



International Correspondence Chess Federation

Marco Caressa
Title Tournaments Commissioner
Email: mcaressa@iccf.com

WORLD CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2011 CYCLE ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT 31st World Correspondence Chess Championship

June 10th 2011

Dear chessfriends,

Following the decisions of the ICCF Congress 2010, all Candidates' Tournament Sections of the 31th World Correspondence Chess Championship shall start on the same day and only once per year.

I can now advise that entries, in accordance with the ICCF Tournament Rules valid as from 1.1.2011, may now be submitted. I can also advise that the closing date for entries shall be **20 July 2011** and that the start date shall be **10 September 2011**

Whilst normally the Candidates' Tournament sections will consist of 13 participants, at the discretion of the Title Tournaments Commissioner, the number of players may be increased to 15 or 17. Also, whilst usually 4 new Candidates' Tournament sections will be started each year, during 2011, conditional upon the number of entrants, this number may be increased. In the unlikely event that the provision of these additional places in the Candidates Tournaments will be found to be insufficient to meet the demand then the Title Tournament Commissioner may determine that only those finishing in 1st place in this cycle of Candidates Tournaments will be guaranteed places in subsequent World Championship Finals.

In the event that the total number of qualified entrants is not a direct multiple of 13 (or 15, or 17), those players who have submitted entries under Rule 1.3.1.h and who have the lowest ICCF ELO ratings amongst all the entrants may, at the discretion of the Title Tournaments Commissioner, be refused entry to the Candidates' Tournament.

For qualifications ***according to point 1.3.1.h***, rating numbers will be taken from the ICCF Rating List as at **July 1st 2011** and / or from the current FIDE Rating List.

Multiple entries from players with more than one qualification will be accepted only if there are sufficient available places.

All entries must be processed via the Member Federations.

Direct entries are not allowed for Candidates' Tournament 2011 (see Tournament Rules 1.0.1)

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 1.3 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!
Marco Caressa
ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner

Appendix. Section 1.3 of the Tournament Rules

1.3 Candidates' Tournament

1.3.1 The following will be entitled to enter the Candidates' Tournament:

- (a) the participants of one of the previous or running Finals who scored at least 50% of the possible points,
- (b) the participants in the previous or running Candidates' Tournaments who scored at least 60% of the possible points but did not qualify for the Final,
- (c) the first and second placed players in every Semi-Final group
- (d) the first and second placed players in a Final of the ICCF World Cup Tournament
- (e) the first and second placed players from the acknowledged Zonal Championships of Category IX or higher
- (f) all previous World Correspondence Chess Champions
- (g) the holders of the Grandmaster Title with at least 5 Grandmaster norms
- (h) those players who have a fixed rating of 2600 and above.