

The Pair Go (Mixed Pairs) in World Mind Sports Games Beijing

1. The Rule

The WMSG Go Rules, supplemented by the Pair Go Rules promulgated by Japan Pair Go Association, shall apply to all games in the WMSG Pair Go event

2. Format

The event will be held from Sunday 12th October through Friday 17th, the day before the Closing Ceremony

October 12th

Friendly Matches and the Draw for the Elimination rounds.

**Participants are requested to wear their national costumes, succeeding the customary in annual International Amateur Pair Go Championship*

October 13th to 15th

Stage 1: the Elimination rounds

October 16th and 17th

Stage 2: the Final rounds

Stage 1 (Elimination Rounds)

Date: Monday 13th through Wednesday 15th October

Eligibility: Any member country/region of the International Go Federation (IGF) including 16 pairs* that World Pair Go Association (WPGA) will invite with airfare subsidy.

*Asia: 6 - China, Chinese Taipei, Japan, Korea, Thailand, Mongolia

Europe: 6 – Czech, France, Germany, Hungary, Russia, United Kingdom

North America: 1 – under selection

Central / South America: 1 – under selection

Oceania: 1 – New Zealand

Africa: 1 – South Africa

Daily Schedule: 1st match 10:00-12:00

Lunch break

2nd match 13:30-15:30

3rd match 16:00-18:00

Conditions of Contest: The participating pairs will be divided into 4 groups of 10 pairs and each pair will play against all other pairs within a group, that is 3 matches a day, total 9 matches.

All matches are even games, 6.5 Komi, 45 minutes per pair with no additional times.

Two top pairs from each group, total 8 pairs will proceed to the Final rounds. When the scores are tied, the first tiebreaker is the result of the

direct match. If tie still exists, it will be broken by draw.

*Registration Deadline: **20th June 2008** to IGF accompanied with full information designated by IGF (per as announced by IGF)

Stage 2 (Final Rounds)

Date: Thursday 16th and Friday 17th October

Eligibility: Total 16 pairs, 8 pairs from the Elimination Rounds and 8 professional pairs from China, Chinese Taipei, Japan and Korea (two each)

Schedule: Round of 16	Thursday 16th October	10:00-13:30
Round of 8	Thursday 16th October	15:00-18:30
Semi-Final	Friday 17th October	10:00-13:30
Final & Play-off	Friday 17th October	15:00-18:30

Conditions of Contest: KO matches, 8 pairs from the Elimination Rounds play against 8 professional pairs at Round of 16 and so on, even games, 6.5 komi, 60 minutes per pair with additional three-30 seconds time allowance. There is a play-off for the third place.