

World Mind Sports Games

The regulations for the Chess events for the 1st World Mind Sports Games are enclosed. There are some important dates to note:

July 14th Deadline for registration of entry

July 21st List of participants to be announced

July 31st Final date for substitution of names of players

These dates will not be extended because of the requirements for visas and travel.

Travel

Tickets to Beijing will be provided. Please inform FIDE whether Air China operates a service to Beijing from your country or another country nearby. As flights from some points are not daily, you should take into account the arrival and departure dates of your participants. If no suitable Air China flight is available, please inform FIDE of the cheapest routing, airline and cost for your travel to Beijing. FIDE will inform you of the procedure for booking tickets shortly.

Hospitality

Full board accommodation will be provided free for participants in twin bedded rooms in apartments very close to the playing venue, which is the Beijing International Convention Centre.

Participant Registration Form

There is a special registration form for completion by all and this will be forwarded within a few days. This will also form the basis of the invitation for the visa.

Arrival & Departure

Players should arrive the day before the start of their competition and leave the day after. As examples, players that are nominated for the individual should arrive on October 3rd and leave on October 8th or 9th unless they are in the Pairs or Team events when they will remain. Players in the Pairs competition only should arrive on October 7th and leave on October 13th. Players only in the team events should arrive on October 12th and leave on October 18th after the closing ceremony. These schedules may be flexible if the flights timetable is unsuitable. Players that are nominated for the individual or pairs event may also play in the team competition.

Co-operation with other Mind Sports

Federations should work with Bridge, Go and Draughts federations in their own countries to ensure a standard dress code. This is particularly important for the opening and medal ceremonies.

Medal Ceremonies

These will be held immediately after the completion of each competition.

Opening Ceremony

With water as the main symbol from which the human spirit has been born according to Chinese tradition, all the delegations will be asked to bring water from their homeland for the opening ceremony. This will be mixed with the water brought from the other countries. At the end of the Games all delegations will return home with a small amount of the mixture, coming from all over the planet.

All questions should be sent to the FIDE Secretariat at office@fide.com

This event is very important to FIDE and our future relations with the Olympic family. The success of the World Mind Sport Games will elevate the global status of our sport. It is an excellent showcase for Chess and it is important that we have a fully representative turnout to show our strength and diversity.

The website for the games is: www.2008wmsg.org

At a Press Conference at SportAccord in Athens, the President of the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA), Mr Jose Damiani, gave the latest information on the Games to be held in Beijing from October 3rd to 18th.

See: <http://www.iht.com/articles/ap/2008/06/04/sports/EU-SPT-Mind-Sports-Games.php>