

Seventy-three players, coaches, and family members are making their final preparations for the 2007 World Youth Chess Championship scheduled for November 17-29 in Antalya, Turkey. The venue for the tournament is the Limra Hotel in Antalya. Additional tournament information from the organizers can be found at <http://wycc2007.tsf.org.tr/>. The coaches working with this year's team include Armen Ambartsoumian, Joel Benjamin, John Fedorowicz, Aviv Friedman, Michael Khodarkovsky, and Sergey Kudrin. Friedman will also serve as Head of Delegation for the US contingent. One challenge for the players and coaches is the adjustment to a new time zone and the jet lag which follows the lengthy trip to Turkey. In addition, the World Youth is one of the premier events for this level and the competition is intense throughout the 11-round tournament.



The opening ceremonies are slated for November 17th with the first round to be the following day. A free day on the 23rd provides the players with a small rest before continuing the grueling schedule which ends with the closing ceremonies on the 28th.

This year's players and the categories within which they will compete are as follows:

Girls Under 18	
NIKOLOVA, ETTIE	VA
KATS, ELINA	NY
KERR, JULIA k	NY
Girls Under 16	
MELEKHINA, ALISA	PA
MARSHALL, ABBY	VA
JAMISON, COURTNEY	TX
LIVSCHITZ, LOUIZA	CA
Girls Under 14	
DAI, YANG	VA
LIU, JENNIE S	NJ
VEMPATI, GAYATRI	TX
Girls Under 12	
KUZNIATSOVA, ALENA	NY
MATLIN, ANNA	NJ
Girls Under 10	
CHIANG, SARAH	TX
XIANG, ELLEN	TX

Girls Under 8	
XIANG, EVAN	TX
LIAO, SIMONE	CA
Boys Under 18	
LIU, ELLIOTT	CA
Boys Under 16	
ARNOLD, MARC TYLER	NY
HARPER, WARREN	TX
SHANKLAND, SAMUEL L	CA
Boys Under 14	
ROBSON, RAY S	FL
SHEN, VICTOR C	NJ
GETZ, ALEC	NY
YEE, MICHAEL	CA
TANAKA, CHRISTIAN	CA
Boys Under 12	
NARODITSKY, DANIEL A	CA
YANK, DARWIN	TX
HEUNG, CHRISTOPHER	FL
Boys Under 10	
LUO, BRIAN J	WI
KRISHNAN, VARUN	CA
PAMATMAT, JAROD	TX
Boys Under 8	
CHIANG, JONATHAN	TX
LIN, DACHEY	TX