



2019 IMSA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP (HENGSHUI)

Event Guide

Hosted by: International Mind Sports Association (IMSA)

Organized by: Board and Card Games Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China, Hebe

Co-organized by: Board and Card Games Administrative Center of Hebei Provincial Bureau of Sport, Hengshui Municipal Bureau of Sport, Five Forces Culture and Sport Co. Ltd















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Message from Organizing Committe





May is the season of a riot of flowers.

In this flowery season full of vitality, we gather in the beautiful Hengshui Lake, jointly ushered in the 2019 IMSA World Masters Championship (Hengshui). Here, on behalf of Hengshui Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China, Hengshui Municipal People's Government and 4.55 million Hengshui people, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all the leaders, guests and players, referees and officials at home and abroad!

Located in the southeast of Hebei Province, Hengshui is the gateway of Xiong' an, the hometown of scholars who combine profundity with virtue, the sacred place for China's revolution, the famous city of education, and a livable place. Sports have a long history here. Traditional sports intangible cultural heritages, such as Shenzhou Xing Yi Quan and plum-blossom boxing have a long history. In recent years, we earnestly study and implement Xi Jinping's thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era and the spirit of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, in the process of building an economically strong and a beautiful Hengshui, adhere to the idea of people-centered development and extensively carry out nationwide fitness programs, making Hengshui's contribution to speed up the construction of sports power. In the beautiful Hengshui Lake lakeside, Hengshui Lake International Marathon had been held successfully for seven consecutive years. In the 2018 World City Marathon Rankings released by the IAAF, Hengshui Lake International Marathon ranked 23rd in the world, and ranked 2nd nationally. It is expected to be promoted as 8th national "double gold" competition this year. Since last year, Hengshui also successfully held a series of brand events, such as Air Sports

Carnival & National Powered Parachutes Classic, China Horse Race, which effectively promoted the national fitness campaign and sports development, forming the "phenomenon of Hengshui sports".

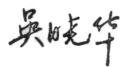
We insist on taking sports events as an opportunity, shaping city character, promoting the spirit of the city, so as to build an international ecological livable beautiful lake city with the help of hosting various kinds of events and sports. The Garden Expo Park built in 8 months covering an area of 89 hectares, successfully held the first Landscape Expo in Hebei Province, which creates a Hengshui "garden expo speed", and shapes a spirit of saying "No" to the impossible. We will continue to improve sports facilities and the national fitness service system, building characteristic sport towns, such as Air Sports Town, Horse Culture Town, etc. The Olympic Sports Center is about to open soon; the constructions of Ice & Snow Gymnasium, Fuyang River Sports Theme Park, etc have been accelerated. We will build Hengshui into a unique city of sports and leisure.

2019 IMSA World Masters Championship (Hengshui), is the first time that Hengshui hosted an international A-level event. It is also another window for the world to know and understand Hengshui. It is believed that the success of this tournament will have a significant positive impact on promoting the image and competitiveness of Hengshui. As the host city, we will welcome guests and friends from all over the world with clean and beautiful environment, warm and thoughtful service, and rigorous and orderly organization. This tournament will be a wonderful and extraordinary, unforgettable and far-reaching intellectual feast under our great passion and efforts, so as to take an active role in the development of mind sports.

Finally, I wish all players the excellent results! Wish all leaders and guests the best of everything!



Secretary of Hengshui Municipal Committee of the Communist Party of China Honorary Director of the Organizing Committee



Mayor of Hengshui Municipal People's Government Director of the Organizing Committee

Message from Organizing Committe



The board and card games have been developed in our country since long time ago and gained popularity among people. We have seen every kinds of games evolve in order, competitions for every sports become brisker day by day, international tournaments of all levels emerge frequently and games performance be improved steadily. As the authority department in the industry, our center has always been devoted to deepening and promoting the board and card games. Guided by the spirit of the 19th CPR National Congress, our idea is to hold board and card sports to the satisfaction of the public, and to implement the national fitness strategy to promote the competitiveness and popularity. Besides, we strive to propagate core

values in the whole society particularly among teenagers and pass on positive energy to society. We hope to carry forward the Chinese culture aggregated in the board and card games to make their due contribution to building up national characteristics and even to the construction of socialist modernized country and realizing China Dream.

This time, the World Masters Championship will be held in Hengshui, Hebei, which will not only further promote the status of Chinese board and card games globally, but also manifest our cultural confidence. As an organizer of this competition, we will spare no efforts to bring forward a perfect Championship where the development of board and card games is connected to the wish of better lives and broaden the multiple functions of an international competition to truly benefit people.

We offer cordial congratulations on Hengshui Hebei being the first host city for the first IMSA World Masters Championship, and hope each players to fight hard for good results and play in sport spirit. Let' s celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People' s Republic of China with a magnificent and perfect mind festival!



Party Secretary of CPC Committee of Board and Card Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Director General of Board and Card Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Director of Organizing Committee

Message from Organizing Committe



Colorful May is full of vitality. In this promising season, 2019 IMSA World Masters Championship is solemnly opened. On behalf of Hebei Provincial Sports Bureau and Organizing Committee, I would like to express warm congratulations on the host of the event and extend sincere welcome to all guests and friends at home and abroad, and also send my cordial greetings and good wishes to all athletes, referees and staff.

Sports is charming and colorful. In recent years, under the strong leadership of provincial Party committee and provincial government, with the vigorous support of all walks of life, we strive to achieve the goal of building a strong sports province, and firmly seize the important

historical opportunities such as the Winter Olympic Games, and Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei coordinated development. With concerted efforts, we take advantage of the great chance to develop sports, which leads to a pleasant situation everywhere of diversified sports industry full of competitiveness. The board and card sports represented by Go, Xianggi and bridge are also adored by more and more ordinary people. Mind Sports are quietly entering, integrating into and changing the mass life, which highly meets the spiritual and cultural needs of the people.

Beautiful Hengshui has a bright future. As an A-class international mind sports event, 2019 IMSA World Masters Championship is held in Hengshui, which not only fully shows the great care and strong support of IMSA and Board and Card Games Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sports of China for Hebei especially for Hengshui Sports, but also provides a precious opportunity for more people to understand, participate and improve their level in mind sports. It provides precious chance to accelerate the development of the mind sports in Hebei Province.

I firmly believe that with the thoughtful organization and full support of Local Organizing Committee and Hengshui municipal government, 2019 IMSA World Masters Championship will be a complete success.I wish every guest and player a pleasant time in this competition and good luck for everyone.

Zhang Zefeng

Director General of Hebei Provincial Sports Bureau Director of the Organizing Committee

Message from International Mind Sports Association



Dear participants, officials and organizers,

The International Mind Sports Association (IMSA), founded in April 2005, has been devoted to creating high-level mind sports competitions. The 2019 IMSA World Masters Championship is the international top comprehensive event of mind competitive sports, initiated and hosted by the International Mind Sports Association.

As the old saying goes, the wise find pleasure in water, the virtuous find pleasure in hills. In China, water is the symbol of wisdom and change. The 1st IMSA World Masters Championship will be held in the beautiful scenery of Hengshui lake, to accord with the development principles of harmonious co-existence between human and nature, and highlight the

determination of mind sports to face the future in change.

In recent years, accompanied by the emergence of artificial intelligence, the entire human world is facing a new round of changes, and the field of mind sports has also ushered in severe trials. Board and card games, as the symbols of human intellectual activities, have always been the objects of artificial intelligence research. How to accept, adapt, and grasp the change is what IMSA has been striving for. Hence there is an AI Summit Forum to be held in parallel to the Event, taking advantage of Hengshui's local education, taking the integration of AI and education of board and card games as the entry point, and inviting well-known experts, academicians and representatives of relevant enterprises in the field, to have the research and discussion on related topics of AI together.

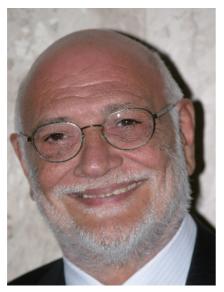
Civilization varied and wisdom unbounded. We believe that China will play a vital role in the future development of mind sports in the world. Whilst the objectives of IMSA are to keep pace with the times, sustain innovations, expand the boundaries and stimulate the energies of mind sports, enable more people to enjoy the benefits of mind sports, and make mind sports possible to enter the Olympic family in the future.

Finally, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the organizers of the event, Board and Card Games Administrative Center of the General Administration of Sport of China, Hebei Provincial Sports Bureau and Hengshui Municipal People's Government, the players, the media friends and all the staff participating in the event. Thanks for full support of all parties and I wish the event a complete success!

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Zelan Chen IMSA President

Message from World Bridge Federation (WBF)



It's my great pleasure to welcome, both on behalf of the World Bridge Federation and personally, the participants in the 1st IMSA World Masters Championship, to be held in Hengshui from May 13th to 18th 2019.

