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Lille: The World's Playground



The flags of the five sports in the 2nd World Mind Sports Games are on display at the Lille Grand Palais during the opening ceremony on Thursday night. The games – Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts and Xiang Qi – are played by more than 500 million competitors worldwide. José Damiani, president of the International Minds Sports Association, declared the games open at 8:05 p.m. All games will be played at the Palais, starting today. For more of the opening ceremony, see page 4.















Friday, 10 August 2012

			OPEN	TEAM	S	PROG	RAM			
				ROU	Ν					
GROU	JP A		GROU	P B		GROU	IP C		GRO	UP D
INetherlands2Bye3Korea4England5Germany6Denmark7Spain8Belgium	Mexico Bosnia & Hrzna Switzerland Chile Jordan Guadeloupe Egypt India	12 13 14 15 16 17	USA San Marino Austria Poland France Brazil Ireland Estonia	Ukraine Bangladesh New Zealand Portugal China Hong Kong Pakistan Chinese Taipei Bye	21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28	Singapore Sweden Canada Argentina Romania	Slovakia Trinidad & Tbgo Bermuda Thailand Scotland Morocco South Africa Bye	31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38	Norway Costa Rica Botswana China Israel Greece Iceland Monaco	Turkey Finland Reunion Venezuela Latvia Japan Australia Bye
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SENIOR TEAMS PROGRAM

	ROU	ND I		ROUND 2					
GROU	JP A	GRO	UP B	GROU	UP A	GROUP B			
 71 France 72 Canada 73 Brazil 74 Australia 75 India 76 China Hong Kong 77 Singapore 78 Morocco 79 Egypt 	Belgium Turkey Israel England Germany Scotland Indonesia South Africa Bye	81 USA 82 Argentina 83 Japan 84 Pakistan 85 Guadeloupe 86 Chinese Taipei 87 New Zealand 88 Reunion 89 Kenya	Spain Hungary Sweden Italy Netherlands Denmark Poland Ireland Bye	 71 Australia 72 India 73 China Hong Kong 74 Singapore 75 Egypt 76 Morocco 77 South Africa 78 Indonesia 79 Germany 	France Brazil Canada Belgium Turkey Israel England Scotland Bye	 81 Pakistan 82 Guadeloupe 83 Chinese Taipei 84 New Zealand 85 Kenya 86 Reunion 87 Ireland 88 Poland 89 Netherlands 	USA Japan Argentina Spain Hungary Sweden Italy Denmark Bye		
	ROU	ND 3							
GROUP A GROUP B					- 1:	4			
71FranceGermany72EnglandScotland73IsraelIndonesia74IndiaChina Hong Kong75BelgiumSouth Africa76CanadaMorocco77BrazilEgypt78AustraliaSingapore79TurkeyBye		 81 USA 82 Italy 83 Sweden 84 Guadeloupe 85 Spain 86 Argentina 87 Japan 88 Pakistan 89 Hungary 	Netherlands Denmark Poland Chinese Taipei Ireland Reunion Kenya New Zealand Bye	Duplimates for sale The Duplimates used during the tournament are sold at the Jannersten book stall for €2350.					

WOMEN TEAMS PROGRAM

ROUND I								
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C						
41ScotlandEngland42AustraliaSpain	51USAJapan52IndiaIreland53ChileAustria	61 BrazilChina62 South AfricaNorway						
43EgyptCanada44ArgentinaRussia	53 Chile Austria 54 Mexico Indonesia 55 New Zealand Denmark	63LebanonItaly64VenezuelaGermany						
45GuadeloupePoland46Chinese TaipeiTurkey	56 China Hong Kong Israel57 Reunion Netherlands	65MoroccoSweden66PakistanFrance						
47 Jordan Kenya	58 San Marino Bye	67 Palestine Philippines						

ROUND 2								
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP C						
41GuadeloupeEngland42Chinese TaipeiArgentina43JordanEgypt	51MexicoUSA52New ZealandChile53China Hong KongIndia	61MoroccoChina62PakistanVenezuela63PalestineLebanon						
44 Turkey Scotland 45 Poland Spain 46 Russia Canada	54ReunionJapan55San MarinoIreland56IsraelDenmark	 64 Philippines South Africa 65 France Brazil 66 Sweden Norway 						
47 Australia Kenya	57NetherlandsIndonesia58AustriaBye	67 Germany Italy						

