

WMSC Certification System

In order to further establish the standard for World Memory Sports development as it has endeavored to do since 1991 and boost the enthusiasm for memory sports worldwide, World Memory Sports Council has launched the WMSC Certification System.

The WMSC will issue copies of certificates for all achievements in different fields of memory sports, which shall include

1. **WMSC Licensed Master of Memory**
2. **WMSC Licensed Arbiter of Memory**
3. **WMSC Licensed Instructor of Memory**

WHO ENDORSES THE CERTIFICATES

The Ratification / Awards Committee of the World Memory Sports Council, which numbers amongst its members major world leaders and mind sports champions in key areas of brain fitness.

The founders of the World Memory Championships in 1991 head the committee and will be the co-signatories for all certificates.

Tony Buzan, International Mental World Records Arbiter. Inventor of Mind Maps. Co- Founder of World Memory Championships

Ray Keene OBE, International Chess Grandmaster. Co- Founder of World Memory Championships

The Ratification/ Awards Committee also includes:

- Dominic O'Brien, 8 times World Memory Champion
- Phil Chambers WMSC Chief Arbiter
- Prof. Michael Crawford, Director, Institute of Brain Chemistry and Human Nutrition, Imperial College, London
- Dr. Sue Whiting, Former World Women's Memory Champion
- David Taylor MA, Past Master of the Guild of Educators
- Professor Jackie Eales, Head of Human Resources, Christchurch University Canterbury
- Prince Marek Kasperski, Australia
- Dr. Manahel Thabet, UAE
- Michael Gelb, USA
- Prince Mohsin Ali Khan, Hyderabad, India
- Dr. Jorge Castaneda Mexico
- Former President of Mexico Dr. Vicente Fox

WMSC Licensed Master of Memory (LMM)

In addition to the existing certificates for the top players such as IMM, GMM and IGM, we will also now release certification for other memory sports players who have achieved the required level in their memory skills. We will therefore provide an official evaluation standard for their memory skills levels as well as a reward for their endeavor.

An official achievement certificate will be available, to test or competition organizers in an authorized WMSC Memory Club, to give to competitors after the event to recognize their achievement.

Of necessity, these certificates can only be produced by WMSC via Regional Memory Sports Councils and issued by the authorized WMSC Memory Club worldwide using registered Arbiters.

In order to ensure that certification is valid and genuine, all WMSC Certifications (LMM, LAM & LIM) will be numbered and only be valid if they are listed publicly on the new WMSC Memory Club Web site.

The new WMSC Memory Club official website will be at www.worldmemoryclub.com - note this is currently linked to the official WMC website.



Certificates will not only be numbered and personally signed by two of the WMSC senior officers, one of whom can be regional president, they will be stamped with the Seal of the WMSC to ensure authenticity and listed on the official web site.

WHAT APPLICANTS MUST DO

To qualify, applicants must first contact their local Memory Club or register online at the new web site. www.worldmemoryclub.com They will then be contacted by a registered Arbiter to confirm a test time and then tackle the test in a local venue or online. As the difficulty increases, so will the level of certification. No applicant can take the same test more than once – there can be differing tests at every level for example with an automatic switch to the next level up once ten tests at one specific level have been completed. It is skill therefore, not familiarity which will be tested. More new tests will constantly be fed into the system.

THE REWARD FOR APPLICANTS

The certificate will be produced by WMSC via the web site. Regional Memory Sports Councils can also issue certificates once they have obtained a registered number from WMSC. This number will then be added to the online list of genuine certificates.

The Levels will be graded much as Levels are graded based on the 10 disciplines of WMC, there being Levels toward master, and levels after initial mastership. Certificates will be awarded signifying the Level attained. The grades will progress as follows:

	Level1	Level2	Level3	Level4	Level5	Level6	Level7	Level8	Level9	Level10
15min Words	20	25	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100
15min Numbers		40	60	80	100	120	140	160	180	200
5min Historic/Future Dates			6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20
5min Speed Numbers				20	30	40	50	60	80	100
5min Speed Cards					10	20	30	40	50	52
10min Random Cards						1pack	65cards	1.5pack	91cards	2pack
5min Binary Numbers							190	220	250	280
Spoken Numbers (60sec)								20	30	40
15min Abstract Images									75	100
5min Names & Faces										20

WMSC will produce the “Official WMSC Memory System” which will consist of a book and a video created by Dominic O’Brien in conjunction with Grandmaster Raymond Keene.

The applicants will be encouraged to master the memorisation of the following, all of which will be found in the official WMSC Memory System Book.

- a) the link system
- b) the number/shape system
- c) the number/rhyme system
- d) the Roman Room system
- e) the alphabet system
- f) long number memory systems
- g) card memory systems
- h) systems for the memorisation of dates
- i) systems for vocabulary and language
- j) systems for names and faces
- k) systems for examinations
- l) re-remembering what has been “forgotten”
- m) dream memory system
- n) the Major System
- o) the 0 - 99 Matrix
- p) the SEM³ System 100 - 10,000

WMSC Licensed Arbiter of Memory (LAM)



Every Arbiter (Level 1), when they have received the arbiter's training designed by Phil Chambers and organized by different regional memory sports councils in different language areas, can apply to the regional council for the authorization to run a WMSC Memory Club and organize the "Master of Memory" Level 1 - 10 Certification test in their region.

Each applicant will be granted a "Master of Memory" Level 1 - 10 Certificate when they pass the relevant test under the supervision of the licensed arbiters and the arbiters provide their signed test results to the regional Memory Sports councils for approval.



Phil Chambers, Chief Arbiter of the World Memory Sports Council, scorer and statistician at the UK and World Memory Championships as well as overseeing National Memory Competitions around the world.

WMSC Licensed Instructor of Memory (LIM)



Every Instructor, when they have received the Instructor's training program designed by Dominic O'Brien and organized by different regional memory sports councils in different language areas, will be authorized to run Memory Clubs and conduct WMSC Accredited Official Memory System training course in their region. Each student trained by the licensed Instructor is expected to get a WMSC Licensed Diploma of Memory after finishing the course.



Dominic O'Brien, Head of Ethics with the World Memory Sports Council and Eight Time World Memory Champion.