Following the extremely successful IMSA Elite Games we will celebrate in Hengshui a new marvellous event which gives the opportunity to the athletes of the Mind Sports to enjoy once again all together, to compete in a top level event and to deliver, as well as the respective International Federations, their positive image everywhere in the world.

I want to express our gratitude to the Board and Card Games Administration Center of General Administration of Sport of China, the Five Forces Culture & Sport Development, Hebei

Provincial Sports Bureau, Hengshui Municipal People's Government and IMSA for this new opportunity. I am confident that the event will be very successful, rewarding the tremendous effort done by them with passion and generosity.

I am sure that Hengshui, the most beautiful wetland in Beijing Tianjin and Hebei and "sapphire in East Asia", will live up to its reputation, tradition, history and culture in offering a great welcome and a warm hospitality to all the participants and I am sure that this Championship will once again celebrate a great sports event, renewing a great tradition of friendship and solidarity without discrimination and barriers, exalting the true values of Sport.

Enjoy your stay and your play.

Gianarrigo Rona **WBF** President

Message from World Chess Federation (FIDE)



Dear participants and guests of the 1st IMSA World Masters Championship!

Dear ladies and gentelmen!

On behalf of the leadership of the World Chess Federation we would like to express our sincere greetings to the participants and guests of this great event. It is a pleasure to witness the significant developments that IMSA has achieved over the past years.

We are grateful to the organizers, Five Forces and Board and Card Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China. We would also like to thank the Municipality of Hengshui, Hebei province, for their commitment and generosity in supporting global Mind sports.

The participation of thirty-two top chess athletes in a variety of fast-moving chess activities in the beautiful city of Hengshui, will enable them to serve as ambassadors to promote our sport. We hope all participants will produce tremendous games and will contribute a great deal in making the 1st IMSA World Masters Championship an unforgettable event!

Wishing all players and guests an enjoyable stay in Hengshui!

Yours sincerely,

Arkady Dvorkovich

FIDE President

Message from World Draughts Federation (FMJD)



Dear organisers and participants of the IMSA World Masters Championship and all those who hold mind sports in high esteem,

The IMSA has been successful at uniting mind sportsmen and organisers of mind sports globally in order to jointly stand for the future of mind sports all over the world, on all continents and in all countries. We have to together ensure that mind sports feels itself confidently both in its historically established regions and in new countries where mind sports has just reached or is about to reach.

Our common goal is to inspire young people to go in for mind sports, but not only: also to achieve, become the best ones in the world. In addition to the broad-based platform,

it is important for us that young people would like to win and become the greatest masters in their field. Cheering for the best ones and becoming the best one help develop the entire field significantly and increase its popularity.

The common goal of the IMSA is to ascribe importance not only to each field separately, but to all of them together. Therefore, strong common tournaments and festivals are invaluable for the development of mind sports. I respect the contribution made by the Chinese State, organisers and supporters to carrying out this great festival. Thank you very much.

I confirm on behalf of draughts players all over the world that it is a great honour for us to form part of the mind sports family of the IMSA. It is of primary importance for us to be part of the sports of the world, mind sports of the world. The IMSA makes it possible and I believe that we have a great future ahead of us, which is full of dedicated sports and many sports stars that make all competitions fascinating, exciting, unexpected and passionate.

Best regards

Janek Mäggi **FMJD President**

Janen Magg

Message from International Go Federation (IGF)



It is my great pleasure to welcome, on behalf of the International Go Federation, the participants and officials of the First IMSA World Masters Championship. Since its founding in 2005, IMSA has actively and successfully brought forth quality events to the mind sport world – the IMSA Masters is the latest and a very significant addition. In China, the sport of Go has seen meteoric growth in the past decades. It is then fitting for this new event to be held in Hengshui, home town of the Chinese "Go saint" (qisheng) Nie Weiping. For one week, the world will witness the thirty-two very best male and female Go athletes from all around the world to compete under one roof. They will see the beauty and hospitality of the host

city through the eyes of the media and will share the fun and excitement of the games played by the athletes. This experience will greatly benefit the further promotion of Go.

My deepest gratitude goes to the organizers and sponsors of the event, including the General Administration of Sports of China, the City of Hengshui, and the company Five Forces. Your dedication and hard work are what made this event possible!

I also wish a happy and memorable visit for all the athletes. Enjoy the hospitality and the competition, create new friendships, and renew your commitment as the ambassadors of mind sports!

Thomas Hsiang

IGF Vice President

IMSA Secretary General

Thomas Horane

Message from World Xiangqi Federation (WXF)



Dear friends.

The 2019 IMSA World Masters Championship (Hengshui) is going to take place in Hengshui, Hebei province, China. This competition will be a brand-new international competition host by the International Mind Sports Association. It is a platform for world top board players to communicate and demonstrate and will promote the mind sports all over the world.

Xiangqi, which contains extensive and profound oriental wisdom is a part and parcel for world mind sports. Twenty-four top Xiangqi players will gather in Hengshui to compare notes for their skills and learn from each other by exchanging views to enliven this ancient mind sport for a

bright future.

Here, I on behalf of World Xiangqi Federation, express thanks to units and organizing committee such as the International Mind Sports Association, Board and Card Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China, and the Hengshui Municipal People's Government, meanwhile, please accept my benediction for sportsperson attending this gathering. I wish you all maximize your own level, display the charm of mind sports, and achieve excellent results!



Zhenting Huo WXF President

Introduction to 2019 IMSA World Masters Championship (Hengshui)

2019 IMSA World Masters Championship, as an A-Level international competition, will be held from May 12th to May 19th in Hengshui, Heibei Province, China. The event was approved by General Administration of Sport of China, hosted by the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA) and organized jointly by Board and Card Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China, Hebei Provincial Sports Bureau and Hengshui Municipal People's Government.

2019 IMSA World Masters Championship includes five sports including Bridge, Chess, Draughts, Go, and Xiangqi with 17 disciplines in total and will have a total of 99 medals in gold silver and bronze.170 players from 36 countries and regions will gather in Hengshui and fight for the title.

Structure of the Organizing Committee

Honorary Directors:

Wang Jingwu Party Secretary of Hengshui Municipal Committee of CP

Directors:

Zhu Guoping Party Secretary of CPC Committee and Director General of Board and Card

Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Director of China Qi-yuan

Zhang Zefeng Director General of Hebei Provincial Bureau of Sport Wu Xiaohua Mayor of Hengshui Municipal People's Government

Deputy Directors:

Ge Feng Deputy Director General of Board and Card Games Administrative Center of

General Administration of Sport of China

Ye Jiangchuan Deputy Director General of Board and Card Games Administrative Center of

General Administration of Sport of China

Guo Yujun Deputy Director General of Board and Card Games Administrative Center of

General Administration of Sport of China

Chen Fei Associate Counsel of Heibei Provincial Bureau of Sport

Member of Standing Committee and Director General of United Front Depart Shang Libing

ment of Hengshui Municipal Committee of CPC, Secretary of Party Working

Committee of Binhu New Area

Wang Shikun Vice Mayor of Hengshui Municipal People's Government

Cheng Weiqing Vice Mayor of Hengshui Municipal People's Government, Director of

Hengshui Municipal Bureau of Public Security

Cui Haixia Vice Mayor of Hengshui Municipal People's Government

Secretary Generals:

Bai Min Director of Comprehensive Development Division of General of Board and Card

Games Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Wu Hao Director of Board can Card Games Administrative Center of Hebei Provincial

Bureau of Sport

Deputy Secretary General of Hengshui Municipal People's Government Wang Yipeng

Zheng Hui Director of Hengshui Municipal Bureau of Sport

Yuan Bo Director of Administrative Committee of Binhu New Area of Hengshui Municipality

Liu Yan Chairman of Beijing Five Forces Culture and Sport Co. Ltd. **Deputy Secretary Generals:**

Sun Wenliang Full-time Deputy Secretary of Party Committee for Organizations under

Hebei Provincial Bureau of Sport

Hu Ming Deputy Director of Board and Card Games Administrative Center of

Hebei Provincial Bureau of Sport

Men Lanxin Secretary of Party Committee and Deputy Director of Hengshui

Municipal Bureau of Sport

Song Quanfu Deputy Director of Hengshui Municipal Bureau of Sport

Zhao Yan Chief Executive Officer of Beijing Five Forces Culture and Sport Co. Ltd.

Members:

Yang Caiyi Director of General Office of Board and Card Games Administrative

Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Wang Yi Director of Go Division of Board and Card Games Administrative

Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Hua Xueming Captain of Chinese National Go Team

Guo Liping Director of Xiangqi Division of Board and Card Games Administrative

Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Tian Hongwei Director of Chess Division of Board and Card Games Administrative

Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Wang Yannan Deputy Director of Bridge Division of Board and Card Games Administrative

Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Xia Jinjuan Director of Draughts Division of Board and Card Games Administrative

Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Wang Xiaofeng Director of International Affairs Division of Board and Card Games

Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Zhang Wendong Director of Training and Promotion Division of Board and Card Games

Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Zhu Zhaohui Deputy Director of Financial and Assets Division of Board and Card Games

Administrative Center of General Administration of Sport of China

Officials and staffs from Board and Card Games Administrative Center of Hebei Provincial Bureau of Sport, departments of related districts and department directly under Hengshui Municipality.

