

The Fourth Annual
MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD

Alexandra Palace

London

August 19th - 28th 2000

ENTRY INFORMATION



Open to Everyone!

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No.	**Concession Price- Juniors, Over 60's, Disabled [] see notes overleaf		Entry Fee	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
65	GO-PG	GO Pair 19 x 19 Tournament	V (per player)									A / P	
66	HE-OC	Hexdame Olympiad Championship	To Be Advised										
67	IQ-WC	World Intelligence Championship	X					10-13:00	10-13:00	10-13:00			
68	IQ-SA	Olympiad Intelligence Championship	U								10-13:30		
69	LO-WC	Lines of Action (LOA) World Championship	V				P	P					
70	LP-BT	Learn and Play new games	V										A / P
71	MA-MM	Mastermind	V	P	P								
72	MC-WC	Mental Calculations World Open Championship	U		A								
73	MM-WC	Mind Mapping World Championship	V	A / P									
74	MS-WC	Memory Skills World Championship	Y			A / P	A / P						
75	NU-BC	Number Quest - British Schools Championship	Free Entry								A / P	A / P	
76	OT-5M	Othello - 10 x 10 Quickplay Championship (25 minutes)	V	A	A								
77	OT-B1	Othello - 8 x 8 Beginners' Tournament One	U	P									
78	OT-WB	Othello - 8 x 8 Blitz World Championship	U		P								
79	OT-WC	Othello - 10 x 10 World Championship (50 minutes)	W			P	P	P					
80	OT-B2	Othello - 8 x 8 Beginners' Tournament Two	U					P					
81	OT-QP	Othello - 8 x 8 Quickplay Tournament (15 minutes)	V						P	P			
82	OT-EC	Othello - 8 x 8 European Championship (30 minutes)	Y								A / P	A / P	A
83	OT-B3	Othello - 8 x 8 Beginners' Tournament Three	U								P		
84	OT-B4	Othello - 8 x 8 Beginners' Tournament Four	U										A
85	OW-B1	Oware - Junior U-11 International Championship	£8			A / P							
86	OW-B8	Oware - Junior U-18 International Championship	£10				A / P						
87	OW-BT	Oware - Teach-In and a Beginners Tournament	V per day	Workshop	Workshop			A / P					
88	OW-IC	Oware - International Senior Championship	X						A / P	A / P	A / P	A / P	
89	PE-WC	Pentamind World Championship [4]	Free										
90	PO-WC	Poker World Amateur Championship [6] & [7]	Max £60										
91	PO-5C	Poker - Five Card Draw	U	A									
92	PO-TH	Poker - Texas Hold'em	U		A								
93	PO-CS	Poker - Canadian Stud	U			A							
94	PO-LO	Poker - London Lowball	U				A						
95	PO-OM	Poker - Omaha	U					A					
96	PO-7C	Poker - Seven Card Stud	U						A				
97	PO-AH	Poker - Amateur Texas Hold'em No Limit Championship	V							A	A		
98	PO-A7	Poker - Amateur Seven Card Stud Pot-Limit Championship	V									A	A
99	QZ-BC	British Quiz Championship [11]	V		A / P								
100	RU-BC	Rummikub	V					A / P					
101	SC-NC	Scrabble - National Championship [12]	X	A / P	A / P								
102	SC-OC	Scrabble - Olympiad Championship	X			A	A	A	A	A			
103	SC-ET	Scrabble - Evening Tournament	V			E	E	E					
104	SE-OC	Settlers of Catan Olympiad Championship	V									A / P	
105	SH-TM	Shogi - Team Handicap Match	V					A / P					
106	SH-BT	Shogi - Beginners Tournament	Free				10:00-14:00						
107	SH-LE	Shogi Lesson by Nakao Osamu - 6-dan professional	Free					20:00					
108	SH-SE	Shogi Simultaneous Exhibition - up to 24 players	T						9:30-13:30				
109	SH-OB	Shogi - Olympiad Blitz Championship	U						14:30-16:30				
110	SH-DG	Shogi Demonstration Game by Nakao Osamu	Free						20:00-22:30				
111	SH-EC	European Shogi Championship	Y							A / P / E	A / P / E	8:30-14:30	
112	SK-OC	Skat Olympiad Championship	W	A / P	A / P								
113	SP-WC	Speed Reading World Championship	U				A						
114	ST-W1	Stratego Workshop One (rules, basic strategies etc)	Free				14:15				A		
115	ST-B1	Stratego Beginners Tournament One	U						A				
116	ST-BA	Stratego Barrage Tournament (10 minutes)	U						P				
117	ST-WC	Stratego World Championship	X							P	A / P	A	
118	ST-W1	Stratego Workshop Two (rules, basic strategies etc)	Free									14:30	
119	ST-B2	Stratego Beginners Tournament Two	U									P	
120	TW-WC	Twixt World Championship	V				A	A					
121	ZA-OC	Zatre Olympiad Championship	X							A / P	A / P		

