

Prehistory of tournament

9 times before IRTM was held in Minsk on the first weekend of November. It has contained 2 official disciplines: single, mixed three. Teams came on Friday, on Saturday morning - opening ceremony, then single matches, on Sunday - mixed three and closing ceremony. Usual participants: Poland and Belarus (every year). Starting from 2008 Lithuanian team participates. In 2009 German and Armenian delegates visited our tournament. Every year all foreign team were provided with free accomodation and meals.

X International Ringo Tournament in Minsk

This year we are going to include to our tournament such a sub-tournament: "Challenge Cup". Each national team plays 10 ringo and 10 ringtennis matches with each other team. 10 matches = 2 man singles + 2 woman singles + 2 mix + 2 man doubles + 2 woman doubles. This year we have no possibility to hold tournament in 2 days we need **3 days!**

Dates

We propose 4 - 6 (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) of November. All teams come on Thursday (03.11.2011) evening. And leave the tournament on Sunday (06.11.2011) evening or Monday (07.11.2011) morning. Because we can't make tournament with 2 weekend days we need to know the abilities of all coming teams to participate on this dates. So please read all other information about tournament and say about your ability.

Preliminary schedule

Friday (04.11.2011) - Opening ceremony, Single matches in Ringo.

Saturday (05.11.2011) - "Challenge Cup" Ringo matches.

Sunday (06.11.2011) - "Challenge Cup" Ringtennis mathes, closing ceremony.

Possible participants

Belarus*

Poland*

Germany*

South Africa*

Slovakia

Lithuania

Armenia

Russia

* - teams are going to participate in "Challange Cup" with minimum 8 players (4 male + 4 female).

Invitations

Belarusian Ringo Federation can make an official invitation for every team, it can be send via email, fax, post. This invitation should be used only for private purposes - not for getting visas (about visas will be written next). If you need some special moments written in invitation - no problem, just ask. Invitations will be personalised for every team - as they want.

Visas

Players from countries 1-6 need visas to Belarus. All information about phones and addresses can be found on http://belembassy.org/index_eng.html
System of getting visas is next:

• Team sends us list of all people who are going to come (passport information).

• We make an official visa invitation and send it by post to our embassy in your country.

• After invitation is delivered, we contact an embassy and confirm all necessary information (main moment - free visas). Each previous year embassies let to make free visas for sportsmen.

• An official of the team comes with all passports to an embassy and after some period visas will be made.

Finance

On 12.02.2011 at the Meeting of Belarusian Ringo Federation we spoke a lot about finance of this tournament. The things are going so that tournament is going to be held in 3 days and nearly 60 foreign players may come to Belarus. So at that current moment our finance do not let us to carry out all costs. **But it is only at that current moment.** As many countries are going to come - as easier for us is find a support. Now we can pay partly for every team for accommodation and meals. As the number of players for each team is different we are going to contact each team privately on the question of finance for accommodation and meals. Just for the information about prices: accommodation and meals in Belarus are going to cost **not more than 20 euros for person per day.** Of course that we see high interest of our international friends to participate in X IRTM from that day we are starting to find sponsors specially for this tournament. Our aim - free accommodation and meals for each team (players + officials). Of course all costs of playgrounds, prizes are on our side.

Conclusion

Please read this letter and private letters and let us know if you are able to participate with conditions we have **at that current moment.** Main moments - calendar and finance. All questions about structure of tournament (all and "Challenge Cup" privately) are open for discussion. We do not make some dead lines for confirmation, we are going to make everything so as much teams as possible can come.

Waiting for your answers

Best Regards,
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