IMSA Officials

Chen Zelan IMSA President; WXF Vice President (China)

José Damiani IMSA Founding President; Former IMSA and WBF President (France)

Harry Otten IMSA Deputy President; FMJD International Relations Director (Netherlands)

Mohamed Al-Mudahka IMSA Vice President; FIDE International Director (Qatar)

Gianarrigo Rona IMSA Board Member; WBF President (Italy)

Ho Sun IMSA Vice President; FCG President (Hongkong, China)

Marc De Pauw IMSA Treasurer; WBF Treasurer (Belgium)

Geoffrey Borg IMSA Executive Director (Malta)

Transportation Service

1.Airport Pick-up Service

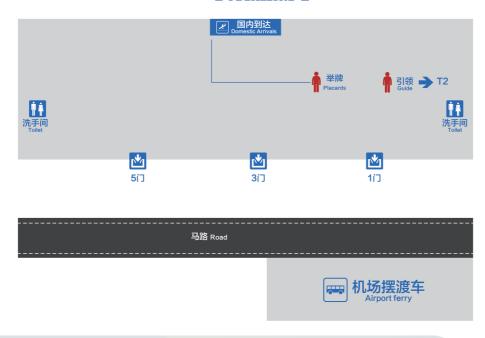
- 1.1 On official arrival and departure day, the organizing committee will arrange staff to pick guests up at all arrival exits in Terminals 1, 2 and 3 of Beijing Capital International Airport; there are no pick-up buses in Terminal 1, guests need to walk to Terminal 2 under the guidance of the pick-up staff. It will take 10-15 minutes by walking.
- 1.2 On official arrival and departure day, the organizing committee will arrange shuttle bus from airport to hotel and also staff to provide on-board service;
- 1.3 If the shuttle bus is delayed due to special reasons, the organizing committee will arrange the airport temporary rest service.

Warm reminder:

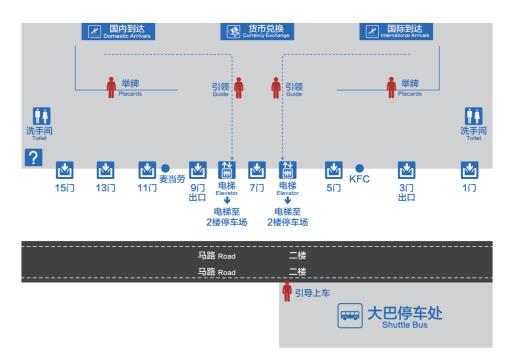
No foreign currency exchange service is available in Hengshui. If necessary, guests are requested to exchange foreign currency at the airport;

It takes 4 hours from Beijing airport to the hotel.

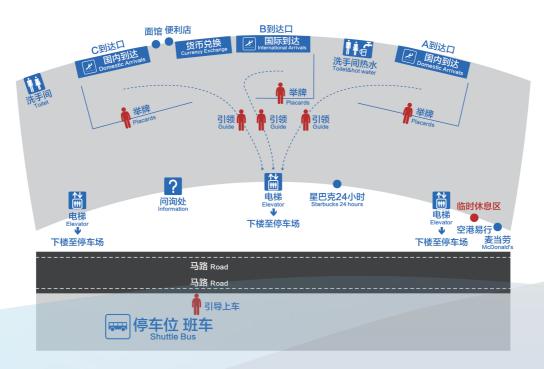
Terminal 1



Terminal 2



Terminal 3



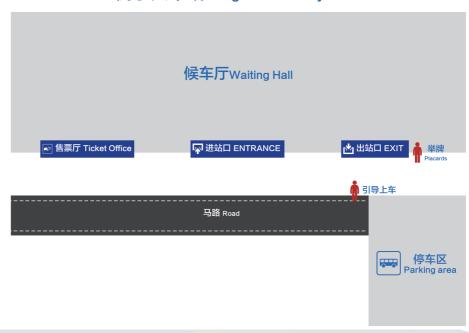
2. Train Station Pick-up Service

- 2.1 On the official arrival and departure day, the organizing committee will arrange staff to pick guests up at arrivals of Hengshuibei Railway Station and Hengshui Railway Station;
- 2.2 On the official arrival and departure day, the organizing committee will arrange shuttle bus from railway station to hotel and staff to provide on-board service;

衡水北站Hengshui North Station



衡水火车站Hengshui Railway Station



3. Shuttle Bus Service between Hotels

During the event, the organizing committee will arrange shuttle bus at the three hotels - Hengshui Guest Hotel, Hengshui Longyuan Hotel and Argyle Resort Hengshui. Guests can arrange travel according to their own competition schedule.

- 3.1 Route of shuttle bus: Hengshui Guest Hotel ← Hengshui Longyuan Hotel ← Argyle Resort Hengshui
- 3.2 Timetable of shuttle bus: it departs at 08:30 every morning from Hengshui Guest Hotel and the Argyle Resort Hengshui during the event. The bus leaves every 30 minutes and the last bus will depart at 21:00 PM daily.
- 3.3 Driving time:

Hengshui Guest Hotel to Hengshui Longyuan Hotel: 25 minutes; Hengshui Longyuan Hotel to Argyle Resort Hengshui: 5 minutes.

Pick-up Sign





Accreditation

- 1. On the way from the airport to the hotel, the staff will check relevant information and confirm the hotel:
- 2. After participants arrive at the hotel, the organizing committee will guide participants to accreditation desk to sign up and collect relevant materials including event book, meal coupons and accreditation cards.

Warm reminder: if the accreditation card is lost or personal information need to change, please bring the passport and go to the accreditation desk to redo the card.

Accommodation and Catering Service

1. Hotel Check-in Service

The organizing committee will arrange staff to guide guests to the hotel reception to check in after accreditation is done. Please show the passport or other valid identity card to get the room key. Warm reminder: according to the hotel regulations, when check-in guests need to pay a deposit of 1,000 Chinese Yuan or equivalent foreign currency or accept pre-authorization charge on credit card for deduction of extra consumption or damage to items.

The check-out time is 14:00.

2. Catering Service

During the event, all invited guests can have meals in the designated restaurant with meal coupon, while others are required to purchase meal coupons at hotel reception desk before dining.

Warm reminder: meal coupons will be given to each guest at accreditation desk together with other sign-in materials. In case of loss, you need to buy at the hotel reception.

3. Catering Time and Restaurant for Officials and Players

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Hengshui Guest Hotel (Cuiyuan Restaurant, 1F)
Breakfast: 7: 00-9: 30;
Lunch: 11: 40-13: 30:
Dinner: 17: 40-20: 30
Argyle Resort Hengshui (Buffuet Restaurant, B1)
Breakfast: 7: 00-9: 00;
Lunch: 12: 00-14: 00;
Dinner: 18: 00-21: 00
Hengshui Longyuan Hotel (Provence Western Restaurant, 1F)
Breakfast: 7: 00-9: 00;
Lunch: 12: 00-14: 00;
Dinner: 18: 00-21: 00
Note: On May 13th, due to the opening ceremony the dining time in each hotel will be adjusted to
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4. Catering Time and Restaurant for Media

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Argyle Resort Hengshui (Flavor Restaurant, B1)
Breakfast: 7: 00-9: 00;
Lunch: 12: 00-14: 00:
Dinner: 18: 00-21: 00
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5. Information desk

17:00-19:00.

During the event, the organizing committee will set up an information desk at the lobby in each official hotel. Please come to the information desk for any help.

