

# 1<sup>st</sup> World Mind Sports Games Beijing - China 2008

# Daily Bulletin

Civilizations varied, wisdom unbounded



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## WE ARE ON OUR WAY



### Concept of the 1st World Mind Sports Games

#### Civilization Has Different Origins

The thousands of years of ancient China's civilization, the mysterious and remote past of Egypt's civilization, and the Aegean Sea - centered civilization of Greece are grand and magnificent.

Varied civilizations, going along their own paths of development, evolving into varied colorful splendor and splendid cultures, planting, brewing and prospering in each local area and shaping into multiculture shining to each other, explore a new era of human civilizations.

#### Wisdom Has no Boundary

Civilizations vary greatly from place to place, Wisdom is eternally immutable.

Wisdom and civilization are like germ and fruits to push the society forward to carry loads and go on forever. Terminating domains, crossing races, wisdom makes people forget the very different skin colors for a long time, and talks freely about one dream.

Wisdom is creating the world and wisdom is changing the world. Wisdom has made the whole world a long time ago into one family, which uses wisdom and shares the boundlessness of wisdom with every effort.

The civilization of the whole mankind has only one common starting point, from which Human Civilization cultivates characteristic Eastern and Western civilizations through different tracks. However, Civilization has different origins, wisdom has no boundary, however, exchange of human wisdom can span cultural, regional and racial borders and make Eastern and Western culture develop harmoniously and mingle with mutual understanding as well as unite mankind to become a big family aiming at common prosperity.



## Today's Programs

### Bridge

*Open Teams, Women Teams, Senior Teams:*

*At CNCC:*

11.00 hrs – 13.20 hrs.: Round Robin, round 4

14.20 hrs – 16.40 hrs.: Round Robin, round 5

17.10 hrs – 19.30 hrs.: Round Robin, round 6

*Junior Teams, played at BICC:*

*Under 21, Under 26 and Under 28:*

10.30 hrs – 12.50 hrs.: Round Robin, round 4

14.20 hrs – 16.40 hrs.: Round Robin, round 5

17.30 hrs – 19.50 hrs.: Round Robin, round 6

### Chess

*Blitz men, blitz women:*

10.00 hrs. - 13.30 hrs: semifinals and finals

*Individual Rapid, men and women:*

15.00 hrs. – 19.00 hrs.: Round 1-3

### Draughts

*100 square men and 100 square women:*

14.00 hrs.: Round 3

### Go

*Individual, men:*

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 3

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Round 4

*Individual, women:*

10.00 hrs. – 13.30 hrs.: Round 1

15.00 hrs. – 18.30 hrs.: Round 2

### Xiangqi

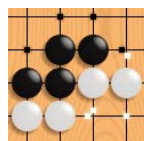
*Rapid, men:*

09.00 hrs. – 10.30 hrs.: Round 4

14.00 hrs. – 15.30 hrs.: Round 5

16.00 hrs. – 17.30 hrs.: Round 6

## Go



Go is the oldest board game with a history of three thousand years. The player tries to capture the largest part of the board to win the game. Originated in China, go is very popular in East-Asia where there are lots of go players and fans.

In the 1st World Mind Sports Games, for Go there are six events: Go Individual Men, Go Individual Women, Go Individual Open, Go Teams (Men), Go Teams (Women) and Go Pairs (Mixed).

Worldwide, there are around 60 million players, spread over 68 countries / 5 continents.

Go is highly broadcasted in Asia, as you can see from the following data:

1. A Go program once broke the record of TV viewers on CCTV in China.

2. Japans National Broadcasting Station (NHK) organizes a Go tournament running throughout the whole year which broadcasts for two hours every Sunday, attracting a very large audience.

3. Some Korean TV channels are dedicated solely to Go broadcasting.

The International Go Federation (IGF) was founded in 1982. It is affiliated to GAISF (General Association of International Sports Federations) and to IMSA (International Mind Sports Association).

A few more points of interest:

1. In China, the government are strongly for go sport in population and competition of Go.

2. In Japan, Go is recognized 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, etc.

3. In Korea, the demand for Go is rising rapidly. A number of Korean youngsters are the top players in the world, and they are idols of the Korean peers. In many schools Go is part of the curriculum.

## International Draughts 10×10 history

Draughts (checkers): transfer from lines to squares

For more than a thousand years, draughts (checkers) has been played on a lined board. In the 14th century the game was transferred to the chess board with its 8×8 squares. Later the 8×8 board was extended to 10×10 squares for the draughts variety we today call International Draughts. Where and when did this happen?

### The romantic story

It was such a nice story that draughts players in France in the 18th century had made up. For a long time the 18th century French gentlemen played draughts like their ancestors: on the chess board, with rules of at least a thousand years old. Until a day in 1723, when in the Palais Royal in Paris a traveler from Poland and an officer of the French army saw each other for some games of draughts. They revealed themselves as revolutionaries: they extended the board from 8×8 squares to 10×10 squares and invented new rules. A romantic story, but not more than fantasy. The reality is rather boring, unfortunately.

### The boring reality

Actually, International Draughts was invented in the Netherlands in the second half of the 16th century. We do not know it for sure, but the first traces of draughts on a board with 10×10 squares were found in Amsterdam and the surrounding

area. Before that, the Dutch played just like the French on the chess board, but with rules which had evolved further than the rules in France. The Dutch played for example with a long king, a king which moves along entire diagonals, like the bishop in chess, whereas the French played with the more ancient short king, a king which can only move to an adjacent square of the diagonal. In the 16th century the Dutch played this game with 2×15 pieces; in the second half of the 17th century they increased the number of pieces to 2×20.

As late as the 17th century the game with 2×20 pieces reached Paris. On a the picture three grandsons of king Louis XIV of France are playing this game; the painting, from an unknown artist, was made about 1690.

