

To the WFCC solving committee

Criteria for gaining solving norms says:

"Norms for the titles International Solving Grandmaster of the FIDE (GM), International Solving Master of the FIDE (IM), FIDE Solving Master (FM) can be gained if at least 5 title holders with ratings GM 2550 / IM 2450 / FM 2350 and other solvers with the obligatory qualifying rating - 2600 for GM / 2500 for IM / 2400 for FM altogether compete at the tournament."

I analysed the situation in the last years:

	GM > 2550	Other > 2600	Σ	Number of solvers
2010-01-01	22	2	24	512
2010-07-01	20	2	22	526
2011-01-01	19	1	20	539
2011-07-01	19	1	20	589
2012-01-01	21	0	21	565
2012-07-01	18	0	18	600
2013-01-01	17	0	17	578
2013-07-01	18	0	18	610

In my opinion the current situation is not very solver-friendly. I do not insist making any rapid changes. But we should think about that, in order to avoid a situation when during the main solving competitions there would be no chance to gain a GM norm.

Sincerely,
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Oleg Efrosinin from Volgograd, Russia proposes future ISCs to be held in the second half of March. In the past two years the weather conditions during the day of ISC were very harsh (too much cold, frost, snow, and so on) in his city.