

14. International Solving Contest (ISC)

Sunday 28.01.2018

The International Solving Contest next year will take place on Sunday 28.01.2018. The event is happening simultaneously in all participating countries.

There will be three categories: one for experienced solvers. In this category solvers can obtain rating points.

The second category is intended for weaker, inexperienced solvers. This second category is not open for solvers with a rating (**or half-rating or non-active-rating**) of more than 1700. The third category is intended for youngsters born **after 31.12.2004**.

As delegate you should appoint a local controller who can be entrusted with the responsible task of organising this contest in your country. If you find it appropriate, this contest may be organised in more than one location in your country. It is permissible for countries to have a combined organisation. Participants may also be from a different country. For each location a local controller must take responsibility. It is an absolute requirement that local controllers have an e-mail address at their disposal. The delegate will therefore indicate this e-mail address. The local controller has to register on the MatPlus website (<http://www.matplus.net>) where he must enter the preliminary results of his tournament.

The contest in the main category will consist of two rounds with six problems each, i.e. for each round a $2\neq$, $3\neq$, $n\neq$, EG, $h\neq$ and $s\neq$.

The second category will consist of two rounds with six problems each, i.e. for each round two $\neq 2$, a $3\neq$, $\neq n$, EG and in one round a $h\neq$ and in the other round a $s\neq$.

The youth category will consist of one round with six orthodox problems, i.e. four $2\neq$, a $3\neq$ and an EG.

For each round, the solving time is two hours.

To prevent possible irregularities it is essential that the start of the contest is at the same time in each country. This means CET (Central European Time) at 11 a.m. Local time must meet this CET. Between the two rounds a break is foreseen of at least 0,5 hours and max. 1,5 hours, at the option of the local controller.

The local controller will receive between 19. and 21.01.2018 the following PDF file format documents **by e-mail**:

- For each round, a sheet with the problems.
- For each round, a sheet for writing the solutions.
- For each round, a sheet with the solutions and their marking.
- A form for summarising the results.

The tasks of the local controller are:

- Organisation of the local contest.
- Announcement in local magazines.
- Invitation of local participants.
- Reproduction of the various sheets for the solvers.
- Checking of the solutions and point giving.

- E-mailing of the results. These must reach the central controllers **by e-mail** not later than 31.01.2018.
- Entry of the results on the special MatPlus website not later than 02.02.2018.
- E-mailing of the scanned solving sheets to the central controllers, not later than 07.02.2018.
- The local controller should keep the original solving sheets to ensure a back-up.
- The e-mail address of Axel Steinbrink is: axel.steinbrink@gmx.de
- The local controller will send a copy of all e-mails to Luc Palmans (palmans.luc@skynet.be)
- It is recommended that the local controllers use the WFCC Solving Tournament Manager for the administration of their local tournament.

The central controllers check the markings and distribute the preliminary result to the various local controllers and to the delegates not later than 18.02.2018. Appeals have to be sent to the central controllers not later than 25.02.2018.

After handling possible appeals, the central controllers will present the results and their report to the Solving Committee by 04.03.2018. After the review the results will be presented on the WFCC website.

The final results of this contest will take the form of **individual ranking**. No ranking per country will be provided by the central controllers (although any country may do this for itself). There will also be a ranking for youngsters, seniors and female solvers.

The name of the locally appointed controller must reach the central controllers by e-mail not later than 31.12.2017.

Thank you for your cooperation,
Axel Steinbrink
Luc Palmans
Central controllers ISC 2018