

## Regulations

### of the 13th International Clergy Polish Correspondence Chess Championship

#### 1. Purpose:

- To determine the Champion of Poland in correspondence chess among clergymen
- To integrate clergy within common passion chess
- To celebrate St Teresa of Avila, patroness of chess
- To compete and gain chess rating benefits
- To gain ICCF title norms, if available

#### 2. Tournament Organizer

The Polish Correspondence Chess Commission of the Polish Chess Federation supported by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Drohiczyn is organising the tournament.

#### 3. Period of play

The tournament will start on 15.09.2026.  
Separate announcement will be issued.

#### 4. Participation

This is invitational event and invited players participate in this event free of charge. Participants are clergymen from Poland and abroad. The organizer reserves the right to reject entry without giving a reason.

#### 5. Playing system

This tournament is rated and it is supposed to be a single round robin event played by ICCF server. Maximum games played will not go beyond 12. The tournament can be Silli type (8 games) for more than 13 applications.

#### 6. Time control and rules

Standard ICCF Rules apply.

The event will be rated with title norms, if possible.

The time control is a **Triple Block** time control: 500 days (50/50/3) – with no „guaranteed time.” Therefore, players should manage their time wisely, as the time remaining on the clocks and in the reserve immediately after move 50 is the time within which the players must complete the game. There is no time off, as it is included and a player can dispose of the time at their own discretion. However, it should be remembered that the game is automatically recorded as a loss if a player's time on the clock reaches zero (even if the time bank or increment is > 0). An explanation of the concept of time control can be found in the current ICCF Rules, Appendix 3, The Triple Block Time Control System.

In the tournament, claims based on the 7-piece chess endgame database can be submitted (in the game window, select the „Claim a win” or „Claim a draw” option and then follow the prompts by selecting the appropriate options). In such a situation, the 50-move rule without capturing or moving a pawn does not apply. The ICCF server (as an assistant to the arbiter) automatically reviews any complaints regarding the result upon request.

**All players are strongly encouraged to follow the rules of fair play. Please note that games must be concluded in a timely manner, without unnecessary delays.** Continuing play after reaching a 7-piece position (without filing a claim) or in a completely losing position is considered unsportsmanlike conduct and may result in disciplinary action at the arbiter's discretion.

## **7. Tiebreaking**

A standard tie-breaking, supplemented by an additional tie-break, will be used to determine the winner and the ranking of tied players.

Round robin system:

- number of wins by each tied player in the tournament,
- points evaluation by the Sonneborn-Berger-System,
- results of the tied players against each other,
- higher start rating.

Silli system:

- Reduced Buchholz 2 (the two opponents with the lowest points are omitted),
- Reduced Buchholz 1 (the opponent with the lowest points is omitted),
- Full Buchholz,
- Level 2 Buchholz (the sum of the opponents' Buchholz points),
- Number of wins,
- Higher starting rating.

The final pairing system, including tie-breaking, will be determined by the organizer after the entries are closed and will be announced in the starting announcement.

## **8. Prizes**

Winner will receive title the 13th International Clergy Champion of Poland in correspondence chess. Other prizes might be awarded, if applicable. Details will be provided in separate announcement.

## **9. Entries**

Players may enter in the usual way through their National Federations.

Entries via National Federations should contain player's name, living place, qualification background (diocese/ seminary/ order and the role performed in it), ICCF ID and should be forwarded by e-mail to Mariusz Wojnar, e-mail: mariusz.wojnar@gmail.com, to reach him before 31st August 2026. It would be appreciated if Federations send entries "as received" and not delay them until closing date.

Registration will close on **31.08.2026** to allow for pairings.

## **10. Final arrangements**

Arbiter of the event will be appointed by the Polish Correspondence Chess Commission of the Polish Chess Federation.

Interpretation of these regulations belongs to the organizer. Interpretation of playing rules belongs to arbiter (Tournament Director-TD).

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Tournament Organizer  
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