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INTRODUCTION

The ISF organises the World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020 with the aim of motivating young students to be active and participating in the ISF online event.

The nature of ISF events can vary from competition to competition. However, their goal remains to harness the power of sport to promote Olympic values, topics such as youth empowerment, fair play, healthy lifestyle, peace and understanding, respect.

ISF competitions address all categories of students, including those that for whatever reason would not be able to take part in other ISF events.

In all ISF events, students can freely participate if there are no specific event rules or age categories. Countries which are not members of the ISF can take part but must follow the ISF and event regulations.

The ISF as organisers of the 1st World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020 invites students from ISF members as well as all students from all over the World to participate in the championship.

The championship will be played on the Premium Chess online platform and will be organised into two different age groups for both the boys' and girls' categories.

ORGANISATION

1. Management

Organisation	International School Sports Federation sport@isfsports.org +32 27101938
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2. Program

Dates	Event/age and gender category
3rd October	Qualification tournament 2006 and 2007 – girls
4th October	Qualification tournament 2006 and 2007 – boys
10th October	Qualification tournament 2003, 2004 and 2005 – girls
11th October	Qualification tournament 2003, 2004 and 2005 – boys
17th October	Final tournament 2006 and 2007 – girls
18th October	Final tournament 2006 and 2007 – boys
24th October	Final tournament 2003, 2004 and 2005 – girls
25th October	Final tournament 2003, 2004 and 2005 – boys_

3. Participation

The ISF WSC Online Chess 2020 is open to individuals attending schools. All students must be attending schools which provide a general education.

The championship will be held in 2 different categories:

- Girls
- Boys

There is no limitation about numbers of players per country per category.

SPORT	GENDER	YEAR OF BIRTH
Online Chess	Boys	2006 - 2007
	Girls	2006 - 2007
	Boys	2003 - 2004 - 2005
	Girls	2003 - 2004 - 2005

4. General and Technical Rules

► GENERAL RULES

The ISF World Schools Championship Online Chess 2020 is organised according to ISF rules and to current FIDE rules and Laws of chess.

The competition will be run by the ISF Technical Commission (TC). All technical related decisions will be made by the TC. The TC will deal with all technical matters arising during the championship matches as well as during the period of the Championship where matters are not covered by technical regulations.

It should be noted that where there is a sufficiently serious lack of respect for Event rules, the TC can disqualify participants from the competition. If a participant is disqualified from the tournament the participation fee will not be refunded.

Official language of the event: **English**

► TECHNICAL RULES

1. The competition is organised for individuals and will be held in two stages:
 - Qualification tournaments
 - Final tournaments
2. Qualification tournaments will be organised for each category.
3. Qualification tournaments will be played in a Swiss System format of 11 rounds, with time control: 3 min + 2 sec increment per player. Each of the 4 categories will be played individually.
4. The first 40 players according to final ranking of the qualification tournament will be qualified for finals of each category.
5. Finals will be played in a Swiss System format of 9 rounds, with time control: 3 min + 2 sec increment per player. Each of the 4 categories will play their finals separately.

6. Players who qualify for the finals, will be checked by the TC regarding their following of the fair play rules. The control will be made by ZOOM (download and install ZOOM Client for Meetings from the link: <https://zoom.us/download>).
7. Players agree to turn on the 'Share my Screen' function (in ZOOM) during all games. If a player is not logged in to ZOOM chat at the published start time of the game or if their webcam is turned OFF, it could result in a loss of game.
8. The playing server will be Premium Chess
9. Tie-breaks between the tied players will be made by the Premium Chess system.
10. All results of the tournaments will be available on the ISF web page <https://www.isfsports.org/>

► SCHEDULE

Technical meetings will be made 5 minutes prior to the beginning of each tournament. The TC will communicate and inform the participants of all tournament information at the Premium Chess ISF playing arena.

