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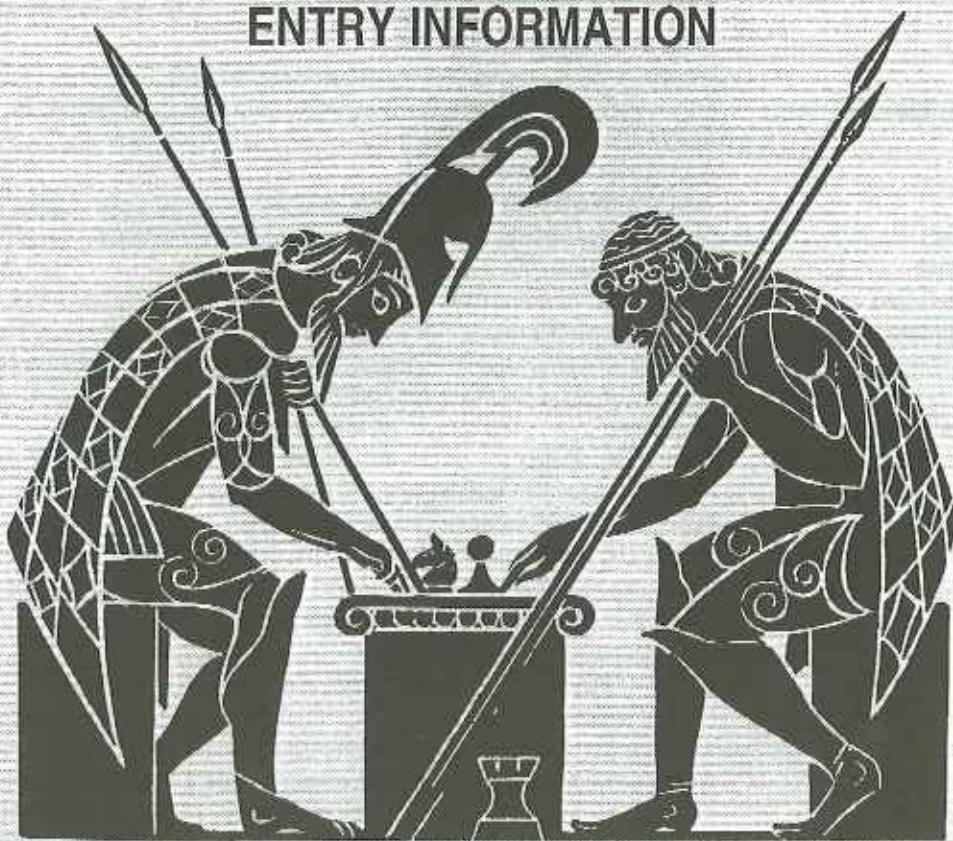
MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD

