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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

Who Should Be Allowed to Go to the World Youth Chess Championships (Pt. 2) ?

Canada normally sends three representatives to each of the youth championships (U10, U 12, U14, U 16 & U 18, in both a national group, and a separate girls group). They are the first three finishers in a national tournament, the Canadian Youth Chess Championships, usually played in July. The first place winner is the Canadian Champion for that section, and has his registration and transportation paid by the CFC.

One problem of this system is that a high – rated player who cannot, or chooses not, to play, has no way to get on the team, even if his/her rating may be higher than the tournament winner. Some have proposed that there be a rating method of qualifying to the team, in addition to participation in the national tournament.

We asked for your opinions on this and below are two of the opinions we received:

Denis Nadeau, Organizer of the 2003 CYCC, and Organizer for the 2004 CYCC

“ Concerning the debate about the CYCC\WYCC. I think we see too often the CYCC as a gateway to the WYCC where finally participants can play real chess?! If people want the competition, there are several tournaments that are more accessible and cheaper (like Capelle-la-Grande) while being stronger than the WYCC. The real incentive is the prestige of attending the WYCC. We forget that the CYCC also crowns the Canadian Champion for every category and that too has got a real prestige; rating is not always an accurate measure of this as we saw in Kap last summer: an unrated player won a strong category!

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Finally, the proposal at hand might qualify every Canadian player in a given category. I don't think that this would strengthen our team or enhance the prestige of attending the WYCC."

Ron Venning, former SCC Member

"Secondly, in response to your most recent newsletter and the issue of how to determine Canada's selection of participants at the annual WYCC, the point is made that "it will weaken the quality of the CYCC, if top-ranked youth players skip the tournament, intending to use their ratings to qualify." It seems to me (accepting your observation that many of the top players are already skipping the CYCC) that the CYCC has already been weakened.

Finding a remedy that will satisfy CFC executives plus our talented young players, and the chess public in general is the important issue to resolve. Would it be feasible to implement a system whereby young players could earn their way to the WYCC by means of ratings IF they participated successfully in a given number of specified tournaments (from which they could choose according to their own personal situations), or if they had an active FIDE rating, or both. "

SCC Starts Off New Year with New Swiss at New Location



Bob Armstrong – Jim Paterson

Other pictures are attached to the e-mail (too much volume to put them all in the newsletter).

Canadian Representatives Selected for Pan-American Youth Chess Championship
(report by David Cohen)

Zhe Quan, 13, of Toronto, ON has won the right to represent Canada at the 2004 Pan-American Youth Championships. Zhe, who won the Canadian Qualification tournament with a perfect score of 4/4 held Dec. 29-31 in Calgary, AB, will compete in the Age 14 and Under category of the Championships, scheduled for the end of May in Columbia.

In the same tournament, Toronto junior Harris Kaufman won the Under 12 section.

Quan Steamrollers to 2004 Canadian Junior Championship.

Competing in the Canadian Junior Championships, held Jan. 2-6 in Calgary, AB, for the right to represent Canada at the World Junior Championships, to be held Sept. 1-15 in Kolkata, India, Toronto Junior, Zhe Quan, took first place with the amazing score of 8.5/9 pts...

Canadian Chess Hall of Fame 2004 selection
(press release by David Cohen)

Lynn Stringer of Victoria, BC, is the 2004 inductee into the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame. Mrs. Stringer is a long-time contributor to the Canadian Chess community, as a player, organizer and trustee. She competed in the 1975, 1978 and 1981 Canadian Women's Championships. In addition to organizing many local tournaments, she has also organized the Canadian Women's and Cadet Championships. She also serves as a trustee of the Chess Foundation of Canada.

The Canadian Chess Hall of Fame was created in 2000 to honour members of the Canadian Chess community. The 28 inductees are listed on the permanent plaque which resides in the offices of the Chess Federation of Canada in Ottawa.

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