

Dear Chessfriends

## **TOURNAMENT ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION**

The International Correspondence Chess Federation ([www.iccf.com](http://www.iccf.com)) is the FIDE recognised correspondence chess body. The ICCF organises CC world championships and Olympiads, as well as awarding the CC titles (GM; IM; etc) recognised by FIDE.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Afro-Asian Zonal Correspondence Chess Championships are due to start in January 2011. The tournament will be played on the webserver of the ICCF ([www.iccf-webchess.com](http://www.iccf-webchess.com))

Entry is **FREE**, but only entries received up to midnight on 31 December 2010 will be considered. **All chess players in Africa and Asia may enter.** Entries must be emailed to the address below.

The tournament will consist of a preliminary round, semi-finals and finals. The preliminary round will be divided into groups equal in rating strength of between 9 and 13 players.

Qualifying criteria for progression to the semi-finals will be calculated once the total number of entrants is known, but will be communicated at the start of the preliminary round. A new innovation this year is that players with a fixed rating of 2250 and ICCF titled players (WIM; WGM; IM; SM; GM) will be allowed to bypass the preliminary round and enter directly into the semi-final round.

The preliminary round will be an ICCF rated event allowing players to obtain ICCF ratings, while the semi-final and final will be international title norm tournaments (subject to the rating strength of the qualifiers). Players with FIDE ratings may use these ratings for the preliminary round.

Kindly communicate this announcement to all members of your national federation as soon as possible.

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