NOTES:[1] **Entry Fees for MINI-BRIDGE** are per player per session. Each session of Mini-Bridge begins with a short teach-in for absolute beginners which is followed by a tournament.

[2] **Entry Fees for all events** are per player and not per pair or team.

[3] **"The Times" CROSSWORD PUZZLE CHAMPIONSHIP** is by qualification only. The qualifying puzzle will be published in "The Times". The finals will be held on August 26th --- 14:00 until 18:00

[4] **To compete for the PENTAMIND** medals players must enter tournaments for five or more different games or mental skills. The first two letters of the game code indicates the game or mental skill. **AT LEAST TWO OF THESE EVENTS MUST BE PLAYED OVER THREE OR MORE SESSIONS.** Pentamind points are scored according to where the player finishes in each tournament. The players with the highest total Pentamind scores from their five best tournaments for different games and mental skills, including two tournaments with three or more sessions, will win the medals and the prizes. Players may enter as many tournaments as they wish for a maximum entry fee of £75 (juniors £30), excluding the Ron Banwell MSO Chess Masters. Players may include only one beginners' tournament or Mini-Bridge in the five best results. ***SPECIAL NOTE:*** **Any Pentamind participant who enters and starts play in a tournament and then withdraws from it before playing at least half of the games will have that tournament included in his score calculations as one of his five events.** No player may enter for tournaments which clash in the playing schedule.

Players who enter five events or more may register for the Pentamind by getting a Pentamind card to keep the results of their games. These must be handed in to the Games Control Room before close of play on Sunday 27th August. Any improvement in Pentamind Scores on Monday 28th August must be notified to the Games Control Room by 19.30. Only results handed in on the Pentamind Scorecard will be counted towards the medal tally.

The scoring system for Pentamind is as follows: Each tournament has the same value. Your Pentamind score in a tournament is

$$\left[(p-n) \times 100 \right] / \left[p-1 \right]$$

where p is the number of players in the tournament and n is the position in which you finished in that tournament (tied positions are counted as the average of the positions in the tie, e.g. a tie for 1st and 2nd places counts as 1.5).

[5] **The "DECAMENTATHLON"** will test the following games and skills: Bridge, Chess, Creative Thinking, Draughts (Checkers) 8 x 8, Go, Intelligence, Mastermind, Memory Skills, Mental Calculations and Othello. The Decamentathlon is a single tournament taking place on August 27th – you do not need to play in 10 different tournaments to gain a place.

[6] **THE WORLD AMATEUR POKER CHAMPION** will be the player with the best aggregate from any four Poker tournaments played August 19th –24th . The entry fee is £15 per tournament with a maximum fee of £60 for all seven Poker tournaments. Three aggregate winners will be awarded signed copies of Stewart Reuben's book "Pot-Limit and No-Limit Poker".

[7] Please note that cash prizes and other prizes of value are against the law in England for Backgammon and Poker, except in licensed premises.

[8] **BACKGAMMON:** The winner(s) of the Beginners' Tournament may join the Weekend event, free of charge, starting round 4 on August 22nd and carrying over the score from their 3 rounds of the Beginners' Tournament.

