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Annex 2

Educachess School Contest

This contest can be launched at any time, as the challenges are already designed. The key step will be to update and optimize the digital platform, incorporating advances in artificial intelligence to automate the correction processes and overall contest management. Its solidarity dimension will be strengthened through the involvement of public figures who, by supporting both chess and various social causes, will help expand its reach and international visibility.

General characteristics

An international, annual contest designed to encourage the participation of all students in compulsory education.

Registration fees may start from as little as €1, adjusted according to each country. The challenges will be available in both printable (PDF) and interactive multimedia formats.

Types of tasks

Challenges and tasks based on the educational chess activities developed by the Educachess project (perception, calculation, memory, logic, spatial vision, etc.), designed in a simple and multi-level format to encourage participation from all students.

Solving time will be a key factor in the scoring system.

Educational

The challenges can be used as a pedagogical resource to promote playful training throughout the school year.

In this way, they become a complementary tool that not only boosts student motivation, but also consistently supports the development of cognitive and creative skills.

Solidarity

Schools will manage registrations and direct donations to the selected solidarity causes, some of which may align with those supported by public figures, thereby increasing their visibility. Within this framework, partnerships will be promoted with public figures, foundations, and other organizations to enhance both donations and the dissemination of these causes.

Cooperative

There are elite athletes (players and coaches) in other sports — such as football, tennis, basketball, and motorsports — who practice and incorporate chess to enhance their performance. These individuals could collaborate in promoting this solidarity-based contest. Partnerships will also be sought with foundations and/or companies that can provide logistical and technological support for the development of the contest.

Sports

Optionally, the *Educachess* School Contest may include a parallel competitive chess modality, based on the resolution of standard tactical exercises (checkmates, pawn promotion, material gain, etc.).

This will allow interested students to take part in sports-based challenges without limiting overall participation or the inclusive nature of the project.

Research

Optionally, most of the contest challenges could be adapted into therapeutic chess workshops aimed at organizations working in cognitive rehabilitation for individuals with Alzheimer's, stroke aftereffects, or addiction-related issues.

Social

As a school-based contest, it also allows the involvement of students' families, who become active agents in promoting and supporting the solidarity causes linked to the competition.

In this way, awareness is not limited to the school environment but extends to the family and community spheres, fostering greater social consciousness and broader impact.