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WORLD SCRABBLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Mattel Inc. are delighted to announce that the 2011 World Scrabble Championships will be held in Warsaw, Poland. We apologise for the delay in making this announcement.

VENUE/DATE

The venue will be the Hilton Hotel, Warsaw. The tournament dates will be Wednesday 12 to Sunday 16 October with compulsory registration on the evening of Tuesday 11 October. I will be in touch again shortly with accommodation details.

We have been able to add an extra day to the tournament and further games. There will now be 9 games on each of the first 4 days. We are consulting with WESPA over the length of the Final on Sunday 16 October.

Lunch and refreshments will be provided for contestants- 12-16 October. There will be a welcoming party immediately after registration on 11 October.

EQUIPMENT

Playing equipment, including chess clocks, will be provided.

PRIZE MONEY

We have also been able to significantly increase the prizemoney at the tournament. The prize fund this year will be US\$50,000 with prizes paid down to 10th position (see below) and US\$20,000 going to the winner. There will be a Trophy for the best performing team.

1st	20,000
2nd	10,000
3rd	5,000
4th	4,000
5th	3,000
6th	2,500
7th	1,750
8th	1,500
9th	1,250
10th	1,000

ALLOCATION OF PLACES

As host, Poland receives 2 extra places in the Championships. The allocation of participants is as follows :-

World Scrabble Championships 2011 - Participants by country

Country
No.

Australia	8	Ghana	1
7	England	2	Ireland
Bahrain	10	Guyana	1
1	France	1	Israel
Barbados	1	India	2
1	Germany	2	Japan
Canada	1	Indonesia	1

Kenya	Oman	4	U.S.A
3	1	South Africa	15
Kuwait	Pakistan	3	Wales
1	2	Sri Lanka	2
Malaysia	Philippines	1	Zambia
2	1	Sweden	1
Malta	Poland	1	World Champion
2	3	Tanzania	2009
Netherlands	Qatar	1	1
1	1	Thailand	World Runner-up
New Zealand	Romania	7	2009
4	1	Trinidad	1
Nigeria	Saudi Arabia	1	World Youth
5	1	U.A.E	Champion
Northern Ireland	Scotland	1	1
	4	Uganda	
2	Singapore	1	Total 114

Please remember that there is a minimum requirement of 6 participants in any event used to decide a WSC participant. We reserve the right to ask for back-up evidence in case of doubt. Should any country be unable to take up its allocation, please be considerate and decide and inform us before 31 July 2011. Countries competing for the first time and satisfying our qualification procedure will be allocated 1 contestant.

RESERVES

The rules are :-

- The official alternate will be from the host country.
- If one of the players already registered on our website drops out before registration on Tuesday October 12, then they should, if possible, be replaced by a representative from their own country.
- All players must attend registration on 12 October, If registered players do not turn up at registration then they will be defaulted and not be replaced other than if the numbers are odd when the official alternate will stand in.
- If players drop out having begun the tournament, they will be replaced by the official alternate.

PUBLICITY

We'll be in touch again shortly with an update including details of how to register on the official WSC website - www.wscgames.com and hotel details. In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could only contact us with urgent queries, channelling other queries through your country's official representative.

REQUIREMENTS FROM EACH PARTICIPATING COUNTRY

Please confirm the name and contact details of your official country contact for further communication as soon as possible.

See you there !

Philip Nelkon
World Scrabble Championships - Organiser