	ROUND 3									
GROUP A		GROUP B				GROUP C				
41	England	Australia		51 USA		Denmark		61	China	South Africa
42	Egypt	Scotland		52 Indon		Israel		62	Lebanon	Brazil
43	Argentina	Spain		53 Austr		Netherlands		63	Venezuela	Norway
44	Guadeloupe	Canada		54 Mexic		New Zealand		64	Morocco	Italy
45	Chinese Taipei	Russia		55 Japan 56 India		San Marino Reunion		65	Pakistan	Germany
46	Jordan	Poland		57 Chile		China Hong Kong		66	Palestine	Sweden
47	Turkey	Kenya		58 Irelan	d	Вуе		67	Philippines	France

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	Round I (10.30)			Round 2 (14.00)	Round 3 (17.00)			
Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series	Match	Teams	Series
VG	France – China Hong Kong	Open B	VG	Poland – Ireland	Open B	VG	USA – Brazil	Open B
BBO I	Brazil – Israel	Seniors A	BBO I	France – Brazil	Open B	BBO I	France – Germany	Seniors A
BBO 2	Italy – Slovakia	Open C	BBO 2	Thailand – Italy	Open C	BBO 2	Italy – Argentina	Open C
BBO 3	The Netherlands – Mexi- co	Open A	BBO 3	Venezuela – Monaco	Open D	BBO 3	Belgium – England	Open A
BBO 4	Scotland – England	Women A	BBO 4	Russia – Argentina	Open C	BBO 4	Canada – Sweden	Open C

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Bridge returns to Lille with four other mind sports

The first edition of the World Mind Sports Games occurred in Beijing, China, a few weeks after the conclusion of the Olympics in that city. For the 2nd World Mind Sports Games, the competition takes place at the same time as the Olympics, albeit near the end of the Games in London.

Competitors in Lille will do battle in Bridge, Chess, Go, Draughts and Xiang Qi (Chinese chess).

At Thursday's opening ceremonies, Olivier Henno, first vice president of Lille Metropole, acknowledged the skill of the competitors and praised the different federations for their efforts to introduce mind sports to young people.

Mark Horton, who served as emcee with Cécile Hodson, noted that the competitors at the World Mind Sports Games represent more than 400 national associations worldwide. More than 100 nations – including 69 in bridge – are represented in the five competitions in Lille.

José Damiani, president of the International Mind Sports Association, told the packed auditorium at the Palais that "we are true sports who deserve support and attention."

Damiani praised the different sports groups for their part in organizing the 2nd World Mind Sports Games. "Nothing would have been possible without the federations," he said.



Susan Stockdale (right) takes the players' oath at the opening ceremony

Attention, players!

Players must be aware of and follow the regulations regarding mobile phones, smoking and alcohol at this tournament.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones and electronic devices may not be brought into the playing area and toilets.

Any player, captain or coach bringing a mobile phone and/or electronic device into the playing area or toilets will cause his team to be find 2 victory points (or 6 IMPs in a knockout match)



plus, in all cases, a fine of 100 euros. This penalty is mandatory. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

In each room, five tables will be selected at random in every session, and a search for mobile phones will be conducted at those tables. To comply with these regulations, you may leave your mobile phone at the registration desk.

The Head Tournament Director may, at his discretion, prohibit a player from bringing other equipment into the playing area.

Anyone entering the playing area may be required to comply with procedures put in place by the WBF for the detection of such electronic devices.

Smoking

Smoking in the building is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area in order to smoke.

Any player smoking in the building will cause his team to be fined 2 victory points (6 IMPs in a



knockout match), plus a fine of 100 euros. Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcoholic beverages of any nature in the playing area and the toilet area is prohibited. No player may leave the playing area in order to consume alcohol.



Any player consuming alcohol during or after the round in the playing area or the toilet area will

result in his team being fined 2 victory points, plus a fine of 100 euros.

Repeated violation of this regulation may, and constant violation will, result in the player being prohibited from playing. Failure to pay the fine will result in the player being prohibited from playing.