

Message addressed to:

- ICCF President - Eric Ruch,
- General Secretary - Michael Millstone,
- World Tournament Director (WTD) - Uwe Staroske,
- Finance Director - Russell Sherwood,
- Marketing Director - Jason Bokar,
- Title Tournament Commissioner (TTC) - Gian-Maria Tani,
- Non Title Tournament Commissioner - Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi
- Qualifications Commissioner - Manfred Frerichs
- Ratings Commissioner - Phillip J. Beckett
- All participants
- TD - Piotr Fałatowicz



## **The International Correspondence Chess Federation**

### **Final report on**

### **the 70th ICCF Jubilee World Cup**

24th March 2025:

Dear Eric and friends,

The 70th ICCF Jubilee World Cup was organised as one of a series of tournaments to mark the 70th anniversary of the ICCF. It took place in 2 stages over 4 years (from 15.02.2021 to 16.01.2025).

Preliminaries started on 15.02.2021 in 10 sections (61 players each, in total 610 entries). Some unfinished games after the end date (15.08.2022) were adjudicated (including one appeal).

The first 10 players of each preliminary section qualified for the final. In case of double qualification, the best runner-up from all sections was qualified instead.

All previous World Correspondence Chess Champions and the holders of ICCF GM title with at least 5 Grandmaster norms could enter (free of charge) directly to the final stage. This is how 4 grandmasters joined.

Special invitation was addressed to winners of the ICCF Golden Jubilee Final tournaments ("ICCF 50 Jubilee Email Final" and "ICCF 50 Jubilee Postal Final") and the Diamond Jubilee World Cup 18

(webserver) and the Diamond Jubilee World Cup 19 (postal) in order to bridge 50th and 60th and 70th Anniversaries of the ICCF. These players could enter (free of charge) directly to the final stage. This is how 1 player joined.

[The final](#), in which 92 competitors participated, started on 15.11.2022 and finished on 16.01.2025. It was directed by IA Piotr Fałatowicz (POL). The pairing was done according to Silli's system over a distance of 14 games.

The standard tie-breaking procedure (Silli event: Buchholz cut 2, then Buchholz cut 1, then Buchholz, then Buchholz 2nd stage, and then number of wins) was supplemented with an additional tie-breaking procedure (the lower rating at the end of the tournament).

After the tournament deadline, one game was adjudicated.

The tournament standings are shown in the table below. There was no need for an additional tie-break, a regular tie-break was enough, so [the table on the ICCF server](#) is adequate.

Correspondence tournaments last quite a long time, often several years, and players can expect various problems, such as personal or professional problems, long-term illness, death, disaster, or even neglect. However, it is always difficult to come to terms with such a situation. It is particularly important in top-ranking tournaments like this one.

During the tournament (both in the preliminaries and the final), several players forfeited games on time (ETL), which significantly disturbed the final results of the tournament. Because of this, many players have been dissatisfied.

It is obvious that this differs from sportsmanship, but we often have no influence on this. The current regulations in this matter are at least uniform and more fair.

## Final results:

#	Fed	ID	Tit	Player	R	Score	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	TB5	TB6
1	ENG	213011	CCM	<b>Bailey, Matthew W.</b>	2351	<b>8,5</b>	82,5	88,5	94,5	1400,5	3	
2	GER	86142		<b>Ensenbach, Marc</b>	2266	<b>8</b>	85,5	91,5	96,5	1389,0	2	
3	SWE	451400	CCM	<b>Block, Benjamin</b>	2336	<b>8</b>	85,5	91,5	96,5	1366,0	2	
4	GER	85922	IM	Kloster, Josef	2454	<b>8</b>	82,5	89,0	94,5	1407,5	2	
5	CYP	730015	CCM	Nikolaev, Denis	2357	<b>8</b>	81,5	87,0	92,0	1402,0	2	
6	CFR	143210	CCM	Tomilin, Artjom Valerievich	2392	<b>7,5</b>	87,0	93,5	98,5	1375,5	1	
7	LUX	570023	SIM	Klauner, Thed	2412	<b>7,5</b>	86,0	92,5	98,5	1379,5	1	
8	LTU	920446	CCM	Viskontas, Juozas	2337	<b>7,5</b>	86,0	92,0	97,5	1370,0	1	
9	ENG	212535	CCM	Marks, Robert	2366	<b>7,5</b>	85,0	91,5	97,5	1379,5	1	
10	CAN	90567	CCE	Brault, Stephan	2208	<b>7,5</b>	84,5	91,0	96,5	1377,5	1	
11	POL	420832	SIM	Krzyżanowski, Wojciech	2482	<b>7,5</b>	84,5	91,0	96,0	1388,0	1	
12	PHI	896098	CCM	Ramos, Francis A.	2379	<b>7,5</b>	84,5	90,5	95,5	1390,0	1	
13	MEX	340384	CCM	Sauceda Salazar, Eduardo	2388	<b>7,5</b>	84,5	90,5	95,5	1384,0	1	

