



# 22<sup>nd</sup> World Senior Chess Championships

12 - 25 November 2012 @ Kamena Vourla, GREECE

**GALINI Wellness Spa and Resort Hotel\*\*\*\*\***



## **1. VENUE AND DATE**

The World Senior Chess Championships 2012 will be held in the 5-star GALINI Wellness Spa & Resort Hotel in Kamena Vourla, Greece from 12 November (arrivals) to 25 November (departures). The opening ceremony, the games and the closing ceremony will take place in the Congress Center of GALINI Wellness Spa & Resort Hotel.

## **2. PARTICIPATION**

The 22th World Senior Chess Championships for men and women are open to all players representing FIDE national chess federations, regardless of their title or rating, provided that the male tournament participants are born in 1952 or before and that the female tournament participants are born in 1962 or before. There is no limit to the number of participants per national federation.

## **3. ACCOMMODATION**

Accommodation and board will be provided at the 5-star GALINI Wellness Spa & Resort Hotel which is the official hotel of the event and where the games will also be held.

Every participant and all national delegations have to register through the Organising Committee and use the official hotel. Registrations, bookings and visa invitations are made only through the Organising Committee.

Hotel payments for all players and accompanying persons must be made in advance as described in the registration process and the remaining amount to be paid upon arrival.

Lodging for players and accompanying persons includes breakfast, lunch and dinner. More nights at the same prices are possible on request.

<b>GALINI Wellness Spa &amp; Resort Hotel (*****) PRICES PER PERSON F/B</b>	<b>COST PER PERSON for 12 nights</b>	<b>COST PER PERSON for 13 nights</b>	
<b>TYPE OF ROOM</b>			
DOUBLE ROOM PACKAGE	708 €	767 €	59 € per person per day
SINGLE ROOM PACKAGE	1032 €	1118 €	86 € per person per day
* Children up to 6 years old are FREE when added in a double room (for children 6-12 years old: 50% discount). * Prices also include FREE use of the hotel gym and FREE use of the external thermal spa swimming pool. * Participants are also entitled to one (1) free use of the internal thermal pool and 10% discount for spa services.			

Bus transport from/to Athens airport is provided at a cost of 70 euros per person including both ways. All payments must be made in EURO currency (euros). No future payments of hotel bills will be accepted. Cancellations and refunding are not possible after 12 October 2012.

At the time of registration until Monday 1 October 2012, the amount of 20% of the total accommodation cost plus 70 euros transportation cost from/to Athens airport (if required) must be paid either through bank transfer, online with credit/debit card or Paypal as per instructions on the official website of the event: [www.worldseniors2012.org](http://www.worldseniors2012.org)

Once the deposit payment has been made and notified to the Organising Committee, the assigned registration details and the hotel bookings will be confirmed. The remaining amount and the entry fee must be paid upon arrival.

#### **4. SYSTEM AND RATE OF PLAY**

The championships will be played with the Swiss system in accordance with the FIDE Tournament Rules and FIDE Rules of Chess. The time control will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

#### **5. RANKING AND TIE-BREAK SYSTEM**

Winner and Senior World Champion will be the person who, at the end of the tournament, has scored the highest number of points. If two or more players are tied the following tiebreaks will be used:

1. Result of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)
2. The sum of progressive scores. The highest total wins. If the tie persists, the first round score will be deducted and, if necessary, the second round score will be deducted, and so on.
3. If still tied, the number of games played with black by each player in the tie (the highest number wins)
4. If still tied, the average rating of the 7 top rated opponents of each player. (the highest number wins).

The title of "International Grandmaster (GM)" will be awarded to the winner of the FIDE World Senior Chess Championship 2012 who will receive the gold medal. The second place will receive the silver medal, while the third place will be awarded bronze medal. The same rules for the medal awards are applied to the participating women players, who play separately within their own tournament. The women play their own tournament to determine the Women World Senior Champion 2012. The minimum number of participants has to be 12 women out of 4 zones, in this case a closed "Round Robin" tournament will be played.

#### **6. APPEALS COMMITTEE**

The appeals committee members will be announced at the technical meeting. Protests against decisions of the Chief Arbiter or his deputies must be submitted in written form to the Chairman of the appeals committee within one hour after completion of the playing session. The protest must be accompanied with the sum of 100 €, as a deposit from the signatory. The deposit must be handed to the Chairman of the appeals committee. If the appeal is granted, the sum shall be returned immediately. If the appeal is refused, the deposit is forfeited to the Organizer. The appeal has to be lodged by the player. The decisions of the Appeals Committee are final.

## **7. APPLICATIONS, REGISTRATION**

The national federations are kindly requested to register their players through the Organising Committee's email: **worldseniors2012@gmail.com** The registration includes the FIDE ID., the passport number if visa application is necessary and the request for accommodation. **Deadline for the registrations in Monday 1 October 2012.**

## **8. FIDE ENTRY FEE & REGISTRATION FEE**

The total entry fee is 120 euros per participant: 70 euros to FIDE and 50 euros to the Organising Committee.

GMs and WGMs pay only the 70 euros for FIDE.

All the entry fees are collected by the Organising Committee on behalf of FIDE.