Working time: 08:00 - 22:00

Venue Layout

1. Hengshui Guest Hotel

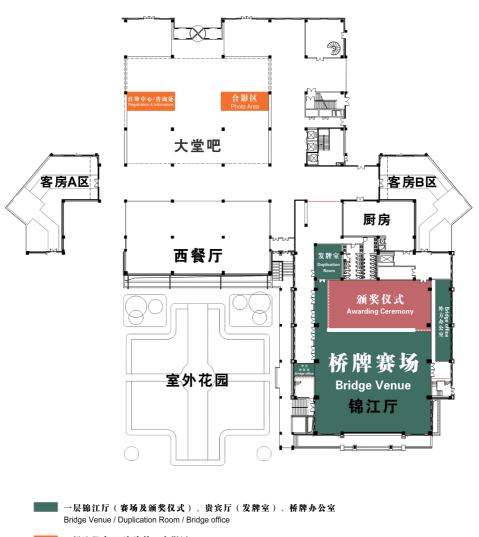






2. Hengshui Longyuan Hotel

Floor Plan of Bridge

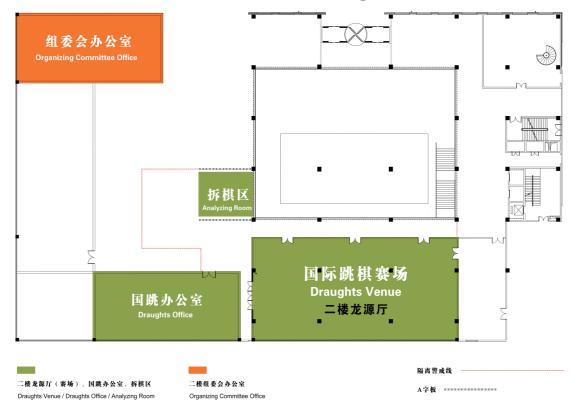


一层注册中心/咨询处、合影区 Registration & Information / Photo Area

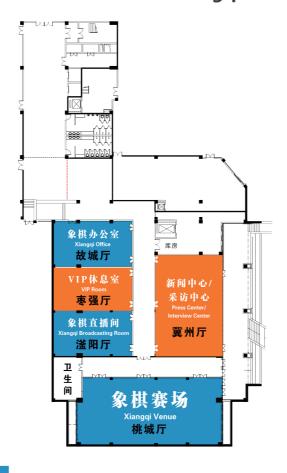
一层颁奖仪式 Awarding Ceremony

隔离警戒线 -A字板 ------

Floor Plan of Draughts



Floor Plan of Xiangqi



负一层桃城厅 (褰场) 、滏阳厅 (象棋直播间) 、故城厅 (象棋办公室)

Xiangqi Venue / Xiangqi Broadcasting Room / Xiangqi Office

负一层冀州厅(新闻中心/采访中心)、枣强厅(VIP休息室) Press Center / Interview Center / VIP Room

隔离警戒线 ---

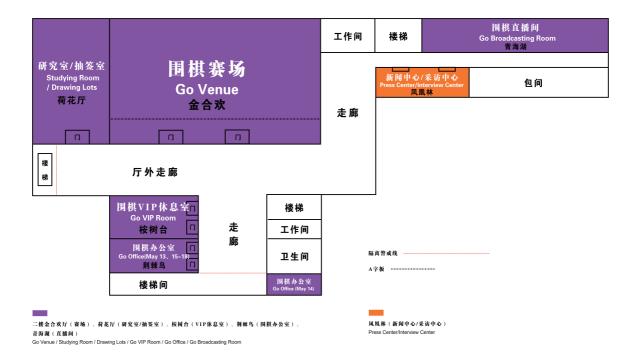
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3. Argyle Resort Hotel

Floor Plan of Chess



Floor Plan of Go



Sports and Competition



Bridge Competition Information

1. Participants

1.1 International Officials

No.	Name	Gender	Country/Region	Position
1	Panos Gerontopoulos	М	Greece	WBF Officer
2	Maurizio Di Sacco	М	Italy	Technical Delegate
3	Laurie Kelso	М	Australia	Chief Tournament Director
4	Marina Madia	F	Italy	President Assistant
5	Fotis Skoularikis	М	Greece	Scoring Manager
6	Manolo Eminenti	М	Italy	IT Systems Manager
7	Gianluca Barrese	М	Italy	Scoring Assistant
8	Mark Horton	М	Britain	Vugraph Commentator
9	Brian Robert Senior	М	Britain	Journalist
10	Mario Chavarria	М	Italy	Broadcasting Director
11	Cristian Cuchian	М	Argentina	Broadcasting Editor
12	Fabio Poleggi	М	Italy	Photographer

1.2 Players

No.	Name	Gender	Teams
1	Heather Dhondy	F	England
2	Nevena Senior	F	England
3	Catherine Draper	F	England
4	Gillian Fawcett	F	England
5	Nicola Smith	F	England
6	Yvonne Wiseman	F	England
7	Christian Bakke	М	Norway
8	Boye Brogeland	М	Norway
9	Nils Kvangraven	М	Norway
10	Allan Livgård	М	Norway
11	Ulf Tundal	М	Norway
12	Terje Aa	М	Norway
13	Zhuang Zejun	М	China
14	Chen Gang	М	China
15	Ju Chuancheng	М	China
16	Shi Zhengjun	М	China
17	Liu Yinghao	М	China
18	Hu Linlin	М	China
19	Wang Wenfei	F	China
20	Shen Qi	F	China
21	Lu Yan	F	China
22	Liu Yan	F	China
23	Wang Nan	F	China
24	Zuo Xiaoxue	F	China
25	Michel Bessis	М	France
26	Bernard Cabanes	М	France
27	Eric Mauberquez	М	France
28	Christophe Oursel	М	France

29	Julien Bernard	M	France
30	Nicolas Lhuissier	M	France
31	Kathrine Bertheau	F	Sweden
32	Catharina Ahlsved	F	Sweden
33	Jessica Larsson	F	Sweden
34	Cecilia Rimsted	F	Sweden
35	Maria Gronkvist	F	Sweden
36	Ida Gronkvist	F	Sweden
37	Bauke Muller	M	Netherlands
38	Simon de Wijs	M	Netherlands
39	Bob Drijver	M	Netherlands
40	Bart Nab	M	Netherlands
41	Sjoert Brink	M	Netherlands
42	Bas Drijver	M	Netherlands
43	Cathy Baldysz	F	Poland
44	Sophia Baldysz	F	Poland
45	Danuta Kazmucha	F	Poland
46	Justyna Zmuda	F	Poland
47	Anna Sarniak	F	Poland
48	Kasia Dufrat	F	Poland

1.3 National Officials

Xiangyang CHEN(Assistant Referee); Xiaoxia ZHOU (Duplication Manager); Hang SHU(IT Systems Manager); Xiaonian ZHANG(Broadcasting Manager).

2. Competition Schedule

Date	Tournament Start Finis					
May 12	Arrival Day					
May 13	Opening Ceremony					
	Captain's Meeting	9:30	9:45			
May 14	Team (1st round)	10:00	12:20			
May 14	Team (2nd round)	14:00	16:20			
	Team (3rd round)	16:50	19:10			
	Team (4th round)	10:00	12:20			
May 15	Team (5th round)	14:00	16:20			
	Team (6th round)	16:50	19:10			
	Team (Final-1st Session)	10:00	12:20			
M 16	Team (Final-2nd Session)	13:30	15:50			
May 16	Team (Final-3rd Session)	16:10	18:30			
	Awarding Ceremony	19:00	20:00			
NA 17	Pairs (1st Session)	10:00	13:00			
May 17	Pairs (2nd Session)	15:00	18:00			
	Pairs (3rd Session)	9:45	12:45			
	Pairs (4th Session)	13:45	16:45			
May 18	Awarding Ceremony	17:00	18:00			
	Closing Banquet					
May 19	Departure					

3. Rules and Regulations

- (1) IMSA General Condition of Contest
- (2) WBF General Condition of Contest
- (3) Supplementary Regulations and System Card Hengshui, Hebei Province 2019
- he WBF General Conditions of Contest and the Supplemental Conditions of Contest for the 43rd World Bridge Team Championships will apply subject to the following supplemental regulations:
- For the purpose of the System Policy, the event is classified as Category 3.
- The Teams competition consists of a double Round Robin of 16 boards per match, over two days, followed by a Final and a Play-Off over 48 boards, in one day.
- The VP scale to be adopted is the following:

Δ ΙΜΡ	VP	VP	Δ ΙΜΡ	VP	VP
0	10	10	31	16.88	3.12
1	10.31	9.69	32	17.03	2.97
2	10.61	9.39	33	17.17	2.83
3	10.91	9.09	34	17.31	2.69
4	11.2	8.8	35	17.45	2.55
5	11.48	8.52	36	17.59	2.41
6	11.76	8.24	37	17.72	2.28
7	12.03	7.97	38	17.84	2.16
8	12.29	7.71	39	17.97	2.03
9	12.55	7.45	40	18.09	1.91
10	12.8	7.2	41	18.21	1.79
11	13.04	6.96	42	18.33	1.67
12	13.28	6.72	43	18.44	1.56
13	13.52	6.48	44	18.55	1.45
14	13.74	6.26	45	18.66	1.34
15	13.97	6.03	46	18.76	1.24

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16	14.18	5.82	47	18.87	1.13
17	14.39	5.61	48	18.97	1.03
18	14.6	5.4	49	19.06	0.94
19	14.8	5.2	50	19.16	0.84
20	15	5	51	19.25	0.75
21	15.19	4.81	52	19.34	0.66
22	15.38	4.62	53	19.43	0.57
23	15.56	4.44	54	19.52	0.48
24	15.74	4.26	55	19.6	0.4
25	15.92	4.08	56	19.69	0.31
26	16.09	3.91	57	19.77	0.23
27	16.25	3.75	58	19.85	0.15
28	16.42	3.58	59	19.92	0.08
29	16.58	3.42	60+	20	0
30	16.73	3.27			

[•] The Pairs event is a multiple barometer, with four sessions of 22 boards (11 rounds of 2 boards each), played over two days.