with  **Skandia**

Royal Festival Hall, London

August 18th-24th 1997

ENTRY INFORMATION



**£100,000 prize fund!!
Open to Everyone!**

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THE TOURNAMENTS

		Entry Fees
		Adults (Juniors)
5-DAY EVENTS - BOARD GAMES		
Backgammon Festival		£12.50 (£5)
Chess <i>Concorde prize !!</i>		£25 (£10)
Chinese Chess (Xiang Qi)		£25 (£10)
Draughts (Checkers) 8x8		£25 (£10)
Draughts (Checkers) 10x10		£25 (£10)
Go 19x19		£25 (£10)
Go 13x13		£25 (£10)
Othello (Reversi)		£25 (£10)
Owari		£25 (£10)
Scrabble <i>Concorde prize !!</i>		£25 (£10)
5-DAY EVENTS - CARD GAMES		
Magic - the Gathering		£25 (£10)
Rummikub		£25 (£10)
Skat (German rules)		£25 (£10)
5-DAY EVENTS - MENTAL SKILLS		
Computer Programming		£25 (£10)
I.Q. Competition <i>Concorde prize !!</i>	Set and marked by Mensa.	£25 (£10)
Jigsaw Puzzles	1 puzzle (500 pieces) per session.	£25 (£10)
4-DAY EVENTS		
Bridge	Duplicate pairs	£25 (£10)
Japanese Chess (Shogi)	3 games per session. 30 minutes per player for all moves.	£25 (£10)
2-DAY EVENTS		
Abalone	August 19th and 20th, 10am-2pm	£17.50 (£7)
Backgammon	Worldwide Backgammon Federation sanctioned event.	£17.50 (£7)
Chinese Chess (Xiang Qi)	European Open Championship. 60 minutes per player for all moves.	£17.50 (£7)
Entropy (Hyle)	August 19th and 20th, 4pm-8pm	£17.50 (£7)
Fanorona	August 19th and 20th; 4pm-8pm	£17.50 (£7)
Gin Rummy	August 23rd and 24th, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm	£17.50 (£7)
Go 19x19	August 23rd, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm; August 24th 10am-2pm	£17.50 (£7)
Hare and Tortoise	August 19th and 20th, 10am-2pm	£17.50 (£7)
Lines of Action (LOA)	August 19th and 20th, 10am-2pm	£17.50 (£7)
Mah Jongg (Chinese rules)	3 games per session.	£17.50 (£7)
Mastermind	August 21st and 22nd, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm	£17.50 (£7)
Memory Skills	August 21st and 22nd. Numerous memory tests.	£25 (£10)
Othello (Reversi)	11 games. 25 minutes per player for all moves.	£17.50 (£7)
Scrabble	3 games per session. 25 minutes per player for all moves.	£17.50 (£7)
Stratego (l'Attaque)	August 21st and 22nd, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm	£17.50 (£7)
Twixt	August 19th and 20th, 4pm-8pm	£17.50 (£7)
Zatre	August 21st and 22nd, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm	£17.50 (£7)
1-DAY EVENTS		
Bridge	Swiss pairs (August 22nd, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Bridge	Swiss teams-of-4 (August 23rd, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Bridge	Championship teams-of-4 (August 24th, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Chess Problem Solving	Several problems in 4 hours (August 23rd, 4pm-8pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Continuo	August 24th, 10am-2pm and 4pm-8pm	£12.50 (£5)
Creative Thinking Tests	3 tests of 1 hour, with two 30-minute breaks (August 23rd, 10am-2pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Crossword Puzzles	<i>The Times</i> Crossword Puzzle Championship (August 24th, 3pm-6:30pm)	Qualification
Decamentathlon	10 written challenges in 4 hours (August 23rd, 10am-2pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Games Workshop	Learn new games in the morning, compete in the afternoon (August 24th)	£12.50 (£5)
I.Q. Competition	Set and marked by Mensa (August 23rd, 4pm-8pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Mental Calculations	Numerous calculations, with rest periods (August 24th, 10am-2pm)	£12.50 (£5)
Speed Reading	3 readings, each followed by questions (August 23rd, 4pm-8pm)	£12.50 (£5)
1-DAY "QUICK-PLAY" EVENTS (For detailed schedule see back page.)		

In addition to the 1-day tournaments listed above, there are some 1-day events with fast time limits. (For the schedule of these events see the back page.) Times given are per player for all the moves in a game: **Chess** (5 minutes or 10 minutes); **Draughts (Checkers) 8x8** (10 minutes); **Draughts (Checkers) 10x10** (10 minutes); **Go 9x9** (10 minutes); **Japanese Chess (Shogi)** (15 minutes); **Mastermind** (10 minutes).

Entry fees: £12.50 for adults; £5 for juniors.

PENTAMIND *Concorde prize !!*

Enter tournaments for any 5 or more DIFFERENT games and skills, which do not clash in the schedule, and pay only £50 (USA \$85) adults, or £20 (USA \$34) juniors.

● WHAT IS THE MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD?

It is an Olympiad for "thinking" games, including a variety of well known strategy games such as **Backgammon, Bridge, Chess, Go, Othello** and **Scrabble**, where gold, silver and bronze medals will be awarded, as well as cash and other prizes.

