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WORLD CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2016 CYCLE

SEMIFINALS - 40th WCCC

Following the decisions of the ICCF Congress 2011, all Semi-Final Sections of the Correspondence Chess Championship shall start on the same day and only once per year.

The start date of the Semifinals of the 40th WCCC is **June 20, 2016**.

All entries will be accepted according with ICCF Tournament Rules valid as from January 1st, 2016, to be received **not later than May 10, 2016**.

Member Federations Nominations (MFN) for the Semifinals should also be submitted before May 10, 2016. After this date, there will be no further MFN's for the whole of 2016. MFN for 2015 cannot be used for 2016 WC Cycle.

Rating numbers will be taken from the ICCF Rating List as at April 1, 2016 and / or from the current FIDE Rating List.

Semi-Finals normally have 13 players with the possibility for the TTC to extend them to 15 or 17 players if appropriate in special situations.

If the number of the entries won't be a multiple of 13, the players who have been entered according to points 1.2.1.(i), (j) and (k) and who have the lowest ICCF ELO rating won't be admitted to the Semi-Finals.

Players entering more than one section will be accepted only to fill vacancies.

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 1.2 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, Gian-Maria Tani ttc@iccf.com.

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Appendix. Section 1.2 of the Tournament Rules

1.2 Semi-Finals of the World Correspondence Chess Championship

1.2.1 The following will be entitled to enter a Semi-Final:

- (a) the participants in one of the previous or running Finals if they have not earned a higher qualification
- (b) the participants in one of the previous or running Candidates' Tournaments who have scored at least 50% of the possible points if they have not earned a higher qualification
- (c) the participants in one of the previous or running Semi-Finals who finished in place 3 or 4 or scored at least 60% of the possible points but did not qualify for the Candidates' Tournament
- (d) the first and second placed players from a Preliminary section
- (e) the participants in a Final of the ICCF World Cup Tournament who finished in place 3 or 4 or scored at least 60% of the possible points
- (f) the participants in one of the previous or running acknowledged Zonal Championships of Category IX or higher who finished in place 3 or 4 or scored at least 60% of the possible points
- (g) the two top finishers from the acknowledged Zonal Championships of the tournament Category VIII or below
- (h) those players, who, at the time of nomination have ratings of 2400 and higher, are entered through their own national organisation
- (i) the holders of the Correspondence Chess International Master title with fixed ratings above 2500 (*)
- (j) the holders of the Correspondence Chess Senior International Master title with fixed ratings above 2450 (*)
- (k) the holders of the Grandmaster Title with ratings above 2400 (*)
- (l) those players who have a fixed rating above 2550. (*)

(*) *ELO ratings used in these Rules refer to any of those rating lists published in the preceding 12 months when submitting the entry to the TTC.*