

IGF Directors report 2012/2013

2nd World Mind Sport games August 2012 Lille

One of the highlights in the period 2012/2013 was the 2nd World Mind Sport Games in August 2012 in Lille, despite a very limited period of 3 months for preparations of the tournament, the tournament was a big success. 200 Go players from 28 countries participated

We thank all volunteers who helped organizing this special event. A special word of thank to Harry and William of the EGCC, with their experience and enthusiastic help we could organize this event on such short notice.

The IGF did express that they were very happy with this special event in Europe. We thank Unesco for their patronage of this event and the sponsors from China, the World Pair Go Association and the IGF for their financial contribution.

Sport Accord Mind Sport Games

The 2nd Sport Accord Mind Sport Games were held in December 2012 in Beijing. 6 players from Europe did qualify for this tournament and played well.

This tournament will be held yearly for at least the coming 3 years, expectation is that the prize money in 2013 will be even higher than in the first 2 years.

World Amateur Championship Sendai August 2013

This year the World Amateur Go championship will be held in Sendai as sign of our support for this region that suffered from the big Tsunami 2 years ago.

As exception the tournament will be held end of August. Normal period for the WAGC remains April/May/June

New membership fee structure for European member countries to the IGF.

The IGF will implement a new membership fee structure for the European member countries of the IGF. The proposal is worked out and supported by the European IGF Directors

Start with Membership fee 2014

Membership fee for the European countries of the IGF will be based on a point system ; points are given based on 2 criteria:

- 1) Number of active players per country (not necessary members of the national association).
 - Up to 40 players : 1 point
 - 41-200 players : 2 points
 - 201-1000 players : 3 points
 - > 1000 players : 4 points

- 2) Number of inhabitants per country
up to 4 million : 1 point
4 million to 20 million : 2 points
20 million to 100 million : 3 points
> 100 million : 4 points

Points are cumulative per member country

The points for all European countries will be verified every 3 years by the European Go Federation starting for the year 2014.

Per point the membership fee for 2014 is 6000 Yen

Minimum membership fee is (2 points) = 12.000 yen,

Maximum membership fee is 8 points = 48.000 yen.

See list with the points per European member country and membership fees.

Anti Doping program

Good news from the WADA , the anti-doping organization

Starting immediately the control limit for marijuana is increased from 15 to 150 ng/ltr.

Goal is to truly test in competition use of this substance and not test for the recreational out of competition use of marijuana.

Thanks to the protests from many sport organizations (also from the IGF) this change was made.

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