

## 5th ICCF Webchess Open Tournament

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1. What is the Webchess Open Tournament?

It is a tournament open to all correspondence chess players around the World, with or without any previous ICCF experience.

2. Who is in charge?

Frank Geider (FRA), World Tournament Director (WTD) has appointed Andrew Dearnley (ENG), ICCF Non-Title Tournaments Commissioner (NTTC) as the responsible ICCF Officer for this tournament. Please direct all general inquiries to him at: [andrewdearnley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:andrewdearnley@yahoo.co.uk)

Guido Bresadola (ITA) has been appointed Central Tournament Leader (CTL). He is in charge of registration, pairings and other tournament related issues. His email address is: [guido.bresadola@tiscali.it](mailto:guido.bresadola@tiscali.it)

3. How and when to enter?

Multiple entries are allowed. Go to the ICCF Webserver main page [www.iccf-webchess.com](http://www.iccf-webchess.com) click on "New Events", find the tournament in the main list and click "Enter". It allows you to register with a click of a button using one of the three methods available:

- a) Contact your national federation (NF). Provide your ICCF-ID (if you have one) and a valid email address you will use for this tournament. Your national federation will forward your entry to CTL Guido Bresadola (ITA).
- b) Qualified players may use Direct Entry (DE). This method is available for new players to ICCF:
- c) New players to ICCF are allowed to enter 1 section for free. They should send their contact information: name, email address and country to Andrew Dearnley NTTC. If they wish to enter more than one section, all extra entries should be paid for as described above.

4. When does the registration close?

Registration is open immediately and it closes on April 30th, 2012.

5. How much does it cost?

The payment is linked to the method of registration used:

- a) Registering via your NF. Receiving payment of the event fee and confirmation of your registration are handled by your NF.



- b) Registering via Direct Entry. All information is provided through the DE registration process. Simply click the enter button and follow the prompts.
- c) New players to ICCF play 1 section for free.

6. Who is considered a new player to ICCF?

- a) Players without ICCF ID or,
- b) Players with ICCF ID but who never played an ICCF rated game in the past.

7. What is the time frame?

The tournament will be played in three stages: preliminaries, semifinal and final.

Preliminaries will start in early June 2012, with an approximate end date of Feb 28th, 2014. The other 2 stages will be scheduled accordingly at a later date. Reference information:

1st WebChess Open tournament - preliminaries started Feb 1st, 2005, all groups finished; semifinals started Nov 15th, 2006, all groups finished; final started May 5th, 2009 ended Genuary 29th, 2011

2nd WebChess Open tournament - preliminaries started June 15th, 2006, all groups finished; semifinals started Jul 25th, 2008, all groups finished; final started June 21st, 2010 ended on February 9th, 2012

3rd WebChess Open tournament - preliminaries started May 20th, 2008, all groups finished; semifinal started July 31st, 2010 6 groups unfinished

4th Webchess Open tournament - preliminaries started July 20th, 2010; 18 unfinished groups

8. How will I play?

Preliminaries will consist of groups of 7 (seven) players each. All games will be rated. The latest ICCF Playing Rules Webserver will apply for all stages as applicable. You can read them online at [www.iccf-webchess.com](http://www.iccf-webchess.com) by clicking on "Online Help" ? "Server rules".

9. How do I qualify from preliminaries?

Only the section winners will qualify for the semifinal stage. Ties will be broken according to the ICCF Tournament Rules, Article 5.

10. What are the prizes available?

The ICCF Executive Board will decide on the prizes available for the final stage at a later date.

11. To verify entries, you may check the latest list at <http://www.asigc.it/temp/wot5.htm>

We welcome with open arms regular ICCF players as well as new ones, eager to test their skills with us. It is our hope you will enjoy the experience on our server and will use this opportunity to make new friends around the World.

Play Webserver chess with ICCF! Join your National CC Federation and the ICCF community!

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