

WMSG Qualification Rules Changes

These changes reflect changes in conditions as established by the International Organizers (IMSA & IGF). While we have reason to believe they will not change further, there is no guarantee.

Schedule:

This schedule applies to all participants.

Qualification play will be completed and reported no later than Sunday, June 1, 2008.

Players qualifying must submit their AGA registration for WMSG participation by June 8, 2008.

(See [Registration](#) below for requirements.)

The AGA will then submit the complete package to IGF and IMSA by June 29.

At that time, the team coach will have also assigned players to their events (Individual, Teams). Placement in those events will be decided by competition at the US Go Congress in Portland, Wednesday, August 6. This competition will decide board position on the teams, and who will be designated as the alternate. A separate competition will determine who will play in the amateur only individual event.

Requirements:

Registration

AGA registration will be separate from WMSG registration. See [Registration](#) form. AGA registration will require some payment to defray costs of travel. The AGA will provide all players with a fixed amount, which will depend on fund raising support received by that time. You must have a valid US Passport. (Please renew if it will be less than 6 months prior to expiry at the time of travel.) You are responsible for obtaining a visa to enter China. You must be a US citizen on or before June, 1, 2008. We must have complete contact information: phone, address, and email. You may be eligible or requested to attend the whole two week period. (You will not be required to stay during periods you do not play, but the Coach must be able to assign you to any of the playing periods.) See [Schedule of events](#).

The AGA will pay WMSG registration fees.



Qualification

Men

There will be 13 positions, 2 of which are reserved for amateurs in the individual players event. The pair team is not included in this total.

The point system will be modified as follows to allow us to use it for final selection of the team, rather than the original purpose of inviting players to compete directly in trials at the Congress.

The cap on points which guarantees qualification will be raised to 15. (Formerly 10)

The number of tournaments allowed to accumulate points will be 2. (Formerly 3)

Points earned to date will be adjusted accordingly. (That is, players who were denied points because they were over the 10 point cap, will now receive them (unless they are over the 15 point cap). Players below may lose some points as a result.

In the unlikely case that too many players exceed the cap, the lowest rated players at their then current AGA rating, will compete in a knockout to determine who will go.

Women

There will be 7 positions. The pair team is not included in this total.

All high-rated women are invited to indicate their wish to be considered for the team by notifying us at WMSG@usgo.org. Selection will be by AGA rating as of June 1, 2008.

Pair Go

The Pair go team will be selected independent of the point system, by a separate Internet competition, which will include Canadian players. See === for details.

Schedule of events

| | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S | S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
|--------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| Event | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Opening Ceremonies | * | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Men's Team | | | | | | | | | | | * | * | * | * | * | |
| Women's Team | | | | | | | | | * | * | * | * | * | | | |
| Men's Individual | | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | | |
| Women's Individual | | | * | * | * | * | * | | | | | | | | | |
| Mixed Pairs | | | | | | | | | | * | * | * | * | * | * | * |

AGA Player Registration for WMSG

AGA number: _____

Family Name: _____ Given Names _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email(s): _____

Passport Number: _____ Passport expire date: _____

I plan to stay in China During my competition time only
 Before my competition begins (Arrival date: _____)
 After my competition ends (Departure date: _____))

Note: Other than a day before and after competition, you will need to find alternatives to the Olympic Village accommodations.

I prefer to play in the following WMSG events (circle one)

Individual Team Open Individual (amateurs only)

I am prepared to pay for my airfare if necessary to attend the WMSG. Yes No (circle one)

I will travel Alone
 With _____ other people

Note: People not participating in the games will not be permitted to stay in the Olympic Village accommodations. Alternative hotel accommodations are available near by.

Please identify any special needs for meals or accommodations you may require.

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Person to notify in an emergency:

Name _____

Phone _____ email _____

Address _____

My shirt size is: Arm length _____ Neck _____ My hat size is _____ T-shirt size _____

All registrants will receive 2 t-shirts, one jacket and one hat with logo identifying you as a US participant. Additional items may be purchased at prices yet to be determined.

I wish to purchase additional: _____ T-shirts _____ Jackets _____ Hats