

U.S. - Russia Scholastic Chess Match

American scholastic players will have the opportunity to travel to Russia to compete in the first scholastic chess match between American and Russian scholastic chess players. The Karpov International School of Chess (Lindsborg, KS), in cooperation with the U.S. and Russian Chess Federations, are organizing the match. The match will be held in Moscow from March 25 - April 1, 2006 at the site of the Aeroflot-Open tournament (Hotel Izmailovo). Four-time Women's World Champion and 5-time Gold Olympiad winner, Grandmaster Susan Polgar, will lead the American delegation to Moscow.

The Russian Chess Federation, an official partner for the event, will help with organizing housing (double-occupancy), three meals a day, a tour of Moscow (including a tour of the Kremlin), air transportation from New York and Los Angeles to Moscow, travel visas, and insurance.

The total cost for the trip, including the above, is \$1,450 from New York and \$1,530 from Los Angeles if paid in full by December 31, 2005. After that date the cost will be \$1,600. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 is to be paid by December 31, 2005. The total amount for the trip is to be paid by February 10, 2006.

There will be no special selection criteria for the trip. Any USCF scholastic chess player can sign up for the trip. Those under 14 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, while those over the age of 14 may travel with teams and coaches. Accompanying persons may participate in all activities other than the tournament. The match-tournament (non-rated) will have 5 rounds, G/60.

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