● WHY ORGANIZE A MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD?

There has been an explosive growth of physical sports in the 1980's and 1990's. Now, with increased leisure time and more people working from home, **MIND SPORTS** will be the great growth area into the 21st century. And above all, the **MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD** will be great fun for the players and spectators.

● WHO WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART?

Anyone in the world!

● HOW MANY GAMES AND TESTS OF SKILL MAY EACH COMPETITOR ENTER?

Most participants will enter only one competition though it is possible take advantage of the scheduling and compete in several tournaments. Also, there will be a "**Pentamind**" competition for those who compete in tournaments for 5 or more different games and skills, and a "**Decamentathlon**" where players can test their wits on situations from 10 different games and skills.

● WHICH GAMES AND SKILLS WILL THERE BE?

The best known, classic, thinking games and several more recent games which have achieved worldwide popularity, including: **Abalone, Continuo, Lines of Action, Magic - the Gathering, Mastermind, Rummikub, Stratego** and **Twixt**. There are also tournaments for some of the best strategy games from Africa and Asia: **Chinese Chess, Japanese Chess** and **Fanorona**. **Computer Programming** will test programmers' skills in three areas: speed of writing the programs, speed of execution of the programs and compactness of program code. **Creative Thinking** will monitor the contestants' speed, flexibility and originality. **I.Q.** (set and marked by Mensa) will test the standard Intelligence Quotient skills, including numerical skills (calculation, number relationships, etc.) and spatial relationships. **Speed Reading** competitors will be tested on an unpublished text to determine their average number of words read per minute and their percentage comprehension. **Mental Calculations** will find the world's best at mental arithmetic. **Memory Skills** (August 2nd/3rd) will include the ability to remember whole packs of playing cards, as many digits as possible of a long number, passages of text, etc.

● HOW DO I COMPETE FOR THE PENTAMIND MEDALS?

Enter tournaments for 5 different games or mental skills. You will score Pentamind points according to where you finish in each tournament. The players with the highest total Pentamind scores win the medals. First prize includes a **Concorde ticket!!**

● WHAT GAMES AND SKILLS WILL BE TESTED IN THE "DECAMENTATHLON"?

Bridge, Chess, Creative Thinking, Draughts (Checkers) 8x8, Go, I.Q. Competition, Mastermind, Memory Skills, Mental Calculations and Othello.

● WHAT ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS WILL THERE BE?

Simultaneous displays by the world's strongest players at some of the games. Exhibitions of game playing computers, antique chess sets, stamp collections and art exhibitions connected with mind sports, stands selling books on games, a convention for games journalists, games workshops, tuition by experts and the ability to sample new games, meet games inventors and play the champions!

● WHO IS ORGANIZING THE EVENT?

Four Mind Sports experts and an experienced events promoter: **Tony Buzan** is the creator of *Mind Maps*, an international lecturer and broadcaster and author of 20 bestsellers on the brain and learning. **Raymond Keene OBE** is an International Grandmaster, chess correspondent of *The Times*, *The Sunday Times* and *The Spectator*, author of more than 100 books and organizer of four World Championship matches. **David Levy** is the originator of the Mind Sports Olympiad, an International Master at Chess and past President of the International Computer Chess Association. **Don Morris** has organized many high profile international events, including the celebrity premieres for *Batman* and three James Bond films. **David Pritchard** is a world authority on games and former editor of *Games and Puzzles* magazine.

● HOW WILL THE OLYMPIAD BE ORGANIZED?

There will be different competitions to cater for each game and skill. The format for most tournaments will be the Swiss system, in which all of the contestants play in every round. None of the contests will be knock-out tournaments.

● WHAT ARE THE PLAYING HOURS?

All playing sessions run 4 hours, either from 10am-2pm or 4pm-8pm.

● WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

Gold, silver and bronze medals for the top adults and top juniors in each tournament. There will also be cash and other prizes, including **4 return Concorde tickets to New York** and prizes for the best family result and the best schools.

● WHAT ARE THE ENTRY FEES?