14	LTU	920078	IM	Voveris, Gediminas	2419	<b>7,5</b>	84,0	90,5	95,5	1391,5	1	
15	ROU	440549	SIM	Matei, Cornel	2391	<b>7,5</b>	84,0	90,0	96,0	1384,0	1	
16	ESP	160577	CCM	Quevedo García, Vicente	2386	<b>7,5</b>	83,5	90,0	96,0	1406,0	1	
17	GER	85785	CCE	Wimmer, Ralph G.	2233	<b>7,5</b>	83,5	89,0	94,0	1400,5	1	
18	GER	86153	CCM	Höxter, Heinrich	2313	<b>7,5</b>	83,5	89,0	94,0	1385,0	1	
19	SRB	549075	CCE	Jovanović, Milan P.	2218	<b>7,5</b>	83,0	89,0	94,0	1396,0	1	
20	BUL	480232	GM	Pirš, Matjaž	2478	<b>7</b>	89,0	96,0	101,0	1350,5	0	
21	POL	421260	SIM	Kubicki, Tadeusz	2466	<b>7</b>	88,5	95,5	102,5	1345,5	0	
22	POL	429151	IM	Szerlak, Andrzej	2386	<b>7</b>	87,5	94,5	101,5	1352,5	0	
23	USA	511990	CCE	Jones, Jan	2233	<b>7</b>	87,5	94,5	101,5	1350,5	0	
24	CZE	131239	IM	Cvak, Rudolf	2386	<b>7</b>	87,5	94,5	101,5	1345,0	0	
25	GER	87108	CCE	Franck, Torsten	2256	<b>7</b>	87,5	94,5	101,0	1364,0	0	
26	CUB	690001	CCM	Rangel García, Raúl	2352	<b>7</b>	87,5	94,5	100,5	1365,5	0	
27	GER	85928	CCM	Bars, Joachim	2413	<b>7</b>	87,5	94,0	100,5	1364,0	0	
28	ENG	210324	SIM	Mukherjee, Ajoy K.	2380	<b>7</b>	87,0	94,0	101,0	1359,0	0	
29	CAN	90705	CCM	Maltais, Christian	2280	<b>7</b>	87,0	94,0	100,0	1348,0	0	
30	CFR	142676	CCM	Pundak, Maksim Bogdanovich	2404	<b>7</b>	86,5	93,5	100,5	1354,0	0	
31	FIN	461056	CCM	Suihko, Kalervo	2406	<b>7</b>	86,5	93,5	100,5	1350,5	0	
32	NOR	360333	IM	Johansen, Anders Sten	2376	<b>7</b>	86,5	93,5	100,0	1354,0	0	
33	CFR	141895	IM	Rudenko, Aleksandr Vladimirovich	2403	<b>7</b>	86,5	93,5	98,5	1365,5	0	
34	GER	87043	CCE	Hinrichs, Heinz	2272	<b>7</b>	86,5	93,0	99,5	1354,5	0	
35	CFR	149253	IM	Ilyin, Pavel Egorovich	2427	<b>7</b>	86,0	93,0	100,0	1374,5	0	
36	GER	82299	SIM	Schwetlick, Thomas	2425	<b>7</b>	86,0	93,0	100,0	1365,5	0	
37	CFB	750034	CCM	Matsukevich, Vladimir Vladimirovich	2397	<b>7</b>	86,0	93,0	100,0	1363,5	0	
38	LAT	910274	IM	Mende, Ingus	2420	<b>7</b>	86,0	93,0	100,0	1354,5	0	
39	POR	390072	CCM	Azevedo, José Manuel P.	2355	<b>7</b>	86,0	93,0	100,0	1344,5	0	
40	USA	517672	CCM	Stewart, Douglas	2430	<b>7</b>	86,0	93,0	99,5	1368,0	0	
41	BRA	71079	GM	Badolati, Sérgio	2433	<b>7</b>	86,0	93,0	99,5	1361,5	0	

