

SCHOOL CHESS OLYMPIAD FESTIVAL

SUGGESTED JOINT PROPOSAL BY THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL CHESS UNION, TURKISH CHESS FEDERATION AND FIDE's CHESS IN SCHOOLS COMMISSION.

As an additional aid to the popularization of chess among school children throughout the world, we make this proposal in joint names, for the creation of an important new event:

The FIDE School Chess Olympiad Festival

This competition will be for teams of four - one player in each age group u9, u11, u13 and u15. These children will play their event alongside our Chess Olympiad, in the main playing hall, during the mornings.

This will be a fantastic experience for them. In the afternoons they can watch the main event and in the evenings they can mix with the stars. This is sure to act as a wonderful spur to their further chess development and the effect will trickle down through children's chess in their own countries when they get home.

It is intended that this new event should be self-funding, participating teams meeting all their own expenses, so that no additional burden would be placed on Olympiad organizers.

Turkey stands ready, willing and able to host the first such event alongside the 2012 Chess Olympiad in Istanbul.

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