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**KASPAROV CHESS FOUNDATION PRESENTS
THIRD ANNUAL ALL-GIRLS NATIONAL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Garry Kasparov to Appear on all Three Days,
highlighted by 40-Board Simultaneous Exhibition**

Chicago, IL, Oct.. 19, 2005 -- Kasparov Chess Foundation, the non-profit chess educational organization founded by world chess champion Garry Kasparov, today announced the Third Annual, National All-Girls Chess Championships, to be held at the historic Palmer House Hilton Hotel, Chicago, IL., March 17 - 19, 2006.

Kasparov Chess Foundation is presenting the tournament in association with Chess Wizards and the United States Chess Federation (USCF). Girls from public, private and home-schools are invited to participate. Teams will compete within the following age categories: 8 years old and younger; 10 years old and younger; 12 years old and younger; 14 years old and younger; 16 years old and younger; 18 years old and younger.

Trophies will be awarded to the top 15 individual players and top three teams in each section. Three or more players from the same school make up a team (team scores will be calculated based on the top 3 scores to give teams their final standings). Every player will receive a souvenir medal to honor their participation.

The main competition will be hosted at Palmer House Hilton Hotel: 17 East Monroe Street, Chicago, IL 60603; Phone: 877-865-5321. The tournament schedule follows:

Main Event, Six Round Swiss System, G/60, Starts March 18:

Saturday, March 18: Opening Ceremony: 9:00 AM

Saturday, March 18: Rounds 1 – 4; 9:30–11:30 AM; 12:00–2:00 PM; 3:00 – 5:00 PM; 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Sunday, March 19: Rounds 5 – 6; 9:00–11:00 AM; 11:30 AM–1:30 PM

Sunday, March 19: Awards Ceremony: 2:30 PM

Special Appearances by Garry Kasparov

Garry Kasparov will play versus 40 girls, participants of All Girls nationals. Individual champions from the previous two championships are awarded to play in the simul. The remaining seats will be chosen by lottery among participants of the Third Annual Championship. Lottery will be held on Fri., March 17th at 6:00 PM at the Adams Ballroom at Palmer House Hilton Hotel. Garry Kasparov's book signing, autograph session and award ceremony with photo memento will take place on Sat. and Sun, March 18 – 19.

As a special offer to all competitors and their guests, the Palmer House Hilton Hotel will offer a guaranteed Chess rate of \$119 if reservations are made by Feb. 25, 2006. For reservations, call 877-865-5321.

Side Events:

In addition to the main competition, there are also several side events taking place. Following is the schedule of side events:

Blitz Tournament G/5 Friday, March 17, 3:00 PM
Entry fee: \$15 if p/m by March 1, \$25 on site

Bughouse Tournament Friday, March 17, 5:00 PM
Entry fee: \$25 per team

Enter Early and Save

The competition is now accepting entry applications for participants. Entry fee: \$45 through March 1st; \$65 thereafter, or on-site on Fri., March 17. All participants are required to be members of the US Chess Federation (USCF), www.uschess.org. Applicants can either register online by visiting www.chesswizards.com, or via mail. Make checks payable to Chess Wizards:

Chess Wizards
2042 W Mclean Avenue, Suite 2 F,
Chicago, IL 60647
Tel. 773-326-2311
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About Kasparov Chess Foundation

Founded by World Chess Champion Garry Kasparov, KCF's mission is to bring the many educational benefits of chess to children throughout the United States by providing a complete chess curriculum and enrichment programs. The Foundation promotes the study of chess as a cognitive learning tool in curricular classes and after-school programs for elementary, middle and high schools, both in the public and private school sectors. The not-for-profit educational organization also organizes tournaments and competitions on a local and national basis. For more information, please visit <http://www.kasparovchessfoundation.org>.

About Chess Wizards

Chess Wizards was founded in August 2003 when a group of dedicated and enthusiastic people decided to change the culture of Chess in Chicago. The adaptive Chess Wizards program is designed for all levels of young chess players and places an emphasis on the individual needs and progress of each student. Students learn much more than how to play one of the great intellectual games of the world, as the skills they learn playing chess will transfer to school and other social situations. For more information, or to register for the All Girls National Chess Championships, please visit <http://www.chesswizards.com>.

About The USCF

The United States Chess Federation, founded in 1939, serves as the governing body for chess in the United States and is devoted to extending the role of chess in American society. It promotes the study and knowledge of the game of chess, for its own sake as an art and enjoyment, and as a means for the improvement of society. The USCF is a not-for-profit membership organization with more than 90,000 members. For more information, please see <http://www.uschess.org>.