

WORLD MIND SPORTS GAMES

3rd – 18th October 2008

BEIJING - CHINA



Introduction

The first World Mind Sports Games

will be organized in Beijing (China) from the 3rd to the 18th of October 2008

by

IMSA (The International Mind Sports Association)

under the patronage of **GAISF**

(The General Association of International Sports Federations)

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I. Introduction to IMSA and Mind Sports



IMSA: uniting FOUR Mind Sports



On the 19th of April 2005, four federations met together under the aegis of the

General Association of International Sports Federations (GAISF)

and decided to constitute the

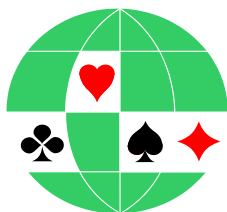
International Mind Sport Association (IMSA)

- The International Mind Sports Association:
 - 4 games : bridge, chess, draughts, and go
 - 400 National federation
 - 500 million players



— AGFIS —

Association Générale des Fédérations Internationales de Sports
General Association of International Sports Federations



WBF



FIDE



FMJD



THE INTERNATIONAL GO FEDERATION

IGF

IMSA executive & organizing committee



José Damiani - President
(France / WBF President)



George Makropoulos - Deputy President
(Greece - Fide Deputy President)



Patrick Choy - Vice President
Vice President organizing Committee
(China / WBF Vice President)



Wouter Van Beeck – Treasurer
(Netherlands / FMJD Vice President)



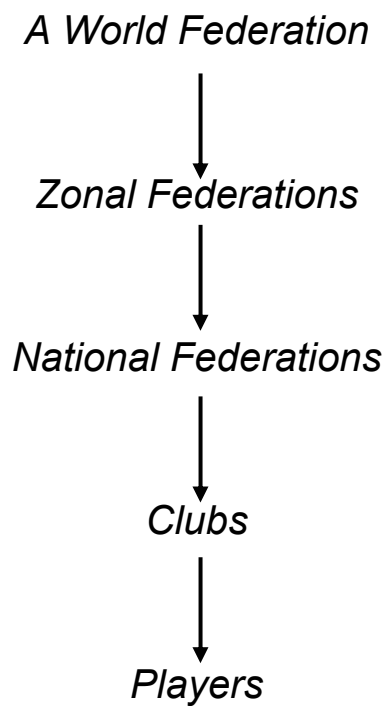
Erik Puyt - General Secretary
(Netherlands / IGF Vice President)



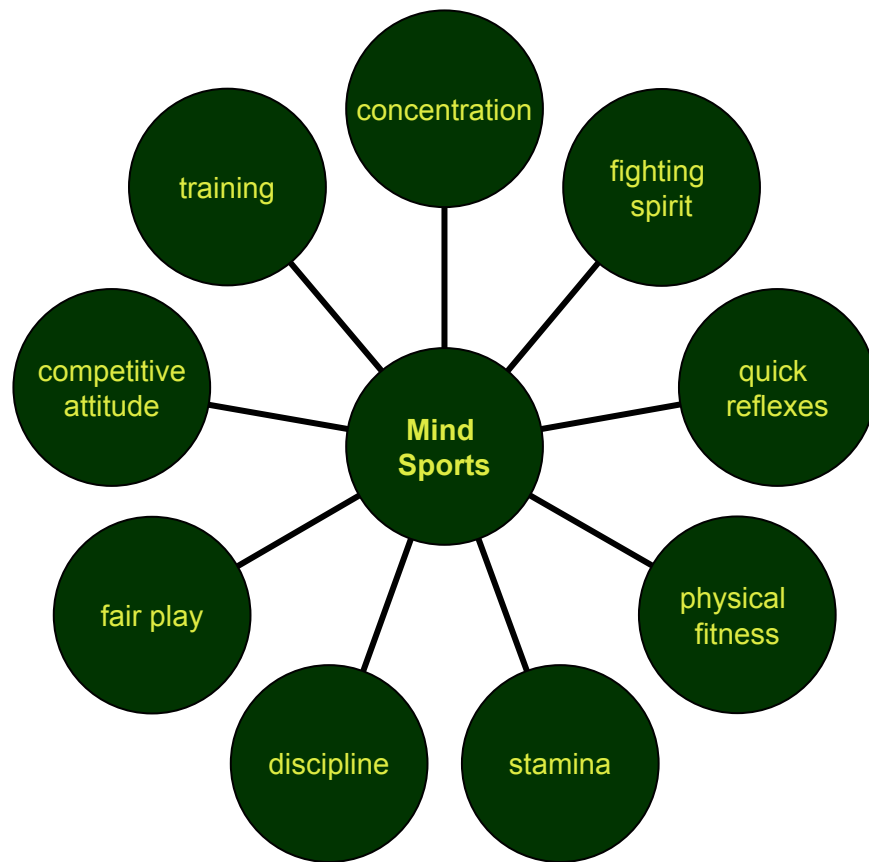
Jean Claude Schupp - Honorary Secretary
(France)