42	GER	83252	IM	Arounopoulos, Stephan	2357	7	86,0	93,0	99,0	1371,0	0	
43	ROU	440550	GM	Voiculescu, Costel	2422	7	86,0	93,0	99,0	1355,5	0	
44	GER	84982	IM	Doderer, Harald	2415	7	86,0	92,5	98,5	1376,5	0	
45	POL	420628	CCM	Frączek, Dariusz	2415	7	86,0	92,5	98,5	1372,0	0	
46	PHI	517765	CCE	Simplina, Arthur	2309	7	86,0	92,5	98,5	1370,0	0	
47	DEN	151014	CCM	Hansen, Jan	2354	7	86,0	92,0	98,0	1370,5	0	
48	POL	421428	IM	Szymański, Robert	2377	7	86,0	92,0	98,0	1367,5	0	
49	USA	514948	CCM	Relyea, Alexander	2343	7	86,0	92,0	98,0	1364,0	0	
50	ESP	169137	CCM	de Andrés Senra, Sergio Iván	2361	7	85,5	92,5	99,0	1361,5	0	
51	GER	86273	CCM	Köstner, Wolfgang	2370	7	85,5	92,5	98,5	1361,5	0	
52	UKR	940872	CCM	Moskalenko, Eduard	2304	7	85,5	92,5	98,5	1359,5	0	
53	CZE	130999	GM	Straka, Zdeněk	2507	7	85,5	92,5	97,5	1370,5	0	
54	ITA	241645	CCM	Caruso, Augusto	2371	7	85,5	92,5	97,5	1370,5	0	
55	ROU	440827	IM	Ploscaru, Stelian	2355	7	85,5	92,0	97,0	1387,5	0	
56	CRO	900218	CCM	Tomaša, Ivica	2304	7	85,5	92,0	97,0	1376,0	0	
57	GER	81666	IM	Fritsche, Frank	2397	7	85,5	91,5	97,0	1380,0	0	
58	CFR	143030	CCM	Timofeev, Aleksandr Viktorovich	2409	7	85,0	91,5	97,5	1381,5	0	
59	FRA	189129	CCM	Speisser, Patrick	2319	7	85,0	91,5	97,5	1377,0	0	
60	ITA	242203		D'Agostino, Gabriele	2293	7	84,5	91,5	97,5	1384,0	0	
61	NZL	380073	GM	Noble, Mark F.	2466	7	84,5	91,5	96,5	1380,5	0	
62	ENG	210854	IM	Thompson, Brian	2376	7	84,5	91,5	96,5	1378,5	0	
63	GER	83088	CCM	Pommrich, Rainer	2329	7	84,5	91,0	97,0	1378,5	0	
64	BRA	70821	CCM	Nezuka, Eisque	2342	7	84,5	91,0	96,5	1404,5	0	
65	CFR	141947		Orekhov, Vyacheslav Vladimirovich	2275	7	84,5	91,0	96,5	1368,0	0	
66	POL	429131	CCE	Turczyński, Marian	2276	7	84,5	91,0	96,0	1394,0	0	
67	CFR	141107	CCM	Popov, Vladimir Valentinovich	2372	7	84,5	90,5	96,5	1381,0	0	
68	CFR	141447	SIM	Morozov, Dmitry Viktorovich	2482	7	84,5	90,5	96,0	1374,5	0	
69	GER	89488	CCM	Wedel, Lutz	2335	7	84,5	90,5	95,5	1381,0	0	
70	GER	89356	IM	Ulbig, Stefan	2432	7	84,5	90,5	95,5	1377,5	0	

