

# The Mind Sports Olympiad Starts Next Month

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*'Diving Chess' - one of many interesting mind Olympic games*

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The Mind Sports Olympiad starts August 23 at what its likely to be its new, permanent home, the same North London venue as last year. Full details can be found on the official MSO websites [here](#) and [here](#). This will be the nineteenth event in a row since the first, which was held at the Royal Festival Hall on the South Bank between August 18 and 24, 1997.

In 2002, MSO was moved temporarily to the North of England, in particular the campus of Loughborough University followed by three years in Manchester. In 2007, it was held in a church hall in Potters Bar!

Some background to MSO can be found [here](#). What can be said of this year's events? Well, there are the same familiar games – chess, entropy, lines of action, etc – and some new, unfamiliar ones. Ever heard of VEGEtables, for example? There is also a new event, the

Eurogames World Championship. This is similar to the Pentamind, and is explained on [MSOWorld](#).

What though of the most outrageous game, chess diving? Well, it would be outrageous if the organisers tried to smuggle a swimming pool into the building. In lieu of that, the chess diving event will place on Monday, July 27, and will be held off-site in Central London.

There is reasonable prize money this year too including a top £500 for the Pentamind by courtesy of the sponsors Mitsubishi Electric UK and DeepMind Technologies. The founders of the latter include Demis Hassabis, a veteran of this event and a multiple Pentamind champion.

If you are not in the neighbourhood, you can still check out the Mind Sports Olympiad [Facebook page](#).

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