[9] **BRIDGE:** Those who enter the MSO Pairs Championship Qualifier and do not qualify for the MSO Pairs Championship Finals may then compete in the **Open Pairs Competition** without any extra charge. **The MSO Pairs Championship** - Players qualifying via the World Simultaneous Pairs championship will pay an additional entry fee of £24.50. **Novice Pairs:** neither partner may have reached the English MP rank of Regional Master or equivalent.

[10] **CHESS: - Ron Banwell MSO Masters Tournament.** The strongest tournament this year is a 9 round Swiss which offers players opportunities to achieve IM and GM norms. The event is being directed by Stewart Reuben on behalf of the London Chess Association. Play will start each day at 15:30 playing to a rate of 40 moves in 100 minutes followed by all moves in 50 minutes adding 30 seconds from the first move in the game. The entry fee for this tournament is based on chess playing strength. GM's, IM's, WGM's and WIM's are given a free entry if received before penalty date. FIDE Rated 2300 or higher, FMs and WFMs £30, Rated 2150-2299 £50, Rated 2001 – 2149 £75. Players unrated: BCF 175 (National 2000 or higher) £100, Players unrated: under BCF 175 (National 1999 or lower) £150. Players with physical disabilities free. Players Under 21 or Over 60 on August 19th 2000 pay half the above fees. BCF Direct Members, discount of £4. **Note:** Penalty late entries postmarked after 12th August £20.

[11] **Quiz:** The qualifying round is on August 20th 10:00 to 14:00. The final is on the same day 15:30 to 19:30.

[12] **Scrabble:** Entries for the National Championship must be received by 24th July.

[13] **PRIZES:** All events will have Olympiad Gold, Silver and Bronze Medallions. These and the titles for the event will be presented at a designated prize-giving. If there are at least four juniors in an event then the highest placed Juniors will also receive medallions.

Some events will have cash prizes but these are dependent on donations. We do not know at the time of going to print which events will have cash prizes but we expect to be able to announce them on our website in early August. Please look at WWW.MSOWORLD.COM

Non UK resident players who win more than £1,000 will have UK income tax deducted at the rate of 22%.

[14] **Entries postmarked after 12th August will incur a late penalty fee of £5.00.**

We expect to be able accept entries up to 24 hours prior to the start of the event. If space permits we shall accept entries on the day. **Please help us by entering early.** All UK entries received before the 12th August will be acknowledged with a competitors badge, which must be shown at the entrance to the Olympiad on arrival. Anyone entering after this date will need to collect their badge on arrival and should allow at least 30 minutes before the start of the first round. Foreign players may collect their badge on arrival at Alexandra Palace in the special queue provided.

[15] **Spectators** are welcome. A charge of £5 per day or £8 for the event will be payable on arrival. Junior competitors will be provided with one free pass for a parent who is supervising them during their event. Children under 12 free.

Getting there !!

Alexandra Palace is easily accessible by road, rail, underground and bus. It is sign posted for several miles approaching the Palace.

Car Parking: There is free parking at Alexandra Palace for 2000 cars.

By Underground: Use the Piccadilly line to Wood Green to connect W3 bus, stopping in Station Road. It takes approx. 15 minutes by foot.

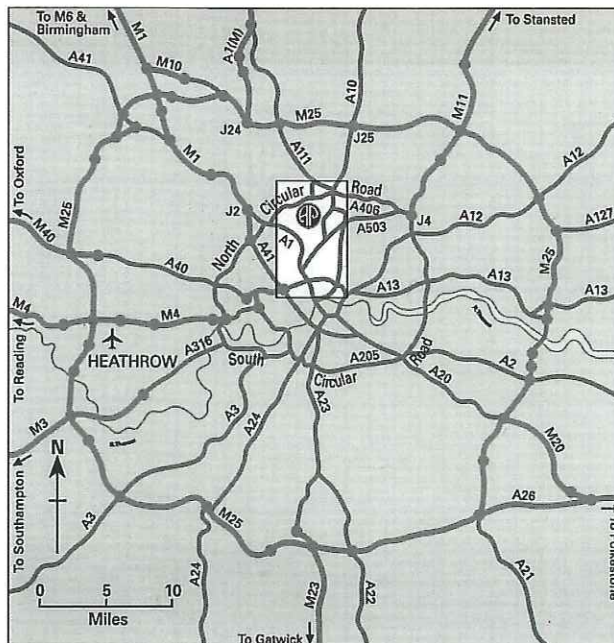
By Rail: Monday-Friday – trains run from Kings Cross Station changing at Finsbury Park for Alexandra Palace Station every 30 minutes or direct from Moorgate Station, where trains run every 15 minutes. After 9 p.m. trains run as per weekends.