Saturday 3 rd October	Qualification Tournament for 2006-2007 Girls at 14:00 UTC
Sunday 4 th October	Qualification Tournament for 2006-2007 Boys at 14:00 UTC
Saturday 10 th October	Qualification Tournament for 2003-2004-2005 Girls at 14:00 UTC
Sunday 11 th October	Qualification Tournament for 2003-2004-2005 Boys at 14:00 UTC
Saturday 17 th October	Final Tournament for 2006-2007 Girls at 14:00 UTC
Sunday 18 th October	Final Tournament for 2006-2007 Boys at 14:00 UTC
Saturday 24 th October	Final Tournament for 2003-2004-2005 Girls at 14:00 UTC
Sunday 25 th October	Final Tournament for 2003-2004-2005 Boys at 14:00 UTC

ISF WSC ONLINE CHESS 2020 TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE		
Time(UTC)	Estimated Program	Remarks
13:00	Starting of the tournament session	TC will be available (on-line) for questions at Premium Chess platform
13:55	Technical Meeting and Information	Messages will be sent from the general chat window
14:00	Round 1	
14:20	Round 2	
14:40	Round 3	
15:00	Round 4	
15:20	Round 5	
15:40	Round 6	
16:00	Round 7	
16:20	Round 8	
16:40	Round 9	* Last round for Finals
17:00	Round 10	
17:20	Round 11	* Last round for Qualifications

Important Remarks:

- All players must register to the tournament before the starting time of the first round once they have logged in to Premium Chess Platform (ISF playing Arena: ISF WSC ONLINE CHESS 2020).
- It will not be enough to just log in to the platform. All players must also register to the tournament.
- It will not be possible to enter to the tournament after the first round has begun.
- The program in the above table is an estimated tournament schedule. Starting times of the rounds may differ due to the investigation of fair play rules.
- After every round, the TC will make a check of the fair play rules and run a special anti-cheating program.
- The TC will inform participants of the estimated start time of the next round and will send a warning message 2 minutes before the start of the next round.
- After the round begins, if one of the players does not make any moves in the allowed time, the platform will automatically end the match and will give the scores automatically due to the situation.

▶ FAIR PLAY RULES

By registering to the tournament all participants confirm to have read and accepted these regulations:

- Players **MUST NOT** use any chess programs during the tournament
- Players **MUST NOT** be assisted by other people during the tournament.
- Any player could be excluded from the tournament by decision of the ISF TC due to Fair Play rules. The TC can exclude players during the tournament or after the tournament.
- A special Anti-cheating detection software will be used by Premium Chess during the tournament
- Additionally, admins will check games manually after every round.
- Players will register and compete with their real names and surnames.
- Tournament finals players must download and install ZOOM Client for Meetings. During all games, the TC will also check players through ZOOM. A player not being logged into ZOOM chat at the published start time of the match or turning OFF their webcam could result in a loss of game.
- Streaming through any broadcast platforms including Twitch, YouTube or other online streaming platforms is not permitted for participants during their tournament games.
- The ISF has the right to change the schedule, update the regulations or decide upon any matter that is not mentioned in the current regulations.
- The ISF would have no responsibility for any technical problems arising for players during the games but retains the option to pair any player for the next round.

ADMINISTRATION

Registration will be opened for individual students.

Registration will only be possible through ERAS, the ISF online registration platform (<https://isf-eras.org/>). When registration is approved, players will receive an invitation from the Premium Chess platform to confirm their Premium chess user account.

1. Registration

Registration for the ISF WSC Chess Online 2020 shall be from September 10, 2020 to September 28, 2020.

Registration process

There will be two phases for the registration process:

- Registration on ERAS
- Registration at the tournament on the Premium Chess platform

▶ Registration on ERAS

1. Visit the ISF website and click to register for ISF WSC Online Chess (<https://isf-eras.org/online-chess/>)
2. Download documents for registration, fill in details and have your parents/Legal guardians sign them.
3. Prepare the signed ISF Event Consent form and government issued national ID card or a copy of your passport uploaded together with the registration form (JPG / PDF file – max size 1MB).
4. Information on the official documents (government issued national ID card or Passport copy) must include name, surname, photo, and date of birth.
5. Fill in the registration form
6. If you are already a Premium chess user or have a FIDE rating, please enter that information inside the registration form as well.
7. Enter your credit/debit card details with the registration. ERAS uses a secure Stripe payment gateway to collect all registration fees. You will be charged the participation fee (see below) only after your registration has been approved by the ISF Technical Commission Coordinator. If your registration is rejected, no fee is charged.
8. After you submit your registration you will receive an email asking you to confirm your email address. Please check your spam folder in case you do not receive it.
9. Once your registration has been Approved by the ISF Technical Commission, your user account on Premium chess platform will be created. You will be notified once an account is created.