Mind Sports are real Sports

- A well-structured global organisation



- Sports with universal values



Education

- It is, firstly, a **support tool for schools** especially for those students with learning difficulties.
- Mind sports intervene in the areas of :
 - Behaviour (cf. civic education)
 - Structuring the mind, reasoning
 - Techniques (mental arithmetic, probabilities....)
 - Memory
 - Concentration
- These four mind sports games are **taught in schools** in many countries all over the world.
- Mind sports are also part of a diploma in various top universities.



How beautiful is a world playing

Health

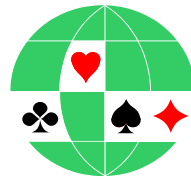
- If physical activity is a fundamental necessity for human beings, the same can be said for **mental activity** which is an indispensable complement.
- Mind Sports are an **excellent gymnastic of the mind** for men and women of all ages.
- Mind sport enhances the immune system, according to a preliminary study by researchers at **UC Berkeley**.
- Playing chess, bridge or another mind sport significantly **lowers the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia**, according to the most comprehensive study to examine the benefits of challenging intellectual activity among the elderly.
- The report bolsters a growing body of evidence that exercising the mind through board games, social activities and education offers **powerful protection against mental deterioration and disease**.



II. Four Mind Sports BRIDGE, CHESS, DRAUGHTS, GO



Bridge



Principle

Bridge is a game of communication between a pair of players, playing in partnership, and their opposing pair. A contract is decided during the first phase, called the auction. Then the second phase involves the play of the cards, and is based on information gained, together with the probabilities of card distribution.

Duplicate bridge gives a comparison of results obtained by different pairs holding the same cards, and thus no luck is involved. It is, in reality, a game of skill and judgement. A true sport

Key figures

- 100 million players
- 130 countries / 5 continents
- 1 million affiliated members

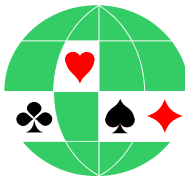


The World Bridge Federation will celebrate its 50th anniversary in 2008.

It is recognized by, or affiliated to:

- **IOC** (International Olympic Committee) as an International Sports Federation since 1999
- **ARISF** (Association of the IOC Recognized International Sports Federations)
- **GAISF** (General Association of International Sports Federations)
- **IMSA** (International Mind Sports Association)

Bridge



➤ Specific information

- Through its World Educational Foundation, the WBF has developed a **teaching programme especially in schools supported by UNESCO**.
This programme is actively used in many countries (US, France, Italy, Germany, Netherland, Poland, China, Indonesia...).
- Bridge provides excellent mental training and exercise, involving the calculation of probabilities, analysis of data and the use of memory.
- In Bridge, the understanding created between partners is of great importance and consequently **communication, harmony, and solidarity** come first.