Please note: - There is *No Saturday or Sunday service from Moorgate.*

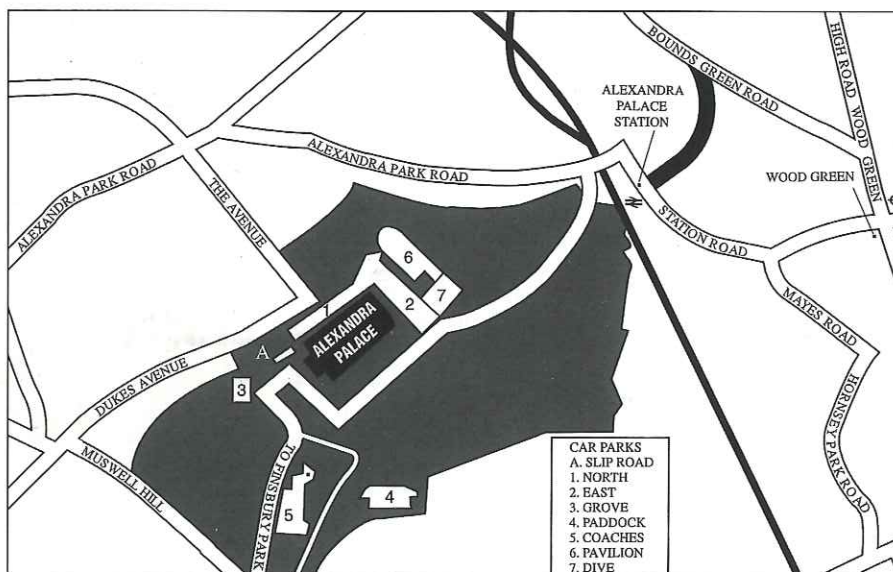
At Weekends: Saturday – Every 15 minutes directly from Kings Cross to Alexandra Palace Station. Sunday – Every 30 minutes directly from Kings Cross to Alexandra Palace Station.

By Bus: There is a direct link to Alexandra Palace by W3 bus from Alexandra Palace British Rail station and Wood Green and Finsbury Park Underground stations.

For more detailed directions please telephone: 020 8365 2121



DIRECTIONS



WHAT IS THE MIND SPORTS OLYMPIAD?

Now in its Fourth year the Mind Sports Olympiad is a wonderful opportunity for competing in “thinking” games, including Backgammon, Bridge, Chess, Go, Othello and Scrabble.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART? Anyone in the world !!

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

Many competitors will only enter one competition, though it is possible to take advantage of the scheduling and compete in several tournaments. There is also a “Pentamind” competition for those who compete in tournaments for five or more different games and skills, and the “Decamentathlon” where players can test their wits in situations from 10 different games and skills in one event.

HOW IS THE OLYMPIAD ORGANISED?

There are 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 is a knock-out tournament.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS OF PLAY?

Most playing sessions run for four hours, either from 10:00 to 14:00 or 15:30 to 19:30. To enable those players who have to work during the day we have some three hour sessions which run from 18:30 to 21:30. One or two events continue a little later.

WHAT ARE THE PRIZES?

As well as the Olympiad and/or World titles to go with each event there are gold, silver and bronze medallions to be presented to the winners and the top juniors in most events. A junior is a player aged under 16 years on August 19th 2000.