▶ Registration at the tournament on the Premium Chess platform

1. Once the registration is successful on ERAS, then Premium Chess will send an Email to the player with the following information:
 - a. Registration completion
 - b. Username
 - c. Password (only for created players)
 - d. Link to the Premium Chess URL to download the APP
2. Once a player receives the email confirmation they must:
 - a. Click the link to download and install the Online Arena APP
 - b. Start the APP and log in to the Arena (**ISF WSC ONLINE CHESS 2020**) with the information provided in the email:
 - » Username/Nickname
 - » Password

- c. If required change the password (not mandatory)
 - d. It is recommended to play some games (see section Challenges) in the platform to gain confidence and familiarity with the platform and the game room
 - e. Select the relevant tournament (depending on age and gender): tournaments will appear in the Lobby in the section **Tournaments**
 - f. Registration at the tournament on the Premium Chess platform will be open one week before the start of the tournament:
 - » September 29th, 2020 - 2006 and 2007 – girls
 - » September 30th, 2020 - 2006 and 2007 – boys
 - » October 3rd, 2020 - 2003, 2004 and 2005 – girls
 - » October 4th, 2020 - 2003, 2004 and 2005 – boys
3. As soon as tournament registration opens select the tournament and click on the **Register** button. This is a very important action because if a player does not register in the tournament before the start of the tournament, they will not be able to participate
 4. Log in to the Arena APP before the tournament starts. When the tournament starts players must be present in the Lobby and the Playroom will be directly opened in the APP
 5. Only English characters allowed in text fields

Registration deadlines:

September 10, 2020	Opening of registration phase
September 28, 2020	Closing of registration phase

2. Summary of Deadlines

September 10th, 2020	Opening of registration phase
September 28th, 2020	Closing of registration phase
September 29th, 2020	Opening of registration on Premium Chess platform - 2006 and 2007 – girls
September 30th, 2020	Opening of registration on Premium Chess platform - 2006 and 2007 – boys
October 3rd, 2020	Opening of registration on Premium Chess platform - 2003, 2004 and 2005 – girls
October 4th, 2020	Opening of registration on Premium Chess platform - 2003, 2004 and 2005 – boys

3. Fees

The participation fee is **6,00€** per participant. Participation fee is to be paid by credit/debit card on the ERAS platform (using Stripe Gateway payment platform).

Two step payment procedure has been prepared for this registration.

Step 1 – payment authorisation = by submitting the registration form, the participant authorises Stripe to block the amount on the credit/debit card for later payment.

Step 2 – after ISF approval of registration, the payment is processed on the credit/debit card. If the registration is rejected the amount on hold is released and no payment is processed. The entire procedure may take up to 7 days from the date of registration.

PRIZES

Category:

- **2003 – 2004 - 2005**

The winners, in each category will:

- » have a right to participate at the ISF Summer Gymnasiade in Jinjiang (China) 2020 – 16th – 23th October 2021
- » be awarded by one laptop

- **2006 – 2007**

The winners, in each category will:

- » have a right to participate at the ISF U15 World Schools Games 2021 in Belgrade (Serbia) – 26th June - 4th July 2021
- » be awarded by one laptop

First 8 ranked players in each age and gender category will receive the ISF ranking certificate while all the remaining finalists will receive participation certificates.

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

The official results and information of the WSC can be found at: <https://www.isfsports.org/>
Final games will be Live broadcasted (details will be communicated through ISF social media)

Social media guidelines

Spread the word on ISF WSC Online Chess 2020!



We would love for you to help us support the young players participating at this first ISF online event.

- Follow the official Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/isfsports>
- Use the official ISF event hashtags: #ISFWSC2020 #chess
- Follow news on ISF's website: www.isfsports.org
- Submit content related to your event to the ISF community manager: fonda.polona@gmail.com
- Share ISF content on your social media profiles

ISF global channels:

Twitter: [@isfsports](https://twitter.com/isfsports) | #SchoolSport #ISFWSC2020 #chess

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