



The International Correspondence Chess Federation

announcement

ICCF Diamond Jubilee

1st Chess 960 World Cup

The tournament will be **played by server** and will be organized in **three or four stages**, depending from the number of the entries. The sections of the preliminary round will have **6 players** (10 games) with 2 qualified for the next round. All sections will be with double round robin (players will have the same position with Black and White but all positions will defer from one opponent to another). Time control will be **10 moves for 20 days**. The event will be **not rated**.

Entries

Players may enter in the usual way through their **National Federations** or, where eligible, via the ICCF **Direct Entry** system.

Entries via National Federations should contain player's name, e-mail address and ICCF ID and should be forwarded by e-mail to the Tournament Organizer, **Leonardo Madonia**, (e-mail: lmadonia@iccf.com) to reach him before 30th September 2011. It would be appreciated if Federations send entries "as received" and not delay them until closing date.

A player can apply for more than one preliminary group.

Allocation of players to their sections will be made as random as possible; however, geographical distribution as well as an achievement of reasonable equality of the average rating will be taken into account.

Tournament Organization

The tournament will start on **30.10.2011**.

Registration will begin on **01.05.2011** and will close on **30.09.2011** to allow for pairings.

All preliminary groups will finish at the latest on **30.12.2012**.

Any unfinished games that will decide promotional positions in the group will be adjudicated. The players involved will send the record of the game (with the required result –win or draw–) and an analysis to their TD for adjudication no later than **20.01.2013**.

The adjudication will be organized in such a way that all qualified players will be known by **1.03.2013**.

The second stage is expected to start on **30.03.2013** at the latest.

The next stage (Semi-finals or Final) is expected to start on **01.09.2014** at the latest.

Prizes

Prize 2000 € for the first 4 players (1000 €; 600 €, 300 €; 100 €), no tie break.

One book prize to all winners of the preliminary groups.

Qualifications

The first two players of each preliminary section will qualify for the next round.

Although the number of preliminary groups which each player may enter is unlimited, no player will qualify for more than two semifinal groups or more than one place in the final (in the case of four stages the qualification to the second round is unlimited)

The following qualifications can be achieved in the final:

- The winner of the Diamond Chess 960 World Cup will qualify for a World Championship final, place 2-4 to World Championship Candidates (tie break applies);
- All other finalists qualify to World Championship semifinal;

Member Federations are asked to give the tournament wide publicity to all their players.

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 **AMICI SUMUS.**

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