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BAHRAIN



The Kingdom of Bahrain

Bahrain, officially the Kingdom of Bahrain, is a small Arab state situated in a bay on the southwestern coast of the Arabian Gulf.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is known for its unique island setting; cosmopolitan, relaxed way of life, and diverse tourism offerings. With Manama as a capital, the country receives an average of 11 Million visitors/year.

A multicultural heritage

The Kingdom of Bahrain has a vibrant culture and rich history dating back to the **Dilmun civilization 5000 years ago**.

Nowadays, Bahrain is known as a **multicultural** country that welcomes people from all over the world, with a population of around **1,5 million** Bahrainis and residents who embrace people with openness and pride.

Due to its multicultural heritage, the country gathers two official languages: **Arabic** and **English**.



Good to know !

Bahrain comes from the Arabic term "*Al Bahrayn*", meaning "two seas".

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Manama, the most religiously diverse city

With a history of co-existence, what really makes Bahrain unique is its people. Bahrain's capital, Manama, is the most religiously diverse city in the GCC, housing Muslim, Christian, Jewish, and Hindu places of worship all within a one-kilometer radius.



Sport in Bahrain

Football stands as the most popular sport in Bahrain, with horse racing retaining its status as a national pastime. Meanwhile, Bahrainis also continue to engage in traditional sports like falconry which enjoys popularity as a public entertainment.

Bahrainis also harbor a passion for automobiles and speed, exemplified by the annual Bahrain Grand Prix hosted at the Sakhir International Circuit in central Bahrain.

Additionally, the country made its debut in the Summer Olympic Games in 1984.

Did you know ?

The Qal'at al-Bahrain (site of the ancient capital of the ancient civilization of Dilmun), Bahrain's pearling heritage and Dilmun Burial Mounds were designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites in 2005, 2012 and 2019 respectively.



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Hosted by the Kingdom of Bahrain and under the patronage of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, I am thrilled to invite school students from all over the world to start their one-year journey to the ISF Gymnasiade Bahrain 2024.

From the 23rd to the 31st of October 2024, the largest ISF school sport event will gather school students from around the world to compete in 25 different sports in Manama, Bahrain.

Over the course of eight days, both students and teachers will have the opportunity to experience a wide range of different activities, from inspiring workshops and seminars to unforgettable cultural visits and interactions with their peers from around the world, all in the spirit of fair-play and respect whilst striving for excellence, through their shared love for sport.

Looking forward to seeing you in Bahrain next year!



Laurent Petrynka
ISF President



Ishaq Abdullah Ishaq
Chairman

Executive Committee for ISF Gymnasiade 2024

We are honoured in the Kingdom of Bahrain to host the largest school sports event, which supports the Kingdom's commitment to advancing the sports sector as one of the priority sectors, in line with the visions of His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, and following the directives of His Royal Highness Prince Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, the Crown Prince and Prime Minister.

With the support of His Highness Shaikh Nasser bin Hamad Al Khalifa, HM the King's Personal Representative for Humanitarian Work and Youth Affairs, and the major role of His Highness Shaikh Khalid bin Hamad Al Khalifa, ISF LOC will provide an opportunity for youth to participate in the success of this event.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome you all to the ISF Gymnasiade Bahrain 2024. We are looking forward to meeting you and experiencing together a wonderful time in this extraordinary event, which made up of great sporting competitions and different activities.

The Kingdom of Bahrain is all set to welcome the world!

ISF U18 GYMNASIADE

PREVIOUS EDITIONS



NORMANDY, FRANCE
2022

MARRAKESH, MOROCCO
2018

DOHA, QATAR
2009

BRAZIL
2013

TRABZON, TÜRKIYE
2016

GREECE
2006

CAEN, FRANCE
2002

SHANGHAI, PR CHINA
1998

BRUGGE, BELGIUM
1990

NICOSIA, CYPRUS
1994

UNTIL 1974...

Find more information about previous editions [here](#)



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TRAVELLING

▶ PORT OF ENTRY

Travel to the official ports of entry is to be arranged and financed by each participating delegation*.