71	GER	86009		Lüthi, Thomas	2067	7	84,5	90,0	95,0	1398,0	0	
72	GER	89236	IM	Papenfuß, Ingo	2405	7	84,0	90,5	96,0	1409,5	0	
73	NOR	360341	GM	Haugen, Arild	2380	7	84,0	90,5	96,0	1393,0	0	
74	NED	370353	CCE	Galjé, Hans	2321	7	84,0	90,5	95,5	1394,0	0	
75	GER	81692	CCM	Glötz, Dietmar	2361	7	84,0	90,0	96,0	1392,0	0	
76	GER	85849	SIM	Kraft, Dieter	2474	7	84,0	90,0	96,0	1376,5	0	
77	SWE	451195	CCM	Bredenhof, Bo	2338	7	84,0	90,0	95,0	1385,0	0	
78	CFR	141944	IM	Tyulenko, Yuri Viktorovich	2420	7	84,0	89,5	94,5	1395,0	0	
79	GER	85569	CCM	Engelhard, Christof	2368	7	83,5	90,0	96,5	1396,0	0	
80	CFR	141712	CCM	Nechaev, Aleksey Nikolaevich	2339	6,5	88,5	95,5	102,5	1335,0	0	
81	SUI	85521	CCM	Milde, Lars	2255	6,5	87,0	93,5	100,0	1364,0	0	
82	ROU	440735	IM	Ristea, Tudor	2380	6,5	86,5	93,5	100,5	1356,0	0	
83	CFR	140234	CCE	Khorunzhy, Mikhail Filippovich	2319	6,5	86,5	93,5	100,5	1349,0	0	
84	GER	82915	CCM	Kermer, Wolf Dieter	2366	6,5	86,5	93,0	99,0	1364,0	0	
85	ENG	211994	CCE	Hollands, George	2240	6,5	85,0	91,0	97,0	1364,5	0	
86	NED	371295	CCM	Fluit, Johnny	2365	6	89,5	96,5	103,5	1347,5	0	
87	GER	87061	CCM	Klemmer, Marcel	2349	6	87,5	94,0	99,0	1354,0	0	
88	USA	516552	CCM	Burmeister, Ferdinand	2354	6	87,0	93,5	100,0	1356,0	0	
89	SVK	950294	CCM	Krakovský, Peter	2327	6	86,5	93,0	98,0	1364,0	0	
90	SUI	180321		Galerie, René	2142	5,5	88,0	95,0	102,0	1336,0	0	
91	GER	86900	CCM	Frömbgen, Andreas	2326	5	88,0	94,0	100,0	1341,5	0	
92	USA	516628	IM	Marbourg, Denny	2580	5	87,0	94,0	101,0	1352,0	0	

Legend:

TB1 = Buchholz cut 2

TB2 = Buchholz cut 1

TB3 = Buchholz

TB4 = Buchholz 2nd stage

TB5 = number of wins

TB6 = the lower rating at the end of the tournament [RL2025/1]

The winner of the tournament is **Matthew Bailey**, in front of **Marc Ensenbach** and **Benjamin Block**.

**Congratulations!**

## **Medals and certificates:**

I kindly ask **Manfred Frerichs, Qualifications Commissioner**, to produce occasional medals and certificates for the top 3 players (tie-break applies) to be awarded at the ICCF Congress 2025, unless otherwise decided.

- 1st place - Matthew Bailey
- 2nd place - Marc Ensenbach
- 3rd place - Benjamin Block

## **Prizes:**

The total prize fund for this event was planned in amount of 3,000 EUR (1,000 EUR preliminary stage and 2,000 EUR final stage).

In the preliminaries, prizes were awarded and paid to the section winners (these prizes, each worth approximately EUR 100, in the form of vouchers, tie-break applied).

In the final, cash prizes of 1,000 EUR, 600 EUR, 300 EUR and 100 EUR to be awarded to the top 4 players provided they obtain a positive result (>50%). In terms of prize money, it was stipulated that no ties will be used, instead players who score the same number of points will share the prize money equally.

It turned out that we have a solo winner with 8,5 points and 4 players scored the same result - 8 points out of 14 games. Therefore, the prize distribution is as follows:

1. Matthew W. Bailey - 1,000 EUR
2. Marc Ensenbach, Benjamin Block, Josef Kloster, Denis Nikolaev - each of them should receive 250 EUR.

I kindly ask **Russell Sherwood, Finance Director**, to contact players to arrange for the payment of prize money. All prize money should be paid via Paypal.

If the winner of a monetary prize cannot make arrangements for receiving the money through Paypal, that person will forfeit the prize; and the money will go to the player next in line.

## **Qualifications:**

The following special qualifications were achieved in the 70th ICCF Jubilee World Cup final (required result above 50%):

- World Championship final - Matthew W. Bailey;
- World Championship Candidates (upon payment of the entry fee) - Marc Ensenbach, Benjamin Block;
- World Championship semi-final (upon payment of the entry fee) - Josef Kloster, Denis Nikolaev, Artjom Tomilin, Thed Klauner, Juozas Viskontas, Robert Marks, Stephan Brault, Wojciech Krzyżanowski, Francis A. Ramos, Eduardo Saucedo Salazar.

I kindly ask **Uwe Staroske, WTD, and Gian-Maria Tani, TTC**, to take into account these qualifications obtained for the World Championships.

## **ICCF titles and norms:**

The following titles were achieved in the 70th ICCF Jubilee World Cup final (required result above 50%):

- SIM title - the winner (tie-break applies) - Matthew W. Bailey.

In addition, several regular CCE&CCM norms were achieved.

I kindly ask **Manfred Frerichs, Qualifications Commissioner**, to include the obtained title and norms in the players' achievements and in their profiles.

I would like to thank all friends, especially the participants, and congratulate the medallists!

Amici sumus!  
Mariusz Wojnar, TO