

Message addressed to:

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- General Secretary - Michael Millstone,
- World Tournament Director (WTD) - Uwe Staroske,
- Finance Director - David C. Huff,
- 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 - Austin Lockwood



The International Correspondence Chess Federation

Final report on

The 70th ICCF Jubilee Chess 960 World Cup

16th June 2026:

Dear Eric and friends,

The 70th ICCF Jubilee Chess 960 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 5 years (from 15.02.2021 to 09.06.2026).

Preliminaries started on 15.02.2021 in 2 sections (37 players each, in total 74 entries) and finished on 19.06.2022.

The 4 best players from each section were promoted to the final. In addition, the winner of the Diamond Jubilee Chess 960 World Cup could enter directly to the final stage of the 70th ICCF Jubilee World Cup. Ultimately, 7 out of 9 qualified competitors took part in the final.

[The final](#) (double round robin), in which 7 competitors participated, started on 15.08.2022 and finished on 09.06.2026. It was directed by IA Józef Lubas (POL) and after his death by IA Austin Lockwood (WLS).

The standard tie-breaking procedure (double round robin event: number of wins, then Sonneborn-Berger, then direct encounter among tied players) was supplemented with an additional tie-breaking procedure (the lower rating for chess 960 at the end of the tournament).

After the tournament deadline (15.01.2025), one unfinished game was extended to its natural conclusion.

The tournament standings are shown in the table below. An additional tie-break was necessary, but the table on the ICCF server is sufficient anyway.

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 fairer.

Final results:

70th ICCF Jubilee Chess 960 World Cup final				TD Lockwood, Austin (IA)														Score	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7						
1	UKR	940981	SIM	Koshmak, Iurii	2481		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1 ^E	1 ^E	7,5				
2	USA	515808	IM	Muljadi, Paul	2526	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	1 ^E	7				
3	HUN	230665	IM	Csiba, Tibor	2463	½	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	6,5	1	37,00	1,0	2467
4	SWE	451400	CCM	Block, Benjamin	2327 ¹	½	½	½	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	6,5	1	37,00	1,0	2514
5	PHI	896100	CCM	Sinsuat, Datuali	2342 ¹	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	6				
6	GER	86104	CCM	Fuchs, Jörg	2401	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½		½	½		5,5				
7	SWE	451632		Lasaki, Hamed Imani	2327 ^P	0 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	0 ^E	½	0 ^E	½	½	½	½	½		3				
					2423																		

X^E = exceeded time limit
X^I = ICCF standard chess rating
X^P = provisional

TB1 = number of wins
TB2 = Sonneborn-Berger
TB3 = direct encounter among tied players
TB4 = the lower rating 960 (fixed or unfixed) at the end of the tournament [RL2026/2]

The winner of the tournament is **Iurii Koshmak**, in front of **Paul Muljadi** and **Tibor Csiba**.

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 2027.

- 1st place - Iurii Koshmak
- 2nd place - Paul Muljadi
- 3rd place - Tibor Csiba

Prizes:

The total prize fund for this event was planned in amount of 1,000 EUR (200 EUR preliminary stage and 800 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 400 EUR, 250 EUR and 150 EUR to be awarded to the top 3 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 winner with 7,5 points, a runner-up with 7,0 points and 2 players scored the same result – 6,5 points out of 12 games. Therefore, the prize distribution is as follows:

1. Iurii Koshmak - 400 EUR
2. Paul Muljadi - 250 EUR
3. Tibor Csiba, Benjamin Block - each of them should receive 75 EUR.

I kindly ask **David C. Huff, Finance Director**, to contact players to arrange for the payment of prize money.

Qualifications:

The following special qualifications were achieved in the 70th ICCF Jubilee Chess 960 World Cup final (required result above 50%):

- World Championship final - Iurii Koshmak;
- World Championship Candidates (upon payment of the entry fee) - Paul Muljadi, Tibor Csiba
- World Championship semi-final (upon payment of the entry fee) - Benjamin Block.

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

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

Amici sumus!
Mariusz Wojnar, TO