4. Prizes(Euro, pre-tax)

4.1 Prizes Men

	Teams	Pairs		
Place	Prize	Place Prize		
1	30,000	1	10,000	
2	21,000	2	6,000	
3	12,000	3	3,500	
4	6,000	4	2,000	
/	/	5	1,500	
/	/	6	1,500	
/	/	7	1,500	
/	/	8	1,000	
/	/	9	1,000	
/	/	10	1,000	
/	/	11	1,000	
/	/	12	1,000	
Total	69,000	Total	31,000	

4.2 Prizes Women

	Teams	Pairs		
Place	Prize	Place	Prize	
1	30,000	1	10,000	
2	21,000	2	6,000	
3	12,000	3	3,500	
4	6,000	4	2,000	
/	/	5	1,500	
/	/	6	1,500	
/	/	7	1,500	
/	/	8	1,000	
/	/	9	1,000	
/	/	10	1,000	
/	/	11	1,000	
/	/	12	1,000	
Total	69,000	Total	31,000	



Chess Competition Information

1. Participants

1.1 International Officials

No.	Name	Gender	Associations	Position
1	Artem Buk	M	Russia	FIDE Technical team
2	Gennady Rakhvalov	M	Russia	FIDE Technical team
3	Vladimir Kukaev	M	Russia	FIDE Technical team
4	Jiangchuan Ye	М	China	Chairman of Appeals Committee
5	Benard Wanjala	M	Kenya	Member Appeals Committee
6	Ilaha Kadimova	F	Azerbaijan	Member Appeals Committee
7	Gata Kamsky	M	America	Commentator
8	Jovanka Houska	F	England	Commentator
9	Sabrina de San Vicente	F	Uruguay	Chief Arbiter
10	Nebojsa Baralic	М	Serbia	Deputy Chief Arbiter
11	Yajun Han	M	China	Deputy Chief Arbiter
12	Tabti Marouane	M	Algeria	Match Arbiter
13	Berik Balgabaev	M	Russia	Tournament Director

1.2 Players

No.	Name	Gender	Associations
1	Tingjie Lei	F	China
2	Zhongyi Tan	F	China
3	Xue Zhao	F	China
4	Zhansaya Abdumalik	F	Kazakhstan
5	Bela Khotenashvili	F	Georgia
6	Valentina Gunina	F	Russia
7	Harika Dronavalli	F	India
8	Humpy Koneru	F	India
9	Alexandra Kosteniuk	F	Russia
10	Irina Krush	F	America
11	Anastasia Bodnaruk	F	Russia
12	Mariya Muzy chuk	F	Ukraine
13	Elisabeth Paehtz	F	Germany
14	Antoaneta Stefanova	F	Bulgaria
15	Anna Ushenina	F	Ukraine
16	Nana Dzagnidze	F	Georgia
17	Yangyi Yu	М	China
18	Xiangzhi Bu	М	China
19	Hao Wang	М	China
20	Vidit Gujrathi	М	India
21	Dmitry Andreikin	М	Russia
22	Leinier Dominguez	М	America
23	Vladimir Fedoseev	М	Russia
24	Boris Gelfand	М	Israel
25	Quang Liem Le	М	Vietnam
26	Rauf Mamedov	М	Azerbaijan
27	Richard Rapport	М	Hungary
28	Peter Leko	М	Hungary
29	Anton Korobov	М	Ukraine
30	Ivan Chepa rinov	М	Georgia
31	Ruslan Ponomariov	М	Ukraine
32	Gawain Jones	М	England

1.3 National Officials

Youru FENG(Arbiter); Zhao YAN(Arbiter); Zhuhuan LIN(Arbiter); Zhihua LIANG(Arbiter).

2. Competition Schedule

Date	Tournament	Start	Finish
May 12	Arrival Day		
May 13	Opening Ceremony		
May 14	Rapid Men & Women (1-4 round)	14:00	18:00
May 15	Rapid Men & Women (5-7 round)	14:00	17:00
N401C	Rapid Men & Women (8-11 round)	14:00	18:00
May 16	Awarding Ceremony	19:00	20:00
May 17	Blitz Men & Women (1-6 round)	14:00	18:00
	Blitz Men & Women (7-11 round)	13:00	16:00
May 18	Awarding Ceremony	17:00	18:00
	Closing Banquet		
May 19	Departure		

3. Time Control for Play

3.1 Rapid Chess – Men & Women

For all rapid chess competitions each player will have 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per move, starting from move one (G15' +10"), for the whole game.

3.2 Blitz Chess - Men & Women

For all blitz chess competitions each player will have 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per move, starting from move one (G 3' + 2''), for the whole game.

4. Tournament Regulations

4.1 Players are not permitted to speak to their opponents during the games. Appropriate sporting behavior is expected from all participants and FIDE rules of conduct are to be strictly followed at all times.

- 4.2 During the playing session, a player may leave the playing area only with the permission of the Chief Arbiter and only if he is accompanied by one of the arbiters.
- 4.3 Players are required to attend the Players' Meeting on the day of the Opening Ceremony at a time to be decided by the Chief Arbiter and the Organizers. If necessary, the Chief Arbiter may call other Players' Meetings.
- 4.4 The draw for Colors and Pairings will be made in the first Players' Meeting for all four events.
- 4.5 Players are requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations C.01 (Article 8.1) in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the matches. Sport Accord may provide a dress code for the event and players and officials will comply with the dress code.
- 4.6 Players will not be allowed to offer draws directly to their opponents. Any draw claim will be permitted only through the Chief Arbiter in the following cases:
- a triple-repetition of the position as per FIDE laws of chess (art. 9.2)
- in dead drawn positions as per FIDE Laws of Chess (art. 9.6)
- applying the rule of 50 moves as per FIDE laws of chess (art. 9.3)
- 4.7 A protest against any decision must be submitted in writing to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee, immediately after the game. The decision of the Appeals Committee is final.

5. Prizes & Medals

- 5.1 Organizers shall award a gold medal to the winner of each event, a silver medal to the player who took the second place and a bronze medal to the player who took the third place.
- 5.2 Prizes for Men's events (Euro, pre-tax)

Place	Rapid	Blitz
1	18,000	18,000
2	13,000	13,000
3	9500	9500
4	7000	7000
5	6000	6000
6	5000	5000
7	4000	4000
8	3000	3000
9	2000	2000
10	1500	1500
11	1000	1000
12	1000	1000
13	1000	1000
14	1000	1000
15	1000	1000
16	1000	1000
Total	75,000	75,000

5.3 Prizes for Women's events (Euro, pre-tax)

Place	Rapid	Blitz
1	12,000	12,000
2	8000	8000
3	6000	6000
4	5000	5000
5	4000	4000
6	3000	3000
7	2500	2500
8	2000	2000
9	1500	1500
10	1000	1000
11	1000	1000
12	1000	1000
13	750	750
14	750	750
15	750	750
16	750	750
Total	50,000	50,000

5.4 Conditions of victory: The player with the most points (1 point for each win, half a point for each draw, 0 for each loss) is declared the winner of the tournament.

6. Tie Breaks

A tie-break system will be used to determine the three (3) medal winners (gold, silver, bronze) but all money prizes will be divided equally in cases of a tie. The tie break criteria are as below:

- 6.1 Rapid:
- 6.1.1 Direct encounter [Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)].
- 6.1.2 Buchholz cut 1.
- 6.1.3 Tournament performance rating.
- 6.2 Blitz:
- 6.2.1 Direct encounter [Results of direct encounters between the tied players (applies only if all tied players have played each other)].
- 6.2.2 Buchholz cut 1.

- 6.2.3 Tournament performance rating.
- 6.3 In case of any tie-break even after the above criteria, FIDE may organize Armageddon matches as it may be required to determine the medal winners. All prizes will still be split equally.
- 6.4 Armageddon: the players shall play one (1) sudden death game. The player who wins the drawing of lots may choose the color. The player with the white pieces shall receive 5 minutes; the player with the black pieces shall receive 4 minutes whereupon, after the 60th move, both players shall receive an increment of 2 seconds per move starting from move 61. In case of a draw the player with the black pieces is declared the winner.