Port of entry: Bahrain International Airport (BAH)

<https://www.bahrainairport.bh/airlines>

<https://www.gulfair.com/en/destination-guide>

***Charter Flights:** Upon requirement of participation delegations, the Bahrain LOC in partnership with the Ministry of Tourism can support in facilitating chartered flights through the Ministry's partners.

▶ VISA

Refer to the below link "Visa Guide" for breakdown of list of countries that require to obtain a visa.

The procedure to obtain the visa will be administered by the LOC. Participants and delegates are required to upload their information and documents through ERAS or the applicable system, where the LOC will then gather the documents and prepare the necessary formalities to facilitate the e-visas. It is recommended that participants register at least three months prior to the event date to ensure visas are processed in a timely manner.

<https://www.evisa.gov.bh/>

The LOC, in partnership with the Ministry of Interior in Bahrain and the General Sport Authority will work to ensure and facilitate e-visas to the participants who meet the stipulated requirements.

Note: Parents and participant family are required to apply for the visa via the standard visa services through the link above.

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TRAVELLING

► INSURANCE

Each participating delegation is required to provide insurance for each member of its delegation. At a minimum, the insurance is to cover civil liability, material damage and medical costs.

► PACKAGES FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

ISF will develop an online platform for special packages for family and friends which will include different types of accommodation, transportation, entertainment, restaurants, and special assistance during the Event. The link to the platform will be communicated in Bulletin 2.

For the venue access, there will be an accreditation registration fee of 150€ per person which will be done through ISF registration system [ERAS](#).

Discounted flights for family and friends of participating athletes will be available through Gulf Air Holidays, the Kingdom of Bahrain's national carrier www.gulfair.com

► TOURS AND ACTIVITIES

Tours and activities will also be made available for visitors to enjoy and explore the Kingdom of Bahrain through the Bahrain Tourism App available on iOS and Android. Visitors can book cultural walking tours in the old souqs of Manama and Muharraq, as well as experience water activities such as pearl snorkeling and diving.

Download the app for more information:



iOS



Android



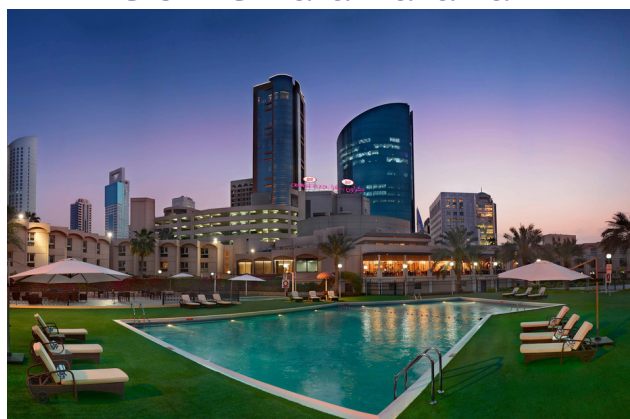
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ACCOMMODATION

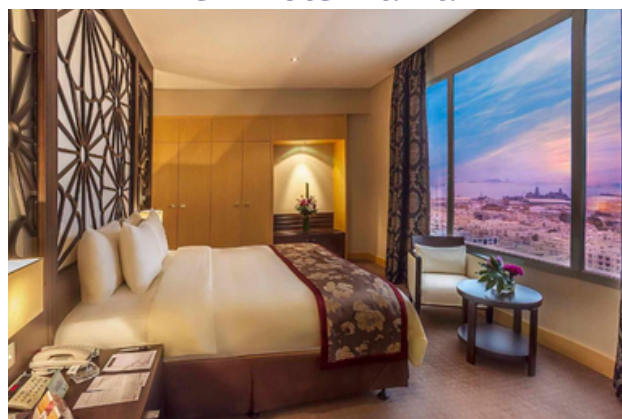
Below is a sample of the accommodation venues that will be provided to the participants along with sample photos of the hotels.

