

Invitation to 1st World Mind Sports Games

FIDE invites Federations to participate in the 1st World Mind Sports Games which will be held in Beijing, China from October 3rd to 18th 2008. Five sports will be represented at the Games, Chess, Bridge, Draughts, Go and Chinese Chess. The Games will be organised under the aegis of GAISF, by the International Mind Sports Association of which FIDE is a founding member.

The schedule is as follows:

Date			Rounds
October 3rd	Individuals	Arrival and Opening Ceremony	
October 4th	Individuals	Blitz (Men & Women)	9
October 5th	Individuals	Rapid (Men & Women)	4
October 6th	Individuals	Rapid (Men & Women)	4
October 7th	Individuals	Rapid (Men & Women)	3
	Pairs	Arrival	
October 8th	Pairs	Blitz	9
October 9th	Pairs	Rapid	3
October 10th	Pairs	Rapid	3
October 11th	Pairs	Rapid	3
October 12th	Pairs	Rapid	2
October 12th	Teams	Arrival	
October 13th	Teams	Blitz (Men & Women)	9
October 14th	Teams	Rapid (Men & Women)	3
October 15th	Teams	Rapid (Men & Women)	3
October 16th	Teams	Rapid (Men & Women)	3
October 17th	Teams	Rapid (Men & Women)	2
October 18th		Closing Ceremony and Departure	

Notes:

Individual Events: Separate competitions for men and women. Invitation to top 50 rated players in the January 2008 list. All the top 10 players will be invited and a maximum of 5 per federation from the remainder. Reserves to come from the next in line in the rating list, subject to the maximum per federation rule.

Pairs Events: Teams of one man and one woman from each federation, playing on two boards of man v man and woman v woman. Maximum of 50 teams, with selection based on top male and female player for the federation in the active rating list. There will be 10 wild card selections to ensure geographical spread.

Teams events: Separate competitions for men and women with teams of 4 players plus one reserve. Maximum of 80 men's teams and 50 women's teams, with selection based on results from the last three Olympiads. There will be 10 wild card selections to ensure geographical spread.

The rate of play shall be 5 minutes per player with an increment of 10 seconds per move for Blitz events and 25 minutes per player with an increment of 10 seconds per move for the Rapid play events.

Players representing the federation must comply with the FIDE eligibility rules.

Please forward to the FIDE Secretariat at office@fide.com your interest in playing in the competitions by March 31st. Selection will then be made based on the criteria detailed above. Accommodation is limited so late responses will only be accepted if there are places available.

Full board accommodation will be provided free for participants in apartments very close to the playing area. However, there are hotels available with breakfast and taxes inclusive at the following rates:

4 star: 810 RMB per room per night (USD110 or 75 euro at today's rate of exchange)

5 star: 1080 RMB per room per night (USD145 or 100 euro at today's rate of exchange)

It is anticipated that there will be some help towards travel costs through the provision of tickets from a Chinese airline from specific points. Details will be given later when the sponsorship has been finalised.

It is expected that all the sports from each country will have a unified dress code. This is particularly important for the Opening ceremony and other official events. You are expected to collaborate with the other Mind Sports in your country.

Please indicate your interest below:

Federation name:	
Individual Men:	Yes/No
Individual Women	Yes/No
Pairs:	Yes/No
Team Men:	Yes/No
Team Women	Yes/No