with black pieces will be the prediction winner.
- If there is a winner of the game, that player is also the winner according to the Prediction Criterion, regardless of his score in the prediction account.
- The prediction winner receives one point for the first tie-break criterion in the tournament table (column "PCS").
- At the end of the tournament, among players with the same number of chess points, the one with more points from the prediction criterion will be ranked higher. If a further tie-break is required, standard criteria will be used.

Prediction Criterion System – Best Practices

The best advice is to always enter several conditional moves in a single linear line – ideally, the longest line you can predict!

Why? Because this gives you a better chance of earning more prediction points!

Let's look at an example:



White is now on move 11 and must make a basic move and at least one conditional move.

Example 1:

White enters: 11. Ne5 Bg7 12. Nxd7

Black enters: 11...Bg7 12. Nxd7 Nxd7 13. Bd6 a6 14. a4 b4 15. Bxb4 Qb6

White earned **1 point** in his prediction account (for 11... Bg7) but now **he can't predict black's 12th move.**

Example 2:

White enters: 11. Ne5 Bg7 12. Nxd7 Nxd7 13. Bd6 a6 14. a4 b4 15. Bxb4 Qb6 16. Ba3

Black enters: 11...Bg7 12. Nxd7 Nxd7 13. Bd6 a6 14. a4 b4 15. Bxb4 Qb6

White earned **5 points** in his prediction account because he correctly predicted black's moves 11-15.

The difference is obvious!

IM Janko Bohak (1935 – 2023)



Janko Bohak was one of the pioneers of correspondence chess in Slovenia, a long-time president, and an ICCF delegate. He was among the founders of the Slovenian Correspondence Chess Council and played a crucial role in Slovenia's admission to the international organization ICCF shortly after the country's independence.

Janko Bohak became an International Master in 1983. He was a member of various committees and working groups at ICCF. In recognition of his contributions, he received the Bertl von Massow Silver Award in 2003 and the Bertl von Massow Gold Award in 2008.

Janko Bohak was a versatile chess player and organizer, active both in his club and within the Chess Federation of Slovenia. He achieved significant success as a respected and esteemed international FIDE arbiter. He served as an arbiter in eight FIDE Chess Olympiads and was one of the chief arbiters at the 2002 FIDE Olympiad in Bled.

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