Official Bulletin

of the 38th Chess Olympiad Dresden 2008

1. Invitation

The City of Dresden and the German Chess Federation (DSB) have the honour to invite all FIDE member Chess Federations around the world to participate in the

38th Chess Olympiad - Dresden 2008

which will take place in Dresden, Saxony, Germany, between the

12th - 25th November 2008

2. Organizers

The Organizers of the Chess Olympiad 2008 are the City of Dresden and the German Chess Federation (DSB).

3. Schedule

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4. Participation, Teams and Quota

The World Chess Olympiad is open to all Federations affiliated to FIDE as members, each of which can nominate one team for the open and the women’s section, respectively.
Each team has to consist of four players. Additionally, every Federation is allowed to nominate one reserve. Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the players (or reserve).

Maximum accreditation quota thus is 6 persons per team.

Only National Federations may enter teams to the competitions.

5. Registration Fees

The National Federations will not be charged registration fees for the participants and officials of the 38th Chess Olympiad as these are fully covered by the Organizers.

6. Registration and Deadlines

National Federations planning to participate in the Chess Olympiad 2008 are requested to nominate one contact person from their Federation, who will be responsible for the registration procedure. The National Federation is to inform the Organizers on his/her contact details by 12 January 2008 (10 months prior to the Opening of the Chess Olympiad).

The National Federations in addition are requested to inform the Organizers by 29 February 2008 on their intention to participate in the 38th Chess Olympiad 2008.

The contact person will be provided with details on online registration procedures and the respective log-in details for final registration as registration log-in will request a username and password to register online.

Official Registration will open on 12 May 2008 (6 month prior to the Opening of the Olympiad).

Registration will close on 12 July 2008 (4 month prior to the event).

In any case of late registrations the Organizers do not guarantee the accommodation of the respective participants. Hotel expenses in these cases will be charged to the Federation.

7. Tournament Regulations

Tournament mode will be Swiss System in 11 rounds with 40 moves in 90 minutes and 30 minutes more to finish the game. There is an increment of 30 seconds added on for every move from move 1.

8. Opening / Closing Ceremony

The Opening Ceremony is scheduled for the evening of 12 November 2008.

The Closing Ceremony will take place on 25 November 2008, following the last round of the tournament.
9. **Special Prizes**

Awards correspond to the regulations of the FIDE handbook.

10. **Accreditation**

Accreditation cards will be issued for each participant and member of the official delegation of the Federation participating in the event.

Accreditation procedures will be based on the online registration process. Accreditations will only be issued in the Accreditation Centre. The location will be communicated to participating Federations in due time.

11. **Accommodation, Board and Lodging**

The Federations will be allocated two double and two single rooms free of charge per team, including full board for six persons for the duration of the Chess Olympiad (12 – 25 November 2008).

If differing room distributions are required then additional costs will arise. These costs will be charged to the respective Federation.

12. **Transportation**

On the main day of arrival (12 November 2008) and departure (26 November 2008) a free shuttle bus transfer from and to Dresden Airport will be at the disposal of the arriving / departing delegations.

13. **Playing Venue / Playing Area**

The tournament hall will be the

**International Congress Center Dresden (ICD)**

Ostra Ufer 2
D - 01067 Dresden, Germany

[http://dresden-congresscenter.de](http://dresden-congresscenter.de)

14. **Arrival and Departure Information**

**Arrival and Departure by Flight:**

Participants are requested to book their flights to Dresden on the occasion of the Chess Olympiad as early as possible.

There are numerous non-stop connections within the German-speaking region. The inner-German direct connections include nine cities, for instance Frankfurt/Main (FRA), Munich (MUC) and Düsseldorf (DUS).

Dresden International Airport (DRS) is located about nine kilometers north-east of the city centre.

Arrival and Departure by Train:

The Dresden Main Station is situated next to the city center. Direct express train connections from the largest German cities and from Poland, the Czech Republic and Austria to Dresden are available.

http://www.bahn.de/p/view/international/englisch/international_guests.shtml

15. Visa Information

EU nationals do not require a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany.

Generally speaking, all other foreigners require a visa for stays in Germany. A visa is not required for semi-annual visits of up to three months for nationals of those countries for which the European Community has abolished the visa requirement.

Nationals being in need for Visa to enter Germany are required to contact the respective German embassy or consular section being responsible for your country.

A list of those countries can be found on the website of the German Foreign Office under:


Visas are issued by the mission responsible for the area in which the applicant has his/her ordinary residence or domicile.

Participants being in need for Visa are requested to register online as mentioned above prior to the deadlines given.

The Organizing Committee will upon request send invitation letters to the respective Federation.

The Organizers would like to underline that Visa procedures are the responsibility of the applying person/s. In any case but in particular in the case of late registration or failing respective procedures the Organizers are not responsible for the participant’s visas. The Organizers however will be glad to assist when questions on Visa procedures should apply.

The Organizers would also like to stress strongly that no visas will be issued at the German passport control and all documentation has to be prepared beforehand.
16. **Official Website**


17. **Cultural, sightseeing and school programme**

A cultural programme (with e.g. a chess exhibition at the Dresden Technical Museum or the musical “Chess” at the Dresden State Operetta as well as sightseeing trips for the participants of the Chess Olympiad will be organized. Details will be published in due time.

Under the patronage of Grand Master Vladimir Kramnik, a promotional campaign including all FIDE Federations has already started to promote chess and the Chess Olympiad in schools all over Germany.

18. **Hospitality for Visitors**

A special package for visitors of the Chess Olympiad will be offered for the duration of the tournament.

For further information on accommodation, dining and cultural activities Visitors of the Chess Olympiad may direct their requests to the Dresden Tourist Promotion Board.

[http://www.dresden-tourist.de](http://www.dresden-tourist.de)

19. **Weather**

Weather in Autumn in Germany is changeable. The average temperature at the time of the event is 5° Celsius.

20. **Contact information**

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The National Federation of __________________________
is planning to participate in the

38th Chess Olympiad Dresden 2008
taking place from 12 to 25 November 2008

with the following teams:

- Open
- Women

Signature: __________________________      Seal

Please send back this form to the Organizing Committee no later than 12 January 2008 (Nomination of contact person for Online Registration) and 29 February 2008 (announcement of participation) respectively.

www.dresden2008.org