More information will be provided in the Bulletin 2.

Crowne Plaza Manama



The K Hotel Bahrain



Gulf Court Hotel Manama



Novotel Bahrain



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ORGANIZATION

▶ EVENT MANAGEMENT



International School Sport Federation (ISF)

Office - admin@isfsports.org

Sport department - sport@isfsports.org

Communication department - communication@isfsports.org



Local Organising Committee

The Executive Committee for Organizing the International School Sports Games

Office: info@bisf.bh

▶ PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

| October 22 | October 23 | October 24 | October 25 | October 26 | October 27 |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| <p>Arrival (Optional)</p> <p>Payment of fees</p> <p>Accreditation</p> | <p>Arrival</p> <p>Payment of fees</p> <p>Accreditation</p> | <p>Technical meeting</p> <p>Trainings</p> <p>Opening Ceremony</p> | <p>Competition</p> <p>ISF Academy Activities</p> <p>Fun & Skills Zone</p> | <p>Competition</p> <p>ISF Academy Activities</p> <p>Fun & Skills Zone</p> | <p>Cultural Day</p> <p>Nations Night</p> |
| October 28 | October 29 | October 30 | October 31 | November 1 | |
| <p>Competition</p> <p>ISF Academy Activities</p> <p>Fun & Skills Zone</p> | <p>Competition</p> <p>ISF Academy Activities</p> <p>Fun & Skills Zone</p> | <p>Competition</p> <p>Closing ceremony</p> | <p>Departure of delegations</p> | <p>Departure of delegations (optional)</p> | <p><i>Please note, that the provisional program is subject to change. Any relevant changes will be communicated in the Bulletin 1.</i></p> |



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ORGANIZATION

▶ REGISTRATION PROCESS

The only recognised method of registration is through **ERAS** - the ISF official registration platform. Within the platform there will be 2 sections of registration:

- for ISF members
- for Non-ISF members

Please select the appropriate section related to your registration type.

Each ISF member country is automatically entitled to have their own credentials to access ERAS.

For non-ISF members registration, access will be provided following submission of information through this initial step.

If you have forgotten your password, you can reset it at [Password Recovery | ISF ERAS \(isf-eras.org\)](#).

If you encounter any other problems, please contact the ISF secretariat at sport@isfsports.org

Registration to the Event will be divided into **2 phases**:

PHASE 1

PHASE 2

Sign up

Registration will be done through the official ISF registration system ERAS. Participating delegations will be required to register their members and make Deposit payments.

Information to be entered in:

- **The exact number** of athletes (boys/girls), coaches, and additional adults;
- **Events** (by sport) and their discipline(s), which the athletes will be registered in ;
- **Name**, date of birth date, gender, and passport copy.

Collecting data & information

Delegations are expected to enter the exact detailed information :

- Final detailed information for each participant (photo, dietary requirements, personal bests, jersey number)
- Upload all needed documents online
- Submitting the expected date of arrival and departure, and type of transport
- Rooming list
- Payment overview
- All other relevant document

▶ DEADLINES

REGISTRATION
OPEN

27.10.2023

SIGN UP
DEADLINE

23.06.2024

COLLECTING THE DATA &
INFORMATION DEADLINE

23.08.2024

NOTE: AFTER DEADLINE, REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL DELEGATION MEMBERS WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE.



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► COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

There are no limitation in the registration of additional adults, team officials and athletes.

Each delegation shall consist of:

1. **Head of delegation - *mandatory***
2. **Deputy Head of Delegation - *optional***
3. **Student athlete(s) - *mandatory***
4. **Team officials - *mandatory***
5. **Field of Play Officials (referees/umpires/judges) - *optional***
6. **Additional adults - *optional***
7. **Safeguarding officer - *optional***
8. **Young reporter - *optional***

Head of the delegation

There is a mandatory amount of one (1) head of the delegation per registering delegation.

- The head of the delegation shall be the sole intermediary between the delegation and the Local Organising Committee, and the ISF.
- He/she may not combine the function with any other official role (i.e., coach, referee, etc.).

