

Giorgio Porreca Memorial Team Tournament for players rated <2300

ICCF is glad to announce the IX ICCF Team Tournament for players rated <2300 – here in memoriam Giorgio Porreca.

All ICCF member federations (that are not currently suspended) are invited to enter their teams to this event, which will be played on the ICCF webserver on two rounds: semi-final and final.

The first three teams in the final will receive medals.

Each federation may enter two teams.

All players on the team must be rated <2300 on the ICCF rating list 2026/2 or on the current FIDE list. In addition, all players must be full members of the federation they represent or be registered on the ICCF server for the country of the federation they represent for the duration of the tournament.

The semifinal will start on July 1st, 2026.

There will be 6 players in each team.

A maximum of 3 players can be replaced through the various stages of the event, (semi-final plus final)

The right to be promoted from the semifinal shall be determined by the ICCF Non-Title Tournaments Commissioner and approved by the Executive Board at the start of the tournament. The intention will be for a 13 Team final.

The entry fee will be at the rate of € 4 per player, i.e. € 24 per team. There will be no further entry fee for the final.

Time control will be Triple Block (Duration of Tournament: 700 days; Initial Clock: 50 days; Initial Bank: 50 days; Increment: 5 days).

Please note – without guaranteed time in the semi-final and in the final with guaranteed time.

Team entries have to be sent by the national federations to the Non-Title Tournament Commissioner Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi (nttc.iccf@gmail.com) not later than June 10th, 2026.

No replacement or board change will be allowed after that date, unless exceptional circumstances occur.

All entries should include the following details:

- board order
- name and ICCF code of the players
- name, ICCF code and e-mail address of the Team Captain

Amici Sumus
Giorgio Ruggeri Laderchi
NTTC

Giorgio Porreca (August 30, 1927 – January 5, 1988)

Giorgio Porreca was an Italian chess player and translator.

Chess theoretic, editor of the monthly magazine Scacco!, was the author of important chess books. Graduated in Russian Language and Literature, he translated several texts of Soviet masters.

He was a great lover of chess studies, of which he edited the column on Scacco!.

Together with the Neapolitan master Dario Cecaro (1930-2024), of which he was a great friend, Porreca was also one of the founders of the Napolitan Academy of Chess, which from 1953 was hosted in the premises of the prestigious Artistic Circle Polytechnic.

Porreca, International Master of FIDE and ICCF, was Italian champion in 1950 in Sorrento and in 1956 in Rovigo.

He won the Italian Team Championship three times: in 1960 with the Academy of Naples, then in 1969 and in 1970 with the Centurini of Genoa.

He won the 1960 Imperia Festival and the Naples tournaments of 1950, 1960 and 1963.

He participated with the Italian team at three chess Olympiad: in Dubrovnik 1950 in the third chessboard, in Helsinki 1952 in the first chessboard and in Amsterdam 1954 in the second chessboard, with the overall result of seventeen victories, eleven draws and fifteen defeats.

He was a seven-time Italian champion in the game by correspondence (ASIGC - Associazione Scacchistica Italiana Giocatori per Corrispondenza): in 1957 and then, consecutively, from 1966 to 1973, a result no longer achieved by anyone.

He played in the World Championship 09 Final (started on 1st July 1977).