



WORLD BRIDGE FEDERATION

International Sport Federation (IF) recognized by the International Olympic Committee

Gianarrigo Rona
President

Mr. Howard Weinstein
President
United States Bridge Federation
His address

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Dear President, dear Howie,

I am pleased to inform you that SportAccord, the General Association of the International Sport Federation, in cooperation with IMSA, International Mind Sport Federation, organizes the 4th SportAccord Mind Games, which will be held in Beijing, China from 10th to 17th December 2014. Bridge, Chess, Draft, Go and Chinese Chess have been invited to participate.

This event has the aim of bringing together the mind sports, recognized by IMSA, for an international competition at the highest level: and for this reason only Countries winning their sport's International Championship, represented by their top level players, will be invited.

With regard to Bridge in each of the Open and Women's categories three countries, in addition to the Host Country, will be invited to attend.

I am, therefore, pleased to invite both your National Teams to participate and I would be grateful if you could confirm the acceptance of this invitation, indicating the names of the players as soon as possible, to be able to submit them to SportAccord and to define all the organization's details.

The representative team should consist of six players. As stated above, it is extremely important that these are your top players in order to be accepted by SportAccord ..

The format of the event is described in the attached document and all the players must participate to the three series: teams, pairs and individual.





SportAccord will cover the expenses for the six players: coach class air tickets, transfer from the airport to the hotel and back, and full board accommodation in 4/5 stars hotel. In addition SportAccord will provide a global cash-prizes of \$ 250.000 in accordance with the attached document.

The IOC and WBF rules will be applied and in particular:

1. Antidoping : any of the players may be selected for an anti-doping test in accordance with the WADA policy. TUE forms for the players must be submitted in advance as necessary.
2. Dress Code: the players and other members of the national representatives are obliged to wear their national uniform both during the play and the official ceremonies . Players not complying will not be admitted to the venue and will be liable to disqualification.

Any other useful information will be forwarded in detail in due time.

I am confident that your National Team will attend this very important event, which will have a great coverage by the TV and media in general and will be an impressive development for the image of bridge and for your team, and I very much look forward to receiving confirmation of your acceptance of this invitation.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation,

Un abbraccio
Gianarrigo Rona

Attached: Schedule