Deputy Head of Delegation

- The role of Deputy HoD is to assist the Head of Delegation.
- The presence of the Deputy HoD is not mandatory.
- max 1 Deputy Head of a delegation from 100 to 200 participants.
- max 2 Deputy Heads of a delegation from 201 or more participants.

Student-athletes

- All student-athletes must be enrolled as full-time students at a school in the country in which they represent. All student-athletes must be attending schools that provide general education and/or vocational education incorporating segments of general education.
- Only athletes, registered on the team's list handed in at the accreditation, are authorised to take part in this competition.
- The following are *not* eligible to participate:
 - Attendees of vocational schools only attend a school as a complement to their vocational training and are not full-time students with a segment of general education.
 - Students enrolled at schools that provide sports training without any general education.

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► COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION

Team officials (Coaches and Other Team Officials)

Coaches

- The coach shall train/direct student-athletes in the competition.
- The presence of coaches is mandatory.

Other Team Officials

- The function of other team officials can be Doctor, trainers, Physiotherapists, Statisticians, Team managers, etc.)
- The function of each other team officials must be specified during the registration process.

Field of play officials - FOPO (judges, referees, umpires)

Depending on the sport and on the number of athletes entered, it is requested the registering delegation provide the required number of FOPOs. Failure to provide the required number of Field of play officials (referees, judges, umpires) will lead to a fine of 900 EUR per missing FOPO.

Additional adults

The function of each additional adult must be specified during the registration process (interpreter, security personnel, ministry representative, media, etc.).

Safeguarding officer

The role of the safeguarding officer is to provide support to the delegation in any situation related to safety.

Young reporter

Each delegation may bring additional young students who will take the role of a young reporter during the ISF event.

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► FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

To participate, each delegation is required to make two (2) payments:

1/ Deposit payment

2/ Balance fee payment

1/ Deposit payment

In order to submit and validate the registration, the delegation will need to pay a deposit of **120€ per participant**.

Please note that participation in the event is granted only by the deposit payment per registered participant.

- The sum will be deducted from the total participation cost.
- The deposit must be sent as a single payment for the whole delegation
- The deposit is non-refundable in the event of non-participation.
- All bank charges are to be met by the participants.

All deposits for the registered teams per category **are to be paid by 23.06.24**

If the deposits are not paid within the deadline, the registrations will not be considered valid and automatically deleted from ERAS.

Deposits are to be paid during registration by credit card or by the payment gateway, and or by bank transfer to the ISF to the following account

Name of the Bank: BNP BARIPAS FORTIS

Address of the bank: Rond-point Robert Schuman 10, 1040 Bruxelles, Belgium

BIC/Swift Code: GEBABEBB

IBAN: BE 03 0015 2130 7984

Payee/holder: International School Sport Federation, 168 Avenue de Tervueren, 1050 Brussels, Belgium

Reference: ISF Gymnasiade 2024 – Deposit – [name of the delegation]

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► FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

2/ Balance fee payment

Balance fee payment = Participation fee - Deposit (*already paid*)

The balance fee payment is to be paid before the start of the event to the LOC account (LOC bank instruction will be published in Bulletin 2. All bank charges are to be met by the participating delegation).

Participation fee

The participation fee covers full board accommodation for the duration of the event plus competition, cultural program activities, and all local transport from the arrival to the official port of entry to the departure of the delegation.

The participation fee is composed of:

1. Rates by night: minimum 60€/night/delegation member
2. ISF levy:
 - 100€ per person (ISF members)
 - 150€ per person (non-ISF members)

The balance fee payment is to be paid by 23.08.24

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The table below shows an overview of the minimum participation fee per participant.

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| No. Nights | | Rate by night | | ISF levy | | TOTAL <i>(minimum/participant)</i> |
| 8 | x | 60€ | + | 100€/150€ | = | 580€/630€ |

More information on the balance fee payment will be provided in Bulletin 1.