➤ WBF Championships

- Regular WBF Championships are held annually in the early autumn, in accordance with a four year cycle.
 - ✓ The **World Bridge Team Championships** in the odd years (Bermuda Bowl, Venice Cup, and World Transnational Open Teams).
 - ✓ The **World Bridge International Teams Championships** in the Summer Olympic year.
 - ✓ The **World Bridge Grand Championship** in the other even year.
 - ✓ The **World Bridge Youth Championship** every year.



Chess



➤ Principle

The **Royal Game** of Chess. Originally the game of kings, chess today is a sport for all. Sixteen white pieces battle against 16 black pieces on a board of 64 squares.

➤ Key figures

- 300 million players
- 156 countries / 5 continents
- 800,000 affiliated members



➤ The World Chess Federation (**FIDE – Fédération Internationale des Echecs**) was founded in 1924 in Paris, France.

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Chess



➤ Specific information

- The purpose and aim of FIDE is the diffusion and development of Chess among nations of the world, as well as the raising of chess culture and knowledge on a sporting, scientific, creative and cultural basis level.
- Chess **is played at schools throughout the world**. Some of the scholastic events in places like Russia and USA involve very large numbers.

➤ FIDE regular Championships

- World Championship every two years
- International Team Championships every 2 years
- World Team Championship every 4 years
- World Junior and Youth every year
- World Seniors every year
- World Schools Team and Individual Championships every year



Draughts



➤ Principle

Draughts is an **elimination game** where one player tries to capture all the pieces belonging to his or her opponent on a board with 100 squares.

➤ Key figures

- 40 million players
- 57 countries / 5 continents



- ## ➤ The World Draughts Federation (FMJD – Fédération Mondiale du Jeu de Dames) was founded in 1947 by four Federations (France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland).

It is affiliated to:

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- **IMSA** (International Mind Sports Association)

Draughts



➤ Specific information

- A game **played all over the world** with strong roots in Europe and Asia

➤ FMJD regular Championships

- **Championships for women** were introduced in 1973, **for juniors** in 1971, **cadets** in 1988 and **girls** in 1989.
- **Team** championships started in 1967 for the senior players and in 1987 for the juniors.
- **Individual** European championships, for **seniors** and **youth**
- International club competitions.



➤ Principle

Go is the oldest board game - fascinates for three thousand years. Go is a territorial game, where each player tries to surround the largest part of the board. The sport originated in East-Asia and is now played around the world."

➤ Key figures

- 60 million players
- 68 countries / 5 continents

➤ The IGF was created in 1982



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- **IMSA** (International Mind Sports Association)

➤ Specific information

- Go originated in South-East Asia, and the majority of Go players and fans will be found in that area. Private initiative characterises the organisation of Go which explains the strong ties with the media and business.
- **GO is well recognized by Asian people & institutions**
 - ✓ In China, the government *strongly* supports the organisation and promotion of Go.
 - ✓ In Japan Go is recognised as an instrument contributing to key elements of human life, such as young people's education, leisure activities, mental care for the aged, promotion of culture.
 - ✓ In Korea the demand for Go is rising rapidly. A number of Korean youngsters are the top players in the world. They are role models for the Korean youth. In many schools Go is part of the *curriculum*.
- Many **Go teachers and promoters** have travelled around the world and popularised the game of Go.

Nowadays, Go is heavily broadcast in Asia:

- 15 Chinese television networks. Go broke record of TV viewers on CCTV.
- 3 Korean TV channels are dedicated solely to GO.
- Japan's National Station (NHK) organises a tournament running throughout the year which is broadcast for two hours every Sunday, attracting a very large audience.

III. World Mind Sports Games : the Event



Concept

The World Mind Sports Games will be organized in **Beijing** (China) in **October 2008**.

This international event will be held **in The National Convention Center Complex** which is part of the Olympic Games site.

The Games will be organized by **IMSA** (International Mind Sports Association) under the patronage of **GAISF** (General Association of International Sports Federations).

➤ Key figures :

- 4 disciplines : bridge, chess, draughts, and GO
- 15 days of competition
- More than 2 000 players from more than 100 countries
- More than 600 staff people (officials, trainers, referees...)