Until the 20th century, the game was only popular in the Netherlands and in France. After France, The Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland founded the FMJD in 1947, Russian draughts players discovered the game, followed by draughts devotees in other countries. But not everywhere; in England and in the Scandinavian countries for example, and in many Asian countries, players stuck to the ancient draughts on the chess board. Nevertheless the 10×10 squares variety received its present name and with almost sixty affiliated countries is living up to it: International Draughts.

With thanks to [www.draughtshistory.nl](http://www.draughtshistory.nl)

## Draughts

Yesterday 160 draughts players entered the Beijing International Convention Centre to start their tournament. Tournament director Henri Macaux is happy to inform us that 37 countries have sent their best players to compete; this is a milestone in draughts history. For eight of these countries, this will be their first appearance in a world championship organized by the World Draughts Federation. These new countries are Barbados, Chili, Japan, Uganda, China, Bulgaria, Hungary and Australia.

The qualifying round in the men's tournament is played in two groups playing the swiss system. The total amount of participants is 110 players. The best eight players of each group will be qualified for the finals. The finals will be played in a knockout system. The 50 women play their qualifying round in one group. The best 16 players will fight for the medals by knock out also.

The 9 qualifying rounds will be played on October 4-9. The finals start on the 10th. On October 12th we will know who will be the WMSG champion. The 2nd half tournament will be filled with three draughts competitions: rapid 10x10, Checkers, Brazilian and Russian draughts.

### Group Forbidden City (men) All players with two points after the 1st round.

cherenfant lafontant	Canada
guntis valneris	Latvia
anatoli gantvarg	Belarus
ndiaga samb	Senegal
dul erdenebileg	Mongolia
mouroudoulo amrillaew	Russia
artem ivanov	Ukraine
igor kirzner	Ukraine
modou seck	Senegal
ricardo pierre	Haiti
viacheslav shchegolev	Russia
oscar lognon	France
frits luteyn	Netherlands
benno butulis	Latvia
pieter steijlen	Netherlands
farhad husejnov	Azerbaijan
nikolai gulyaev	Russia
andre bercot	France
ainur shaybakov	Russia
sergey bonadykov	Russia
ravjir manlai	Mongolia

### Group Summer Palace (women) All players with two points after the 1st round.

elena akhmatova	Australia
darya tkachenko	Ukraine
zoja golubeva	Latvia
nina hoekman	Netherlands
olga balthazi	Ukraine
irina pashkevich	Belarus
irina platonova	Russia
matrena nogovitsyna	Russia
elena milshina	Russia
vitalia doumesh	Netherlands
olga sadovskaja	Belarus
laima adlyte	Lithuania
olesia abdullina	Russia
romualda sidlauskiene	Lithuania
piret viirma	Estonia
laura ratniece	Latvia
agita marterere	Latvia
natalia sadowska	Poland
olga fedorovich	Belarus

### Group Great Wall (men) All players with two points after the 1st round.

alexei chizhov	Russia
alexander getmanski	Russia
kees thijssen	Netherlands
kouomou kouogueu	Cameroon
yuriy anikeev	Ukraine
auke scholma	Netherlands
ron heusdens	Netherlands
bassirou ba	Senegal
raimonds vipulis	Latvia
pim meurs	Netherlands
laurent nicault	France
aleksej domchev	Lithuania
iwan tokusarov	Russia
andrei tolchikau	Belarus
vitauts budreiko	Latvia
bernard lemmens	Belgium
wouter ludwig	Netherlands
egidijus petryla	Lithuania
vaidas stasytis	Lithuania
peter van der stap	Netherlands

## XIANGQI STANDINGS AFTER ROUND 3 - STARTING POSITIONS ROUND 4

Desk NO	Red					Black				
	Nb.	NOC	Name	Sum	Pt	Pt	Nb.	NOC	Name	Sum
1	27	CHN	Jiang Chuan	6	—	37	USA	Mou,Hai Qin		6
2	8	ITA	He Zhimin	6	—	9	CHN	Wang Yang		6
3	31	TPE	Chen Li Feng	5	—	19	VIE	Nguyen Vu Quan		5
4	38	GER	Pu Fangyao	4	—	28	HKG	Chiu Yu Kuen		4
5	26	FRA	Dang Nicolas	4	—	5	TPE	Chiang Chung Hao		4
6	23	FRA	Phung Kim Dang	4	—	12	MAC	Choi Houwa		4
7	14	HKG	Wong Hok Him	4	—	6	VIE	Nguyen Thanh Bao		4
8	3	GBR	Chen Fazuo	4	—	34	NED	Ye Rongguang		3
9	30	MAC	Chan Chioweng	3	—	36	ARG	Lu Liang cheng		3
10	35	USA	Ji Jia Qing	3	—	29	AUS	Shijie Zhu		3
11	11	AUS	Gaoyang Zhang	3	—	24	MYA	Yin Xianyun		3
12	16	MYA	Yang Chounmyint	2	—	17	SIN	Kng Ter Yong		3
13	22	JPN	Yamanaka Joji	2	—	33	UKR	Volodymyr Korsak		2
14	15	CAN	Ho Shing Kin	2	—	20	GER	Andreas Klein		2
15	7	NED	Hsu Wei Kuo	2	—	13	FIN	Jouni Ramo		2
16	1	FIN	Mikko Tornqvist	2	—	4	HON	Yi Kam Siu		2
17	10	RUS	Zorin Daniil	1	—	21	RUS	Galochkin Sergey		1
18	18	UKR	Viktor Shevchuk	0	—	2	JPN	Kumano Kazunobu		0
19	25	NEP	Varun Mehta	0	—	32	CAN	Lin Junwei		0

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