



2026/1 Grading List

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The first ICCF grading list of 2026 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 Oct and 31 Dec 2025. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 Jan and 31 Mar 2026.

Robert Montgomery has secured the IM title having reached the qualifying standard of 6.5 points while playing Board 5 for Scotland in the North Atlantic Team Tournament VIII, Congratulations to Robert

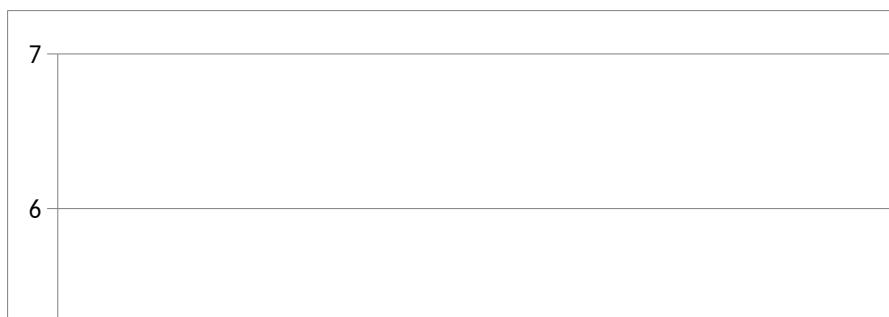
There were 4 deletions due to inactivity and no new names.

The most significant rating moves were Ian Foote (+142), William Cormack (+58), Andrew MacMillen (+52), Carlos Almarza Mato (+47), Allan Buchan (+37), Alan Sedstrem (+27) and Richard Beecham (+25).

New games centurions were Iain Sneddon (1100+), Ian Marshall (1000+), Iain Mackintosh (900+) and Ian Whittaker (400+). Highest recorded games this quarter were Iain Sneddon (61), Robert Bruce (49), Ian Foote (41) and Carlos Almarza Mato (35).

You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a rating. Fixed ratings are based on at least 30 games and only these are shown below. Rating changes are denoted by arrows. Email grader@scottishcca.co.uk if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
317	Almarza Mato, C (CCE)	2853	2204 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	1561	1655 ↑
518	Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	481	2351 ↑		Major, B	129	1260 ↔
	Anderson, T R	78	1787 ↔	566	Marshall, I H	1003	1677 ↓
	Antunes, A	58	2182 ↔	434	Matheis, T (IM)	342	2496 ↔
313	Armstrong, J McK	593	1275 ↑		Maxwell, A	87	1907 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (SIM)	588	2501 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S (IM, SM)	496	2407 ↓
472	Blake, M J (CCM)	1032	2474 ↑		Munro, P R	120	2231 ↑
	Bruce, R (CCE)	1451	2011 ↑	474	Murden, C (SIM)	730	2496 ↓
486	Buchan, A W (CCM)	542	2512 ↑	564	Murray, J S	133	2145 ↔
602	Burridge, R J	2086	1498 ↓	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	271	1526 ↓
	Carswell, D	78	1452 ↔		Pettigrew, S	217	1232 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	147	1905 ↑	432	Price, D	553	2030 ↔
478	Dunn, J	579	1248 ↔		Rafferty, F	54	1154 ↔
	Foote, I	383	2208 ↑		Robinson, A	34	1554 ↔
462	Gilbert, R	372	1506 ↓		Sedstrem, A	134	1170 ↑
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	393	2286 ↔	439	Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	1124	2430 ↓
264	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	1332	2142 ↓	057	Taylor, A	55	1883 ↔
	MacDonald, M	196	881 ↓		Taylor, W (CCE)	290	2237 ↓
584	MacGregor, C A	589	1827 ↑	605	Whittaker, I P (CCE)	408	2431 ↓
532	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	904	2385 ↓				



Statistical Analysis

Total listed	39
New entrants	0
Deletions (inactive, lapsed, non-members etc.)	4
Grading increases (↑)	13
Grading decreases (↓)	13
Grading static (↔)	13

Top 30 Grades

Buchan, A W (CCM)	2512	Antunes, A	2182
Beecham, C R (SIM)	2501	Murray, J S	2145
Matheis, T (IM)	2496	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	2142
Murden, C (SIM)	2496	Price, D	2030
Blake, M J (CCM)	2474	Bruce, R (CCE)	2011
Whittaker, I P (CCM)	2431	Maxwell, A	1907
Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	2430	Cormack, W H	1905
Montgomery, R S (IM, SM)	2407	Taylor, A	1883
Mackintosh, I (SIM)	2385	MacGregor, C A	1827
Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	2351	Anderson T R	1787
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2286	Marshall, I H	1677
Taylor, W (CCE)	2237	MacMillen, A N	1655
Munro, P R	2231	Robinson, A	1554
Foote, I	2208	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	1526
Almarza Mato, C (CCE)	2204	Gilbert, R	1506

Top 10 Rated Games

Almarza-Mato, C (CCE)	2853	Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	1124
Burridge, R J	2086	Blake, M J (CCM)	1032
MacMillen, A N	1561	Marshall, I H	1003
Bruce, R (CCE)	1451	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	904
Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	1332	Murden, C (IM)	730

Selected Personal Best Grades 2025/4

	New	Previous	Gain
Blake, M J (CCM)	2474	2459	2025/4
Munro, P R	2231	2218	2025/4
Foote, I	2208	2078	2009/2

Other Notes

Senior International Master (SIM) title norms are held by:

Matheis, T (1).

International Master (IM) title norms are held by:

Anderson, G M (1), Bennett, P G (1), Sneddon, I (2)

Scottish Master (SM) title norms are held by:

Buchan, A (1), Whittaker, I P (1)

Correspondence Chess Master (CCM) title norms:

Taylor, W (1)

Correspondence Chess Expert (CCE) title norms:

Burridge, R J (2).

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries. Members who have played <30 games are not shown.

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