▶ RATE BY NIGHT

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|
| Head of Delegation/Deputy | Single occupancy | 60€ |
| Coach | Double occupancy | 60€ |
| Coach | Single occupancy | 120€ |
| Athlete | 2-4 bedded rooms | 60€ |
| Additional adult | Double occupancy | 60€ |
| adult | Single occupancy | 120€ |
| Other Team official | Double occupancy | 60€ |
| Other Team official | Single occupancy | 120€ |
| Field of Play official | Double occupancy | 60€ |
| Field of Play official | Single occupancy | 120€ |

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ISF ACADEMY

Created in December 2022, the ISF Academy is the educational center of the International School Sport Federation delivering online and onsite capacity-building activities for teachers, school sports representatives, coaches, officials, and students around the world. It aims to recognize and or to upgrade the knowledge and skills of any of these stakeholders involved or planning to be involved in national, continental, or international sports, educational networks, institutions, events, or organisation.

The mission of this body is to design and deliver short-, mid-, and long-term quality education and capacity-building activities for physical education teachers, national school sport representatives, coaches, officials, and students around the world. These educational programmes will be held online on the ISF Academy platform prior to the events and particularly during the organisation of ISF events on-site, after the competition hours.

Therefore, before and during this international ISF event, heads of delegation, coaches, referees, international school athletes, and local school students will have the opportunity to take part in various interactive educational activities on different topics



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▶ SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IN SPORT & ANTIDOPING WORKSHOPS

The ISF's promotion of school sport through its international events is no longer confined to the pitches and stadiums, but also involves imparting knowledge through workshops on two themes that are dear to us all: safeguarding and antidoping. ISF firmly believes that children have and must have the necessary inner resources, through these workshops, to understand, identify and react to negative behaviour such as racism, gender inequality or violence and abuse. The challenge for ISF is to find the right way to express difficult ideas and present complicated topics to young people so that they understand, but also so that they correctly apprehend this problem and are able to react to it.

Raising awareness and enabling participants to transfer their knowledge to their peers back home are also key elements of ISF. At this year's Gymnasiade in Bahrain, athletes from all over the world were able to attend week-long workshops given by experts in the field, passing on their knowledge and experience through dedicated, constructive and interactive workshops.



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ISF ACADEMY



► PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHERS SEMINAR

Whoever said that acquiring knowledge and skills is reserved only for the youth?

The ISF Academy has recently taken on another challenge: to train Physical Education teachers, enhancing their skills and giving them the best tools to promote sports within the school environment. During the Gymnasiade, the ISF Academy, in partnership with International Sports Federation will organise workshops aiming at providing pedagogical tools and innovative exercises to better engage young individuals in sports and develop life skills through the sport. This activities will be open to any PE Teachers worldwide but particularly to local PE Teachers from Bahrain.

Through these educational programs, ISF strongly believes in the importance of these moments of exchange and sharing, designed for both children and adults, providing the right steps to develop school sports and its values worldwide.



► ARTISTIC ACTIVITIES - PAINTING AND SCULPTING

In the Fun and Skills Zone, the athletes participating in the event will have the opportunity to take part in artistic activities. These painting and sculpting activities animated by Ms Diane de Navacelle de Coubertin will the opportunity to gather the young participants who will have the opportunity to express their artistic imagination around sport and related to the olympism values.

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ISF HEADS OF DELEGATIONS, COACHES AND REFEREES ONLINE WEBINAR FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Below you will find the registration price for the different stakeholders:

- Head of Delegation (HoD): **150 euros**
- Deputy Head of Delegation (if any): **150 euros**
- Assistant to the Head of Delegation (if any): **150 euros**
- Coaches: **150 euros**
- Referee: **150 euros**

Important:

The ISF member federations (or other organisation if they are not ISF members) participating in the event will be responsible for covering the costs of the online course for the representatives of their delegation for the categories above. The participating organisation (ISF member or non-member) will receive in the general payment overview for their participation in ISF events, the costs related to the courses for the Head of Delegation and Coaches participating in the event.