World Mind Sports Games Site Beijing

- The Event will be held in the heart of the 2008 Olympics site, in the National Convention Centre
- The total building area is 534,000 sq.m, among which 270,000 sq.m is allocated to the convention centre and 264,000 sq.m to auxiliary facilities.
- The Convention Center comprises : 27,999 sq.m conference space, 8,813 sq.m convention offices, 31,346 sq.m exhibition area, 76,030 sq.m commercial space and an additional 125,812 sq.m which includes parking, areas and equipment stores.
- In the auxiliary area, hotels cover 84,673 sq.m and office buildings cover 95,808 sq.m.



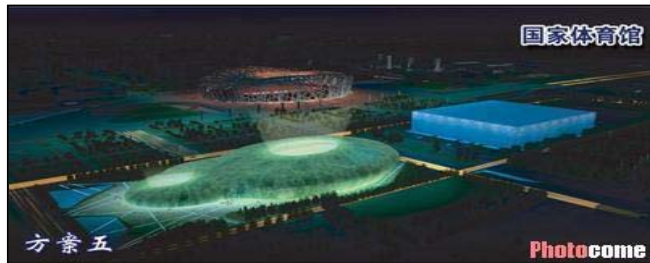
Olympic site

Olympic Park Overview

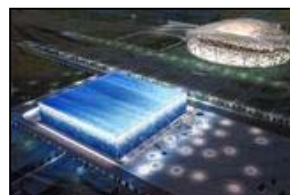
National Convention Centre



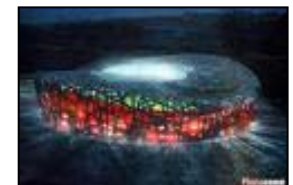
National Gymnasium



National Swimming Centre



National Stadium



Venue: global (1/2)



Interior Street



Banqueting Hall



Auditorium Interior



Exhibition Hall



Conference Hall

Venue: global (2/2)



