

Rechtes Alsterufer versus Linkes Alsterufer

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The ministry of education in Hamburg employs five teachers for organizing all the chess tournaments, in the "Fachausschuss Schach" the so called "committee for chess". They all do teach at schools as well, but with less working hours compared to their colleagues. Instead of e.g. 2 lessons with classes every week they do the chess organisation.

The city of Hamburg launches the Webpage for the tournament: www.alsteruferturnier.de

The city supports the tournament by publishing press releases in advance. A PR agency consults the committee. And so the tournament is getting public attention.



If you register your school for the tournament, you will be asked to type in a 4 digit number for each team, specifying information about the age of the team, the kind of school and the strength of the players. So the committee can provide a suitable opponent team.

4 weeks before the tournament the committee has a meeting and find suitable opponents for the about 500 teams.

	1. + 2. Ziffer	3. Ziffer	4. Ziffer
10	1./2. Klasse	1 Grundschule	0 Anfänger *
11	3./4. Klasse		
12	1.-4. Klasse	2 Gymnasium	1 schwach *
20	5./6. Klasse		
21	5.-10. Klasse	3 STS/andere	2 mittel *
22	5.-13. Klasse		
30	10.-13. Klasse		3 stark *

After finding an opponent, every team receives a letter with the exact location inside of the arena (with table number)

Every player gets a lanyard keychain with a VIP ticket, showing the same information on a map. School may add a mobile number of the teaching staff.

- The organisation requires a lot of patience.
- another 90-120 volunteers are needed.
- Teams with a view to gain will send false information

