



The International Correspondence Chess Federation
in association with the
Polish Chess Federation

Announcement

ICCF World Cup 21 (webserver) final

18th April 2019:

Dear Chessfriends,

On behalf of ICCF, the tournament is being organised and administered by the Polish CC Federation.

The preliminaries of this World Cup were played from 2015-10-01 to 2017-11-09 with 928 players in 72 server sections. The semi-finals were played from 2017-06-30 to 2019-04-18 with 143 players in 11 server sections. Now all games have been completed and all qualifiers are known. See [tournament website](#).

Basic information and tournament organization

There will be a 13-15 player final that will start **2019-06-30** with no end date.

ICCF Rules valid at the start of the final (2019-06-30) will be binding, including tie-breaking (number of wins, points evaluation by the Sonneborn-Berger-System, results of the tied players against each other).

The tournament will be **played by webserver with an incremental rate of play** (30 days per game followed by 3 days every 1 move; 45 days leave per year, no special leave). Linear conditionals can be entered. The event will be rated and the title norms will be available.

Entries

The final stage is opened to the winner of each semi-final section. In addition, the winners of the World Cup finals are eligible to participate in the World Cup Final 21 – unless they used their right to play at this stage in previous World Cup editions.

There is no additional entry fee.

Should there be any non-starters or unexpected withdrawals, the final might be filled by players from a prioritized list of reserve (those sharing 1st place in the semi-finals). Some of these players might be contacted (if applicable) by TO Mariusz Wojnar via e-mail who will be offered any vacancies which arise.

Entries (or willingness to stay at a reserve list) must be confirmed by players to the Tournament Organizer, Mariusz Wojnar (email: mariusz.wojnar@gmail.com), to reach him before 2019-05-30.

Prizes

In the Final medals and certificates will be awarded to the top 3 players (if necessary, tie-breaks will be applied to determine the top 3 places). Also in the Final cash prizes of 1,000 EUR, 600 EUR, 300 EUR and 100 EUR will be awarded to the top 4 players. Tie-breaks will not be applied in respect of these cash prizes and instead those players scoring equal points will equally share any prize money due.

Qualification

The following qualifications can be achieved in the final:

- the winner and the runner-up may enter directly a World Championship Candidates (tie break applies) (upon payment of the entry fee) [2019 ICCF Rules, Article 1.2.1.3.1.(d)];
- the winner of the World Cup Final 21 will qualify for the final of the next World Cup Tournament without paying any entry fee [2019 ICCF Rules, Article 1.2.3.6.] and will be awarded the SIM title [2019 ICCF Rules, Article 1.5.2.3.(a)];

- participants in the final round have the right to take part in the semi-final round of the next correspondence chess World Cup tournament (upon payment of the entry fee) [2019 ICCF Rules, Article 1.2.3.6.];
- the participants in a Final of the ICCF World Cup Tournament who finished in place 3 or 4 (tie break applies) or scored at least 60% of the possible points may enter directly a World Championship semi-finals (upon payment of the entry fee) [2019 ICCF Rules, Article 1.2.1.2.1.(e)];
- the participants in a Final of the ICCF World Cup Tournament who scored at least 50% of the possible points may enter directly a World Championship Preliminaries (upon payment of the entry fee) [2019 ICCF Rules, Article 1.2.1.1.1.(e)].

We wish all participants many interesting games and new connections with CC friends in other countries, based on the spirit of friendship and the ICCF motto:

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Mariusz Wojnar

Central Tournament Leader