Five-star Hotel



Overnight view



Auxiliary Facilities overview



Convention Hotel

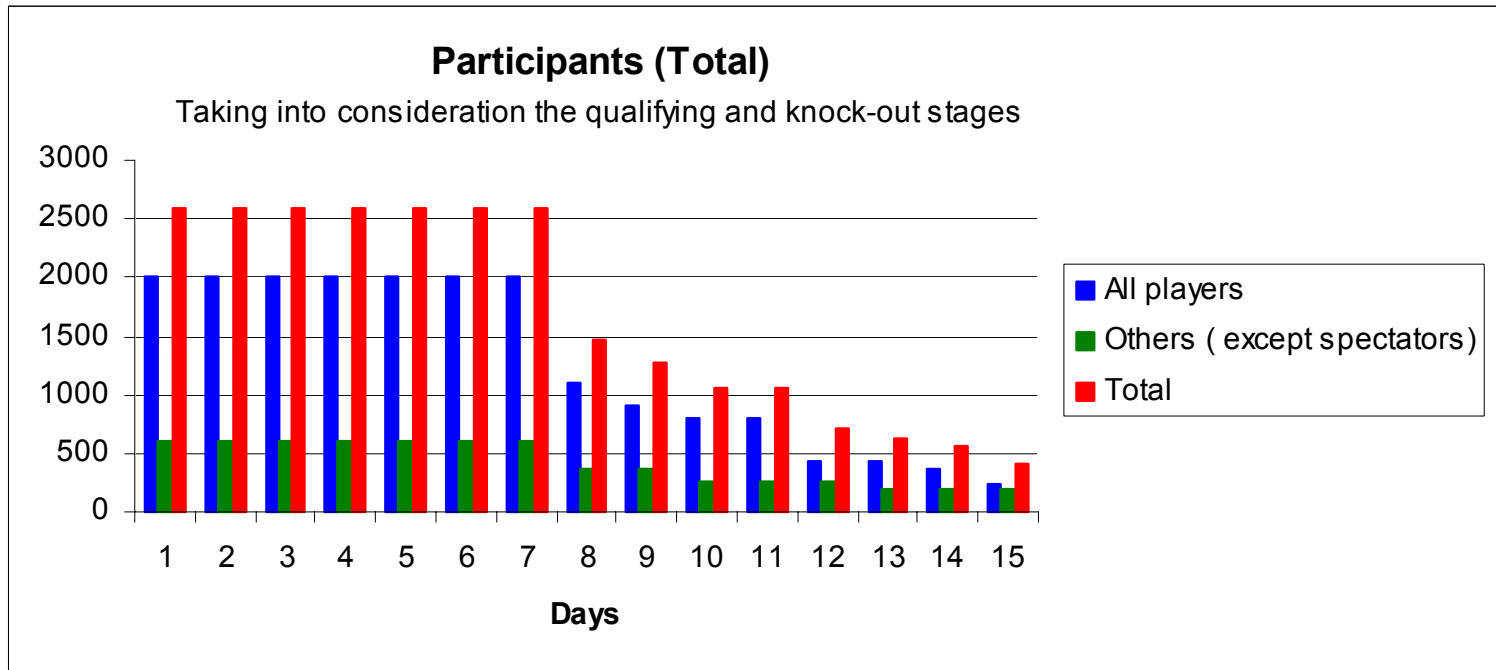


Daytime view



Mid/small Meeting Room

Global participants



Global planning

Sport	Days 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	15 Evening
Bridge	OPENING	Teams							Pairs						CLOSING	
Chess		Teams						Pairs				Individual				
Draughts		Individual							Individual							
GO		Teams						Pairs				Individual				

VIP's testimony

- “It’s apparent that stamina, discipline and consistency are every bit as critical to success in mind sports are to success in physical sporting contests” **Warren E. Buffet**
- “I am an avid player of bridge which has unique characteristics as sport” **Bill Gates**



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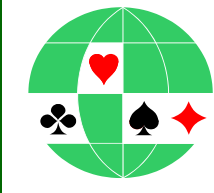
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Appendix

World Mind Sports Games - Participants



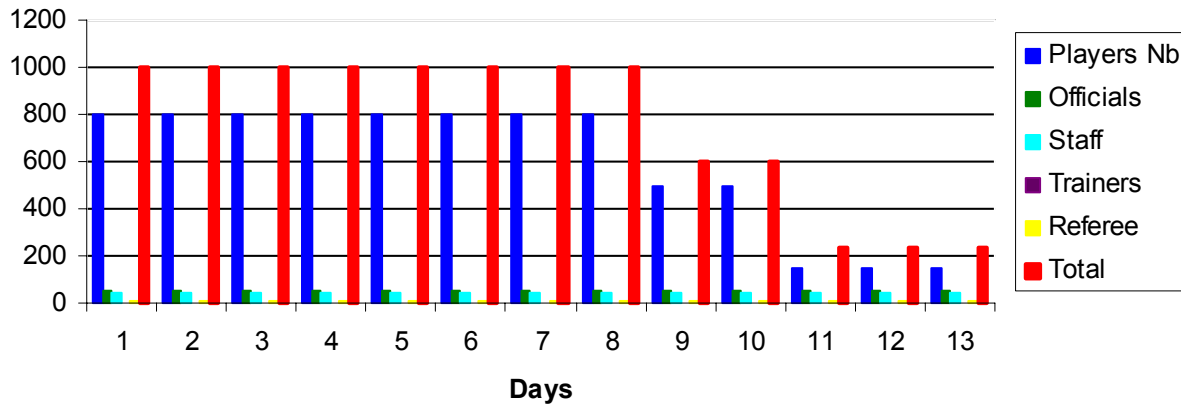
Bridge Participants



- 800 Players
- 100 Youth Bridge Teams from 100 countries
- 300 Pairs



Bridge Participants
Taking into consideration the qualifying and knock out stages



