



World Cup Wageningen 14-22 September 2013

Dear all,

This year from the 14th until the 22nd of September we will play a World Cup tournament in the Netherlands in the town of Wageningen. The town celebrates in 2013 that it obtained city rights 750 years ago. It is an excellent opportunity to attract the best draughts players to Wageningen. Among you we will find the top players of the future, maybe even the new World Champions. Therefore you may want to play in Wageningen. Moreover, we will have high prizes and you can obtain qualifying points for the SportAccord World Mind Games in Beijing which will be organized in 2013 and 2014 as well.

We will have an open tournament with prize money of at least €20,000 and a tournament for women only with prize money of at least €10,000

It is the intention to play with the following system but changes are still possible: on the opening day, the 14th of September we will play one round and on the 15th, the 16th and the 17th two rounds. When a game ends in a draw you will play a Lehmann-Georgiev tie break after which the winner will have a plus remise and the loser a minus remise. These pluses and minuses are used in the system for the pairing for the next rounds. After 7 rounds we will have a day of rest. The best sixteen will play in a knock-out system from the 19th until the 22nd. Number one of the ranking after the first 7 rounds will choose his opponent from the other fifteen for the 1/8 finals then number two will choose etc. until number seven has chosen. After the 1/8 finals we will have 8 players left for the quarterfinals. Lots will draw opponents. The losers will continue to play for the final ranking from 9-16 and subsequently. In those final rounds we will play with the so called Beijing system: first a game with normal time on the clock. After a draw a rapid game will be played, when that is a draw it will be followed by a blitz game and when necessary by a Lehmann-Georgiev tie break. Players who did not end with the first 16 will continue to play for nice prizes.

The FMJD participation fee for this tournament is €80 for A members, €120 for B members and €160 for those whose country is not a member of FMJD.

We can offer you a package in hotel Hof van Wageningen, where we will also play. For €45 per day you will get a hotel room that you will have to share with one other person and you will get breakfast and dinner.

When you will register before March 1st 2013 and pay the FMJD fee before that date, you will get a 10% discount on the package price.

The fee needs to be paid into the bank account of the World Cup Tournament, Wageningen. The IBAN number of the account is NL 67 RABO 0177 8444 69 (within the Netherlands you still can use 1778 44 469 from the Rabobank.

The website of the tournament,

www.worldcupdraughts.com

is currently under construction and should be on air for a first version by the end of January. We intend to make this tournament a high tech tournament where good communication and high profile of the games are very important. We also want to use the website for individual sponsorship but need your collaboration for that. Sponsorship will only be possible when you present yourself in an attractive way. We want to try to get sponsorship for travel, visa, FMJD fee and costs for hospitality and will determine on a person by person basis how much is needed. When we get more sponsorship than necessary to cover your costs, you will receive 2/3 of the surplus and FMJD 1/3.

What I need from you is the following:

- * Your full name, birth date and place of birth
- * At least two good pictures of yourself (there may be more, also playing draughts)
- * Two fragments of games you played and of which you are very proud (for yourself or for your opponent!)
- * Your best result ever
- * What are your other hobbies?
- * Which persons in the world do you admire?
- * Other information that you think may be relevant and may attract sponsors

You can send all of this information by e-mail to:

wageningen@worldcupdraughts.com

I sincerely hope that you will do everything to make the World Cup and your participation a big success.

All the best,

Harry Otten, President FMJD and organizer
World Cup Wageningen