## **9. PRIZES**

The total prize fund amounts to 15.000 euros, of which 12.000 will be paid to the male players while 3.000 euros will be reserved for female players. The prizes for the male tournament will be as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 2300 euros, trophy and gold medal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 1800 euros and silver medal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 1500 euros and bronze medal
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: 1200 euros
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: 1000 euros
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize: 900 euros
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prize: 800 euros
- 8<sup>th</sup> Prize: 700 euros
- 9<sup>th</sup> Prize: 600 euros
- 10<sup>th</sup> Prize: 500 euros
- 11<sup>th</sup> Prize: 400 euros
- 12<sup>th</sup> Prize: 300 euros

The prizes for the women tournament will be handed over as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 1000 euros, trophy and gold medal
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 600 euros and silver medal
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: 500 euros and bronze medal
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: 400 euros
- 5<sup>th</sup> Prize: 300 euros
- 6<sup>th</sup> Prize: 200 euros

## **10. SCHEDULE**

**Monday 12.11.2012** 10:00 - 21:00 Arrivals, registrations and remaining payments of hotel and entry fees.

The registrations will be performed in the lobby of GALINI Wellness Spa and Resort Hotel.

**Tuesday 13.11.2012** 9:00 - 13:00 Arrivals, registrations and remaining payments of hotel and entry fees

15:30 Opening ceremony

16:00 Round 1

**Wednesday 14.11.2012** 16:00 Round 2

**Thursday 15.11.2012** 16:00 Round 3

**Friday 16.11.2012** 16:00 Round 4

**Saturday 17.11.2012** 16:00 Round 5

<b>Sunday 18.11.2012</b>	16:00 Round 6
<b>Monday 19.11.2012</b>	Day off (excursions)
<b>Tuesday 20.11.2012</b>	16:00 Round 7
<b>Wednesday 21.11.2012</b>	16:00 Round 8
<b>Thursday 22.11.2012</b>	16:00 Round 9
<b>Friday 23.11.2012</b>	16:00 Round 10
<b>Saturday 24.11.2012</b>	15:00 Round 11 & 21:00 closing and prize giving ceremony
<b>Sunday 25.11.2012</b>	Departures

## **11. TRAVEL CONNECTIONS**

The nearest airport is the International Airport of Athens (190 km). Bus transfer is provided from the airport to the hotel at a cost of 70 euros per person (both ways). Transportation service is available on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November (arrivals) and 25<sup>th</sup> November (departures). Any other request can be met in communication with the Organizing Committee.

## **12. GUEST PLAYERS**

Guest players and the defending champion will be provided free board and lodging, as per FIDE regulations, provided that the registration of such a player is received by 1 October 2012.

## **13. VISAS**

The Organising Committee will provide invitations for players who need visa to enter Greece. Visa applications should be sent by 1 October 2012.

## **14. LOCATION OF VENUE - SITES OF INTEREST**

### **Galini Wellness Spa & Resort Hotel \*\*\*\*\* - The largest and most complete spa resort in Greece**

**Kamena Vourla is internationally renowned for its thermal springs.**

The world of relaxation, attention and indulgence awaits you at the Galini Spa Resort, a unique centre occupying a surface of 3000 square meters. There, we invite you to discover our philosophy, based on the Eastern ideals that harmony between body and soul is the source of true beauty and health. Embracing all aspects of your wellbeing, the Galini Spa invites you to rejuvenate in its magnificent surroundings, where relaxing music, enchanting design and décor inspired by the Arabian Nights create a truly unique retreat.

Close to Athens (190 km to the north), the hotel nestles in a valley of eucalyptus trees, an ideal starting point for extensive walking and hiking tours, for trips to the nearby ski centre of Parnassos-mountain or for excursions to the Meteora monasteries, Delphi, Thermopiles and many other points of archeologic interest. Kamena Vourla is internationally renowned for its thermal springs.

**DISTANCES** - From Athens airport 190 km - From the Beach 50 m.

### **SIGHTS OF INTEREST**



**Thermopiles**

The name "Thermopyles" roughly translated means "hot gateway", named for the natural hot water springs there.

The location is a near-mandatory passage in the main north-south road of Greece between Locris and Thessaly and for this reason has been the site of several battles. It is primarily known for the Battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC, in which an overmatched Greek force held off advancing Persians under Xerxes, and the term since has been used to reference heroic resistance against a more powerful enemy.

A main highway now splits the pass, with a modern-day monument of Leonidas on the east side of the highway. The hot springs from which the pass derived its name still exist close to the foot of the hill.



**Delphi**

Delphi is an archaeological site and a modern town in Greece. In ancient times it was the site of the most important oracle of the god Apollo. Delphi was revered throughout the Greek world as the site of the ομφαλός (omphalos) stone, the centre of the universe, as the site of a major temple to Phoebus Apollo, as well as the Pythian Games and a famous oracle. Near Delphi is also Arahova, a traditional picturesque town located high up on the slopes of Mount Parnassos and next to some of the best ski resorts in Greece.



**Meteora**

Meteora is the largest and most important complex of monasteries in all of Greece, second only to Mount Athos. The monasteries are built on spectacular natural sandstone rock pillars at the northwestern edge of the Plain of Thessaly, near the Peneios river and Pindus Mountains, in central Greece. The Meteora is home to six monasteries and is included on the UNESCO World Heritage List.

Although more than 20 monasteries were built, beginning in the 14th century, only six remain today. These six are: Great Meteoron (or Transfiguration), Varlaam, St. Stephen, Holy Trinity, St. Nicholas Anapausas and Rousanou.

## **15. CONTACT INFORMATION**

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