The 4- and 5-day events and the Memory Skills tournament each have an entry fee of £25 (USA \$40) for adults, £10 (USA \$17) for juniors (under 16 on August 18th). All other 2-day events are £17.50p (USA \$30) for adults, £7 (USA \$12) for juniors. The 1-day events are £12.50p (USA \$20) for adults, £5 (USA \$8) for juniors. Entry to *The Times* Crossword Puzzle Championship is by qualification only.

All entry fees include VAT @ 17.5%. VAT Registration number: 691 4381 19

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SCHEDULE OF TOURNAMENTS

	10:00am-2:00pm		4:00pm-8:00pm	
Aug 18-22	Chess Computer Programming Draughts (Checkers) 8x8 Go 19x19 Japanese Chess (Shogi)* * August 18th-21st only	Jigsaw Puzzles Magic - the Gathering Rummikub Scrabble Skat (German rules)	Backgammon [■] Bridge* Chinese Chess (Xiang Qi) Draughts (Checkers) 10x10 [■] August 18th: Beginners' tournament. August 19th-22nd: Championship tournament * August 18th-21st: Duplicate pairs Bridge. August 22nd: Swiss pairs Bridge.	Go 13x13 I.Q. Competition Othello (Reversi) Owari
Aug 19-20	Abalone Hare and Tortoise	Lines of Action (LOA)	Entropy (Hyle) Fanorona	Twixt
Aug 21-22	Mastermind Memory Skills	Stratego Zatre	Mastermind Memory Skills	Stratego Zatre
Aug 23-24	Backgammon Chinese Chess (Xiang Qi) Gin Rummy Go 19x19	Mah Jongg Othello (Reversi) Scrabble	Backgammon Chinese Chess (Xiang Qi) Gin Rummy Go 19x19 (Aug 23rd)	Mah Jongg Othello (Reversi) Scrabble Go 9x9 (Aug 24th)
Aug 23	Bridge: Swiss teams-of-4 Chess (5-minute) Creative Thinking	Decamentathlon Draughts 10x10 Mastermind	Bridge: Swiss teams-of-4 Chess (10-minute) Chess Problems Draughts 8x8	I.Q. Competition Japanese Chess (Shogi) Speed Reading
Aug 24	Bridge: Champ. teams-of-4 Chess (10-minute) Continuo	Draughts 8x8 Japanese Chess (Shogi) Mental Calculations Games Workshop	Bridge: Champ. teams-of-4 Chess (5-minute) Continuo Games Workshop	Crossword Puzzles 3pm Draughts 10x10 Go 9x9

ENTRY FORM

PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK LETTERS THROUGHOUT AND USE A BLACK OR DARK INK PEN

Mr / Mrs / Ms:..... Last name:..... First name:.....
 Date of birth:..... (if under 16 on August 18th) Nationality:.....
 Telephone:..... Fax:..... e-mail:.....
 Address:.....
 Postcode / Zip:..... Country:.....

PLEASE INDICATE BELOW IN WHICH TOURNAMENTS YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE. You may enter up to 7 events (subject to the constraints of the schedule) for a special price of £50 (USA \$85) for adults or £20 (USA \$34) for juniors, under 16 on August 18th. Anyone entering 5 or more different games and skills which do not clash in the schedule will be eligible for the "Pentamind" medals and prizes, including a **Concorde ticket**.

Dates	Time	Game/Skill	Entry fee paid

TOTAL:

HOW TO PAY You may pay in any currency by credit card; or by cheque or postal order in pounds sterling.

◆ **Credit Card Payment:** Name:..... Card Address (if different from above):.....

Please debit my Mastercard / VISA / VISA Delta account (delete as appropriate):

Card number:..... Expiry Date:.....

Signature:.....

◆ **Cheque / Postal Order payment (pounds sterling):** I enclose full payment by cheque/postal order for £.....
 made payable to Mind Sports Olympiad

Please send to: Mind Sports Olympiad, P.O. Box 13388, London NW3 2ZF, England.

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