7. Interviews, functions and mode of dressing.

- 7.1 Players are expected to cooperate reasonably with the media. General interviews with them can be arranged only through the Press Officer.
- 7.2 Players are required to make themselves available for short interviews immediately after each game. In general, both players shall be available for the daily press conference.
- 7.3 Players are required to be present at all official functions approved by FIDE President or his representative during the Tournament including official receptions and the opening and closing ceremonies.
- 7.4 Players are specifically requested to note the requirements of FIDE Regulations in respect of their dignified appearance at all times during the event.
- 7.5 Only photographers and camera crews expressly authorized by the Organising Committee may work in the playing venue.
- 7.6 Apart from the players and principals, no other person shall be allowed in the field of play during the games, except with the express permission of the Chief Arbiter.
- 7.7 During the playing session (lasting from 10 minutes before the start of the round until the departure of players), the following additional regulations shall be in force:
- 7.7.1 Players are not permitted to bring into the playing venue any electronic or technical or other equipment extraneous to play, which may in any way disturb or upset the opponent or may be in breach of the Rules of Chess. The Chief Arbiter shall decide what constitutes extraneous equipment liable to offend the opponent or may be in breach of the Rules of Chess.
- 7.7.2 Players shall shake hands (or shall greet each other in a normal social manner in accordance with the conventional rules of their society) before the start and after the end of each game. If a player fails to meet these requirements and after being asked to do so by the Chief Arbiter, then the player will lose the game immediately.
- 7.7.3 During the game, a player may talk only to an arbiter or communicate with a steward.

- 7.7.4 Organizers shall provide in sufficiency, free of charge, coffee, tea and soft drinks for the players and principals. It is advisable that the same offer shall apply for the press members.
- 7.7.5 Organizers shall provide score sheets according to the specifications provided by FIDE.
- 7.8 During play either the Chief Arbiter or the Deputy Chief Arbiter must be present in the playing
- 7.9 The Chief Arbiter may, in consultation with the Chairman of Appeals Committee, the players and after the approval of the FIDE President, issue additional written regulations to lay down the exact playing hours and take care of other details not covered by these regulations.
- 7.10 Immediately after the end of the event, the Chief Arbiter shall draw up a report in the English language and send it without delay to the FIDE Secretariat. The report shall be supplemented by adding two copies of any bulletins of the event. The report shall contain the result of each individual game as well as the final standings of the event. In addition, the report shall contain a general description of the course of the event.
- 7.11 Immediately after the end of the event, the Chairman of Appeals Committee shall draw up a report in the English language and send it without delay to the FIDE Secretariat. The report shall contain an overview of the organization, the conditions and any other matter that may be deemed relevant by the Chairman of Appeals Committee.
- 7.12 Organizers shall ensure the field of play and its environs meet at least the requirements of the FIDE Regulations for the Organization of Top-Level Tournaments (FIDE Handbook C.01).
- 7.13 The field of play shall be decorated with the FIDE flag, IMSA flag, the flags of the host nation and the participating Federations.

8. Arbiters

Chief Arbiter will be nominated by FIDE, two Deputy Chief Arbiters and assistant Arbiters will be chosen by FIDE and the Chinese Chess Federation.

9. Appeals Committee

- 9.1 The Members of the Appeals Committee are selected by FIDE President as officials during the event.
- 9.2 All protests must be submitted in writing to the Appeals Committee not more than two hours after the relevant playing session, or the particular infringement complained against.

- 9.3 The Committee may decide on the following matters:
- 9.3.1 An appeal against a decision by an arbiter.
- 9.3.2 A protest against a player's behaviour.
- 9.3.3 Complaint alleging false interpretation of the regulations.
- 9.3.4 Request for the interpretation of specific regulations.
- 9.3.5 A protest or complaint against any participant.
- 9.3.6 All other matters which the Committee considers important.
- 9.4 If possible, the Committee shall reach a decision not more than two hours after the submission of a protest. The appeals process shall include written representations and a written decision. The Committee shall endeavour to find binding solutions that are within the true spirit of the FIDE motto, Gens Una Sumus.
- 9.5 Each protest must be accompanied by a deposit fee of €500 (five hundred Euros) or a written statement that this fee can be deducted from the prize fund if the protest is rejected. If the protest is accepted, the fee shall be returned. If the protest is rejected, then in this case, FIDE reserves the right to withhold the deposit fee.
- 9.6 The decision of the Appeals Committee arising from any dispute in respect of these regulations shall be final.

10. Opening Ceremony for each tournament

A short Opening Ceremony shall take place and all participants are required to take part.

11. Closing Ceremony of each tournament

The Closing Ceremony shall take place according to schedule.

12. At any time in the course of the application of these regulations, any grounds that are not covered or any unforeseen event shall be referred to the President of FIDE for final decision.

ANNEX 1

2019 IMSA WORLD MASTERS CHAMPIONSHIP TECHNICAL REGULATIONS (FIDE Laws of Chess)

The FIDE Laws of Chess are Annex 1, as valid since 1 January 2018 and published on the FIDE website:

http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=208&view=article



Draughts Competition Information

1. Participants

1.1 International Officials

No	Name	Gender	Country/Region	Position
1	Harry Otten	М	Netherlands	Deputy President of IMSA, FMJD International Relations Manager
2	Jacek Pawlicki	М	Poland	FMJD Tournament Director
3	Frank Teer	М	Netherlands	Chief referee
4	Bartosz Socha	М	Poland	Deputy referee
5	Wadja Faustin Niamke	M	Ivory Coast	Deputy referee
6	Fang Xie	F	China	Deputy referee
7	Xirong Xie	M	China	Deputy referee
8	Ke Zhao	М	China	Deputy referee

1.2 Players

1 Olga Fedarovich F Belarus 2 Darya Fedarovich F Belarus 3 Jing Li F China 4 Sai Ya F China 5 You Zhang F China 6 Hanqing Zhao F China
3 Jing Li F China 4 Sai Ya F China 5 You Zhang F China
4 Sai Ya F China 5 You Zhang F China
5 You Zhang F China
6 Hanqing Zhao F China
7 Biagne Ersa Negbre F Ivory Coast
8 Heike Verheul F Netherlands
9 Natalia Sadowska F Poland
10 Aigul Idrisova F Russia

11	Matrena Nogovitsyna	F	Russia
12	Tamara Tansykkuzhina	F	Russia
13	Olga Baltazhy	F	Ukraine
14	Yuliia Makarenkova	F	Ukraine
15	Viktoriia Motrichko	F	Ukraine
16	Lublyana Turiy	F	America
17	Vitalia Doumesh	F	Netherlands
18	Jelena Cesnokova	F	Latvia
19	Michael Semianiuk	М	Belarus
20	Mbongo Thomy Lucien	М	Cameroon
21	Jean Marc Ndjofang	М	Cameroon
22	Yiming Pan	М	China
23	Chengcheng Tian	М	China
24	Chenfan Wang	М	China
25	Wei Zhou	М	China
26	Vadim Virny	М	Germany
27	Joel Atse	М	Ivory Coast
28	Guntis Valneris	М	Latvia
29	Aleksander Baliakin	М	Netherlands
30	Jan Groenendijk	М	Netherlands
31	Alexey Chizhov	М	Russia
32	Aleksandr Georgiev	М	Russia
33	Alexander Shvartsman	М	Russia
34	Ivan Trofimov	М	Russia
35	Guno Burleson	М	Surinam
36	Iurii Anikieiev	М	Ukraine

2. The events

2.1 Rapid

Separate event for male/female; three days with 7 rounds Swiss system tournaments (FMJD solkoff truncated); time control 30 minutes plus 20 seconds increment.

Separate event for male/female; two days with round robin tournaments; time control 5 minutes plus 3 seconds increment.

3. Competition Schedule

Date	Tournament	Start	Finish		
May 12	Arrival Day				
May 13	Opening Ceremony				
N4014	Rapid Men & Women (1st round)	14:00	16:10		
May 14	Rapid Men & Women (2nd round)	16:30	18:40		
	Rapid Men & Women (3th round)	13:30	15:40		
May 15	Rapid Men & Women (4th round)	16:00	18:10		
	Rapid Men & Women (5th round)	18:30	20:40		
	Rapid Men & Women (6th round)	13:30	15:40		
May 16	Rapid Men & Women (7th round)	16:00	18:10		
	Awarding Ceremony	19:00	20:00		
N4547	Blitz Men & Women (1-2 round)	11:00	12:20		
May 17	Blitz Men & Women (3-10 round)	14:00	19:20		
	Blitz Men & Women (11-13 round)	10:20	12:20		
May 10	Blitz Men & Women (14-17 round)	14:00	16:40		
May 18	Awarding Ceremony	17:00	18:00		
	Closing Banquet				
May 19	Departure				

4. Prizes(Euro, pre-tax)

4.1 Prizes Men

Place	Rapid	Blitz	
1	6,500	6,500	
2	5,500	5,500	
3	4,500	4,500	
4	3,500	3,500	
5	3,200	3,200	
6	2,800	2,800	
7	2,400	2,400	
8	2,000	2,000	
9	1,600	1,600	
10	1,300	1,300	
11	1,200	1,200	
12	1,100	1,100	
13	1,000	1,000	
14	1,000	1,000	
15	900	900	
16	900	900	
17	800	800	
18	800	800	
Total	41,000	41,000	

4.2 Prizes Women

Place	Rapid	Blitz
1	5,500	5,500
2	4,500	4,500
3	3,500	3,500
4	3,000	3,000
5	2,700	2,700
6	2,500	2,500
7	2,300	2,300
8	2,000	2,000
9	1,500	1,500
10	1,200	1,200
11	900	900
12	800	800
13	700	700
14	700	700
15	600	600
16	600	600
17	500	500
18	500	500
Total	34,000	34,000

All prizes are pre-tax

5. Tie Breaks

For the round robin tournaments tie breaks will not be used for prizes. So, the prizes will be shared between tied players.

