



International Correspondence Chess Federation

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WORLD CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2010 CYCLE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRELIMINARIES

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Dear chessfriends,

Following the decisions of the ICCF Congress 2009, all Preliminary Sections of the 34th World Correspondence Chess Championship shall start on the same day and only once per year.

All entries will be accepted according with ICCF Tournament Rules valid as from 1.1.2010. to be received **not later than 31 January 2010.**

The start date is **10 March 2010**

Member Federations Nominations (MFN) for the Preliminaries should be submitted before 31 January 2010. After this date, there will be no further MFN's for Preliminaries for the whole of 2010.

MFN for 2010 cannot be used for 2011 WC Cycle.

Preliminaries normally have 13 players with the possibility for the TTC to extend them to 15 or 17 players if appropriate in special situations.

If the number of the entries won't be a multiple of 13, the players who have been entered according to point 1.1.1.k and who have the lowest ICCF ELO rating won't be admitted to the Preliminaries.

Players entering more than one section will be accepted only to fill vacancies.

All entries must include the following:

Name of the player, ICCF ID number, Address (email and/or postal where relevant), Country Code.

It is also mandatory that the qualification right under Tournament Rules 1.1 should be specified for each entry!

The ICCF Executive Board asks that all ICCF Delegates ensure that this important information is made available in all national CC magazines and websites. It is the responsibility of Delegates to ensure that all players are made aware of these arrangements!

Any questions and/or requests for clarification should be directed to the ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner, Marco Caressa mcaressa@iccf.com.

Amici sumus!

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Appendix. Section 1.1 of the Tournament Rules

1.1 Preliminaries of the World Correspondence Chess Championship

1.1.1 The following will reach a full qualification to enter a Preliminary section:

- (a) the participants in one of the previous or running Candidates' Tournaments who have scored at least 40% of the possible points if they have not earned a higher qualification
- (b) the participants in the previous or running Semi-Finals who scored at least 50% of the possible points, if they have not earned a higher qualification
- (c) participants in previous Preliminary sections who scored at least 60% of possible points but did not qualify for a Semi-Final
- (d) winners of ICCF World Tournaments – Master class
- (e) the participants in the previous or running ICCF World Cup Finals who scored at least 50% of the possible points
- (f) the participants in the previous or running acknowledged Zonal Championships of Category IX or higher who scored at least 50% of the possible points
- (g) participants in acknowledged Zonal Championships of Category VIII or below who scored at least 60% of possible points
- (h) those players, who are entered through their own national organisation and at the time of nomination have ratings less than 2400 (fixed or unfixed).
- (i) The holders of the International Master Title with a rating above 2300
- (j) the holders of the Senior International Master Title with a rating above 2250
- (k) the holders of the Grandmaster Title
- (l) Any player with a rating of 2500 and above