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# International Chess Federation Joins International World Games Association

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The International Chess Federation has officially joined the International World Games Association during its Annual General Meeting held at the Olympic Museum in Lausanne, Switzerland. This inclusion expands IWGA's membership to 40 federations and marks a significant step in recognizing chess as a global mind sport within the international multi-sport ecosystem.

## **About International Chess Federation:**

Founded in 1924, headquartered in Lausanne.

Governs international chess competitions including the Chess Olympiad.

Member of the International Mind Sports Association (IMSA).

Founder: Pierre Vincent

President: Arkady Dvorkovich

## **About International World Games Association:**

Established in 1980, headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Recognised by the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

Organises The World Games, held every 4 years for non-Olympic sports.

President: Anna Arzhanova

## **About The World Games:**

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First held in 1981 (USA).

Latest edition: 2025 Chengd(China).

Next edition: 2029 Karlsruhe (Germany).

### **Eligibility Criteria for IWGA Membership**

Federation must be recognised by the IOC and part of ARISF.

Sport should have global reach and not be fully part of the Olympic programme.

### **Conceptual Importance**

Reflects growing acceptance of mind sports (chess, esports, etc.) in global sporting governance.

Strengthens integration between intellectual sports and traditional sports systems.