Assessments & Certification

Following their active participation in the educational programme and webinars, the participants will be kindly requested to take part in an assessment of knowledge for each of the modules. This assessment will be available on the online platform of the academy. Each participant will receive a link to complete these assessments.

In order to validate their certification, each participant must participate in the complete webinars and complete the all the assessments.

To validate their certification, each participant must have a minimum of 50% success rate to all the assessments.

Each participant certified will receive their diploma by email individually.

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► ISF YOUNG REPORTERS

APPLY YOUR STUDENTS TO MEDIA FOLLOW YOUR DELEGATION

The ISF Young Reporters Programme is an educational programme offering media education with experts while providing practice in the field on the international stage. This programme welcomes participants from all around the world with no prior experience needed.



The registration is open to any young people:

- Young people ISF members & non-ISF members aiming to participate exclusively in this programme
- Young reporters already part of the participating delegation to the ISF event
- Local students for the organizing committee country.
- Athletes participating in the ISF event (depending on their competition schedules)
- Any young individual could register for this programme

Young participants will be part of the School Sports Journalism and Media workshops during ISF events led by known experts offering them education, practice, and lifetime experience in the field.

They will learn about the organisation of large sporting events, photography skills, creating content for social media, what is school sports journalism, and how to report events. Moreover, they will discover the world of video production and how broadcasting looks backstage.

If registering ISF Youth Reporter together with your delegation, add it over the **ERAS platform** as an additional person emphasizing its role.

If the delegation is not registering (country) for the event, registration is possible over e-mail: marija@isfsports.org

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ISF YOUNG REPORTERS FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

Full duration of the event (9 nights) - 640€

Full duration of the event (8 nights) - 580€

Flexible duration (minimum 5 nights) - 400€

--per person/per night

Payment includes transfers from and to the airport, food, accommodation, and participation in the program.

To addition:

Host country participants (minimum 10) can participate for free. Accommodation and Food is in the arrangement of LOC

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IBAN: BE 03 0015 2130 7984

**Payee/holder: International School Sport Federation,
168 Avenue de Tervueren, 1050 Brussels, Belgium**

Reference: ISF Bahrain 2024– ISF YRP– [Name of the Country]

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONS

► USEFUL INFORMATION

Currency : Bahraini dinar (BHD)

Time zone : Arabia Standard Time (AST)

1 BHD = 2,65 \$ USD

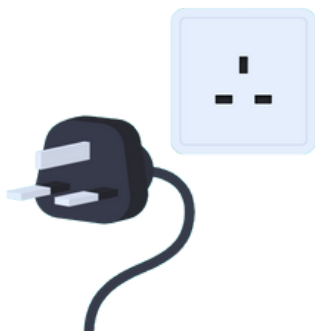
+3 GMT

Weather in Bahrain



Power plug

For Bahrain the associated plug type is G, which is the plug that has three rectangular pins in a triangular pattern. Bahrain operates on a 230V supply voltage and 50Hz.



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SPORTS

► CHESS

| | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| BOYS Tournament | GIRLS Tournament | AGE CATEGORY 2006-2007-2008- 2009-2010-2011 |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|

COMPETITION SPECIFICS

There is no limit in registration to the number of athletes per country per event per gender and a number of team officials.

Each delegation must register at least 1 coach.

- **Format:** A four-day Swiss System tournament. Minimum 5 rounds but the number of rounds can be increased up to 11 rounds according to the participation number.
- **Time control:** Rapid time control.
- **Category:** Boys and Girls categories. There will be no separate age categories.
- **Rating:** The event is planned to be a FIDE Rapid ELO-rated event.



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PART 3

**DISCOVER THE
VENUES**

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► COMPETITION VENUES



American University

1 Playing Hall



Chess

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▶ INTERNATIONAL SPORT FEDERATIONS



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COMMITTEE



INTERNATIONAL
PARALYMPIC
COMMITTEE



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anti-doping
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FOR A ONCE IN A LIFETIME EXPERIENCE