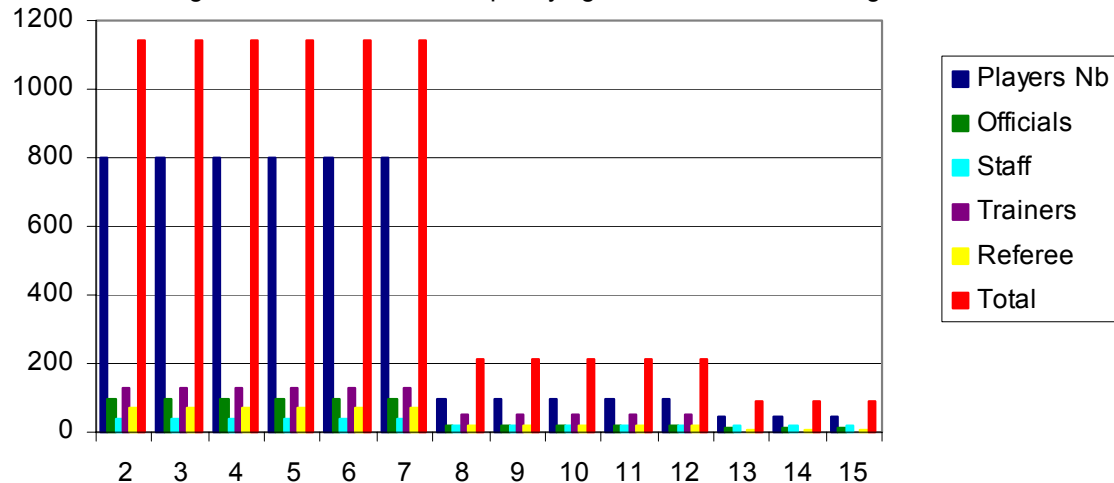
Chess Participants



- 130 Teams
- 100 Pairs mixed
- 48 Individuals

Chess participants

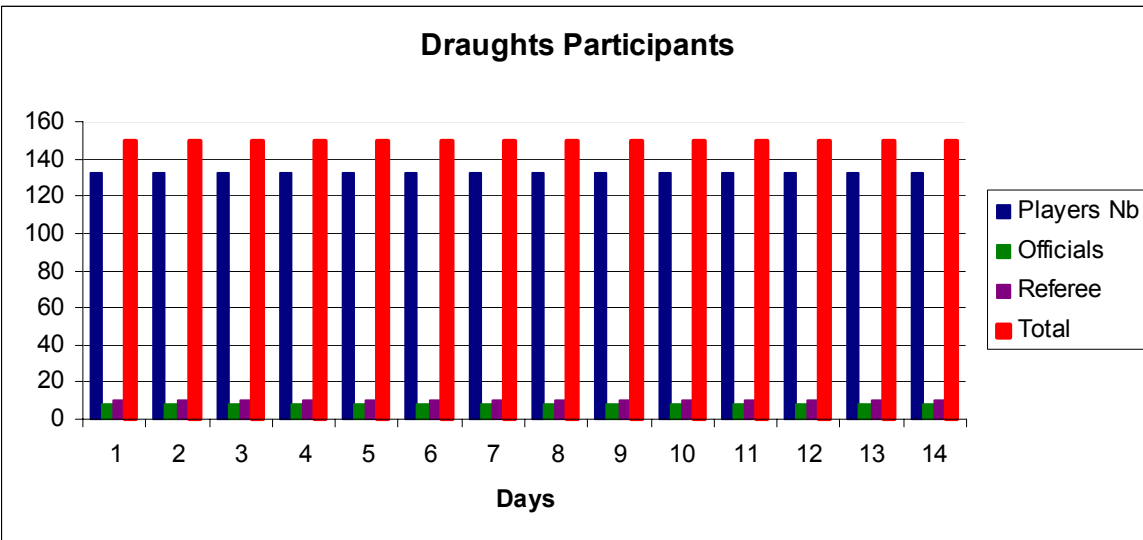
Taking into consideration the qualifying and the knock out stages



Draughts Participants



- 132 Individuals



GO Participants



- 196 Players
- 48 Teams
- 64 Mixed Pairs
- 48 Individuals