- 5.1 Rapid
- 5.1.1 truncated Solkoff: the largest total score of opponents played, not counting the weakest, if needed the second weakest etc.
- 5.1.2 average rating of opponents (FMD rating)
- 5.1.3 direct encounter
- 5.1.4 better place on FMJD rating list for rapid-blitz
- 5.2 Blitz
- 5.2.1 the largest number of victories
- 5.2.2 the result between the tied players
- 5.2.3 the best results obtained in the order of the classification
- 5.2.4 better place on FMJD rating list for rapid-blitz



Go Competition Information

1. Participants

1.1 International Officials

No.	Name	Gender	Country/Region	Position
1	Ito Yasunari	М	Japan	Secretary General of IGF
2	Seto Taiki	М	Japan	Team Leader
3	Tormanen Antti	М	Finland	Media
4	Okamoto Hideaki	М	Japan	Media
5	Li Ting	F	China	Technical Delegate
6	Su Yaoguo	М	China	Referee
7	CHIN,SHI-MIN	М	Chinese Taipei	Secretary-general; Arbiter
8	CHOU,CHUN-HSUN	М	Chinese Taipei	Coach(Team leader)
9	Martin Stiassny	М	Austria	Team Leader
10	Hajin Lee	F	Korea	Team Leader
11	Taki Hiroko	F	Japan	WPGA Vice President
12	Moriwaki Makoto	М	Japan	WPGA Staff
13	Cao Li	F	China	WPGA Interpreter
14	HUA XUEMING	F	China	Arbiter
15	YU BIN	М	China	Team Leader
16	YANG SHUO	М	China	Referee
17	JO INSUN	М	Korea	Team Leader
18	KIM SOO JANG	М	Korea	Referee

1.2 Players

No.	Name	Gender	Country/Region
1	Jie KE	M	China
2	Yuting MI	M	China
3	Zihao GU	M	China
4	Zhiying YU	F	China
5	Chenxing WANG	F	China
6	Daisuke Murakawa	M	Japan
7	Atsushi Ida	M	Japan
8	Katsuya Motoki	M	Japan
9	Mukai Chiaki	F	Japan
10	Eiko Nyu	F	Japan
11	SHIN JINSEO	M	Korea
12	LEE JI HYUN	M	Korea
13	PARK JEONG HWAN	M	Korea
14	CHOI JEONG	F	Korea
15	OH YUJIN	F	Korea
16	YUAN-JYUN WANG	M	Chinese Taipei
17	LI-HSIANG LIN	M	Chinese Taipei
18	HAO-HUNG HSU	M	Chinese Taipei
19	JIA-JIA MISSINGHAM JOANNE	F	Chinese Taipei
20	HSIN-HUI PAI	F	Chinese Taipei
21	Ilya Shikshin	M	Russia
22	Pavol Lisy	M	Slovakia
23	Mateusz Surma	M	Poland
24	Natalia Kovaleva	F	Russia
25	Ariane Ougier	F	France
26	Ryan Li	M	Canada
27	William Shi	M	Canada
28	Eric Lui	M	America
29	Xuefen Lin	F	America
30	Gabriella Su	F	America

1.3 National Officials

Jianwu LIANG(Executive Chief Referee); Lin WANG(Referee); Meiling KANG(Referee); Fanzhou ZHANG(Referee); Jietao WANG(Referee); Yang ZHANG(Referee).

2. Events: Men's and Women's Team; Pair Go.

3. Competition Schedule

Date	Tournament	Start	Finish	
May 12	Arrival Da	ау		
May 13	Opening Cere	emony		
May 14	Team (1st round)	9:30	13:00	
May 14	Team (2nd round)	14:00	17:30	
May 15	Team (3rd round)	9:30	13:00	
May 15	Team (4th round)	14:00	17:30	
	Team (5th round)	9:30	13:00	
May 16	Pairs (1st round)	14:00	17:30	
	Awarding Ceremony	19:00	20:00	
Mov 17	Pairs (2nd round)	9:30	13:00	
May 17	Pairs (3th round)	14:00	17:30	
	Pairs Final	9:00	12:00	
May 18	Awarding Ceremony	17:00	18:00	
	Closing Banquet			
May 19	Departure			

4. Competition methods

- a) Chinese Weigi Rules, with Black giving 3 and 34 stones komi.
- b) Men Team—18 players Total 6 teams, 3 players per team. Single round robin, one or two rounds per day (total 5 rounds), Time allowance is 1 hours each side, with 3 renewable 30-second overtime periods.
- c) Women's Team: 12 players Total 6 teams, 2 players per team. Single round robin, one or two rounds per day (total 5 rounds), Time allowance is 1 hours each side, with 3 renewable 30-second overtime periods.
- d) Pair Go 8-pairs (China, Japan, South Korea, Chinese Taipei, North America, and Europe and two pairs from wild card), single knockout, one or two rounds per day over two days. Time allowance is 1 hours each side, with 3 renewable 30-second overtime periods.

5. Prizes (Euro, pre-tax)

5.1 Prizes Team

Men's Team		Women's Team	
Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	60,000	1	25,000
2	30,000	2	10,000
3	15,000	3	5,000
4	7,500	4	4,000
5	4,500	5	2,500
6	3,000	6	2,000
total	120,000	total	48,500

5.2 Prizes Pairs

Place	Prize
1	12,000
2	7,000
3	4,000
4	3,000
5	2,500
6	1,500
7	1,000
8	500
total	31,500

^{*}Please note that IGF will charge 10% of the above prize as commission fee.



Xiangqi Competition Information

1. Participants

1.1 International Officials

No.	Name	Gender	Country/Region	Position
1	Guo Liping	F	China	WXF Secretary-General
2	Zhong Xue	М	Germany	WXF Deputy Secretary-General
3	Mitsunori Yamada	М	Japan	WXF Deputy Secretary-General
4	Wei Jiang	М	Canada	WXF Promotion Commission Vice Chairman
5	Zechao Li	M	China	CXA Deputy Secretary
6	Miao Li	F	China	WXF Secretary

1.2 Players

No.	Name	Gender	Associations
1	Tianyi Wang	М	China
2	Weitong Zheng	М	China
3	Yanlei Cao	М	Macao, China
4	Handi Xue	М	Germany
5	Zijian Liu	М	Philippines
6	Minh Nhat Quang Nguyen	М	Vietnam
7	Thean Jern Yeoh	М	Malaysia
8	Yin Lung Cheng	М	Hongkong, China
9	Fangyao Pu	М	Germany
10	Yuan Shuo Yu	М	Chinese Taipei

11	Alvin Tsung Han Woo	M	Singapore
12	Kong Dwo Look	M	Malaysia
13	Bin Bakri Anuar	M	Malaysia
14	Kazuharu Shoshi	M	Japan
15	Sergej Korchitskij	M	Belarus
16	Kyaw Kyaw Hlyoel	M	Myanmar
17	Dan Tang	F	China
18	Hoang Yen Nguyen	F	Vietnam
19	Ting Ting Yii	F	East Malaysia
20	Dan Jia	F	America
21	Chen Li	F	Britain
22	Min Fang Fiona Tan	F	Singapore
23	Ka Yan Lam	F	Hongkong, China
24	Diana Hong Chan	F	Australia

1.3 National Officials

Xiaofeng Luan(Chief Referee); Yingqin You(Deputy Referee); Jinqi Liu(Deputy Referee); Zheng Liu(Progammer); Donghui Wang(Referee); Zhen Wu(Referee); Tingting Zhang(Referee).

2. Events

- (1) Men's Individual Event
- (2) Women's Individual Event

3. Competition Schedule

Date	Tournament	Start	Finish			
May 12	Arrival Day					
May 13	Technical Meeting 16:00					
Iviay 13	Opening Ceremony					
May 14	Individual Men &Women (1st round)	9:00	12:40			
May 14	Individual Men &Women (2nd round)	14:00	17:40			
May 15	Individual Men &Women (3nd round)	9:00	12:40			
May 15	Individual Men &Women (4th round)	14:00	17:40			
	Individual Men &Women (5th round)	9:00	12:40			
May 16	Individual Men &Women (6th round)	14:00	17:40			
	Individual Men's Final	8:30	13:30			
May 17	Individual Women (7th round)	8:30	12:10			
	Awarding Ceremony	14:00	14:30			
May 18	Closing Banquet					
May 19	Departure					

4.Format of Competition

- (1) The World Xiangqi Rules approved and authorized by the World Xiangqi Federation would be adopted.
- (2) For the first stage of the Men's Individual Event, the Swiss Systems format of six rounds would be adopted. The competitors of the top 4 positions would enter the finals in the second stage whereby a single game format will be utilized. The Position 1 would play against Position 2 to decide the winner and the first Runners-up, and the Position 3 would play against Position 4 to decide the 3rd place and the 4th place. The color to be played would be decided with by drawing lots. In the event of a draw a Rapid Games would be adopted whereby the color to be played would be exchanged. In the event of a draw again a Tie-break Game would be finalized. The color to be played would be decided with by drawing lots. Black would win in the event of a draw.

In the Women's Individual Event, a seven round single game round-robin format would be utilized.

- (3) Time format:
- 1) Basic timing: 50 minutes + 30 seconds increment per player per game
- 2) Rapid Games: 10 minutes + 10 seconds increment per player per game
- 3) Tie-break Game: red 6 minutes vs black 4 minutes, + 5 seconds increment per player per game, black would win in the event of a draw.

5. Prizes(Euro, pre-tax)

5.1 Prizes Men

Place	Prize	Place	Prize
1	20,000	9	1000
2	10,000	10	1000
3	8,000	11	1000
4	6,000	12	1000
5	4,000	13	1000
6	3,500	14	1000
7	3,000	15	1000
8	2,500	16	1000
Total	65,000		

5.2 Prizes Women

Place	Prize
1	10,000
2	8,000
3	6,000
4	4,000
5	3,000
6	2,000
7	1,000
8	1,000
Total	35,000

Ceremonies

1. Opening Ceremony

Date: May 13, 2019 Time: 19:30-20:50

Location: Hengshui Poly Grand Theater Theme: Beautiful Hengshui, Bright Future

Bus Arrangement

At 18:45, athletes and officials gathered at the main entrance of Hengshui Longyuan Hotel, Argyle Resort Hengshui and Hengshui Guest Hotel and go to Hengshui Poly Grand Theatre. The bus will leave at 19:00 on time. After the opening ceremony, please get on the same bus and go back to hotels at 21:00.

Note: Enter with accreditation card and ticket

2. Closing Ceremony

Date: May 18, 2019 Time: 19:00-21:00

Location: Hengshui Guest Hotel

Bus Arrangement:

At 18:15 PM, athletes and officials gathered at the main entrance of Hengshui Longyuan Hotel and Argyle Resort Hengshui and go to Hengshui Guest Hotel. The bus will leave at 18:30 PM on time. After the closing ceremony, please get on the same bus and go back to hotels at 21:00.

Format: Table Banquet

Note: Enter with meal coupon

3.Awarding Ceremonies

Time: May 16 - 18

Location: Hengshui Longyuan Hotel Jinjiang Hall(1F)

Bus Arrangement:

Medal Winners of Chess and Go should take buses from Argyle Resort Hengshui to Hengshui Longyuan Hotel on May 16th and May 18th for awarding ceremonies. Buses will wait at the entrance of Argyle Resort Hengshui half an hour before awarding ceremonies.

Arrangement for Awarding Ceremony

Date	Time	Discipline	
		GO- Women's Team	
		GO - Men's Team	
		Chess - Rapid Women	
May 16	10.00 20.00	Chess - Rapid Men	
May 16	19:00 -20:00	Draughts - Rapid Women	
		Draughts - Rapid Men	
		Bridge - Women's Team	
		Bridge - Men's Team	
Na.: 17	14.00 14.30	Xiangqi Women's Individual	
May 17	14:00 – 14:30	Xiangqi - Men's Individual	
		GO - Pair	
		Chess - Blitz Women	
		Chess - Blitz Men	
May 18	17:00 – 18:00	Draughts - Blitz Women	
		Draughts - Blitz Men	
		Bridge - Women's Pair	
		Bridge - Men's Pair	

Introduction to Hengshui City

Hengshui, located in the southeast of Hebei Province, has jurisdiction over 8 counties, 2 districts, 1 city, 1 high-tech zone, 1 Binhu new district, 114 towns and 4,992 administrative villages, with a total area of 8,815 square kilometers and a population of 4.55 million. In recent years, Hengshui has been listed as national comprehensive reform pilot city among small and medium sized cities and provincial comprehensive supplementary reform pilot city. It has been awarded the title of China's Most Promising City for Investment and China's "Top 10 Happy Cities".

Profound historical and cultural heritage "The world is divided into nine states, and Ji Prefecture is the first". Hengshui is located in the core land of ancient Ji Prefecture, and Hebei Province referred to as "Ji" which also is originated from this. There were many historical figures emerging such as Dong Zhongshu, a Confucian master in the Western Han Dynasty, and Queen Mother Feng, a female politician in the Northern Wei Dynasty. In modern times, Hengshui emerged a number of writers and artists, such as the Peking Opera master Xun Huisheng, founder of Story-telling in Beijing Dialect with Drum, Liu Baoquan, as well as Sun Li, the founder of lotus lake school. Interior painted snuff bottle, palace goldfish and Houdian Writing Brush are known as "Three Uniques in Hengshui" . Superior location and transportation. It is the first city establishing district in the south direction of the Xiong'an New District, which is 120 kilometers away from the Xiong'an New District, and the city boundary is only 50 kilometers. It is also a traffic hub of Beijing-Kowloon, Shijiazhuang-Dezhou, Handan-Huanghuagang Railways; Daqing-Guangzhou, Handan-Huanghuagang, Hengshui-Dezhou, Xingtai-Hengshui Highways; Shijiazhuang-Jinan High-speed Railway, as well as Xiong' an-Shangqiu High-speed Railway and Shijiazhuang-Hengshui-Cangzhou-Huanghuagang. Interurban Railways will be built soon. Fei Xiaotong, a famous sociologist, called it "the Golden Cross". Developed featured industries. A lot of creative efforts have been made on industrial development. Ten characteristic industries, such as silk screen, glass fiber reinforced plastics and engineering rubber, have been formed. The industrial pattern of "one industry for one county, one industry for several counties" have been basically formed. Daying Town of Zaoqiang County is known as "the Capital of Fur Garment"; the domestic market share of Anping silk screen accounts for 85%; the engineering rubber industry in the high-tech zone accounts for more than 60% of the domestic market share; glass fiber reinforced plastics in Zaoqiang and Jizhou account for more than 60% of the domestic market; Jing County rubber and plastic products account for 40% of the domestic market, iron tower and steel structure account for 35% of the domestic market. Beautiful ecological environment in Hengshui. Hengshui Lake is a national wetland and bird nature reserve, covering an area of 75 square kilometers, which is known as "the most beautiful wetland in Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei" and the "sapphire of East Asia". There are 538 species of

plants and 324 species of birds in the lake area. It is an important post on three migratory bird routes around the world. On March 8, 2017, Sino-Germany Financial Cooperation experts team observed a total of 308 anthya ferina (international critically endangered birds) in Hengshui Lake at one time. It is the world's largest population ever found, and there are fewer than 1,000 in the world. Hengshui Lake wetland has the ecological functions of conserving water source, purifying air, degrading pollution and maintaining biodiversity. It is an ecological support area for coordinated development of Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei region.

In recent years, Hengshui earnestly studies and implements Xi Jinping's thought on socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era and the spirit of the 19th National Congress of the Communist Party of China, consciously engages in the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei coordinated development and Xiong' an New Area planning and construction of the overall situation. Hengshui deeply implements the "the 13th Five-year Plan+" initiative, firmly following the path of innovation-oriented, science and technology support, and green development. It successively carries on the "seven battles", "eight-years flight" and "eight major projects". In a result, the city's economic and social development has always presented a good situation of steady progress, steady rise with new. In 2018, the gross regional production reached 155.87 billion yuan, with a growth of 6.9%; per capita disposable income of urban and rural residents rose by 9.7% and 11.6% respectively, with the increasing speed ranking respectively the first and the third in the province. The growth of nine economic indicators, i.e. gross regional production, added value of industrial enterprises above designated size, total retail sales of consumer goods and foreign investment in actual use, is higher than the provincial average level. In the first quarter in 2019, the gross regional production grew by 8.1 percent, which was the fastest growth since 2015; the growth rate of major economic indicators, including added value of industrial enterprises above designated size, profiles of industrial enterprises above designated size, fixed-asset investment and total retail sales of consumer goods, is higher than the provincial average, achieving a good start in the first quarter.