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World Cyber Games

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I. Introduction

A. **Attention Getter:** Dhani Jones and Joe Montana are pretty well known football players. Mike Piazza and Babe Ruth were famous baseball players. And recently, Michael Phelps becomes known as the greatest swimmer in modern times. By a show of hands, who here has at least heard one or more of these names? These are some of the names that many of you will probably recognize in sports and events. Now, by show of hands again, who has heard of Kyle Miller, Matthew Anderson, or Dennis Chan? Most of you are probably thinking, “Who is that?” Am I right? Well, these guys represented the United States team in 2005 at the World Cyber Games at the Grand Finals in Singapore in different games as stated by Sports Illustrated.

B. **Thesis Statement:** Today, I am going to inform you about the World Cyber Games or WCG for short.

C. **Fairhearing or Significance:** Now I know some of you don’t play video games and that is fine. But what if I told you that this career/lifestyle can lead to easy money and a job that you will love. In Seoul, South Korea, some of the top gamers make at least six figures a year just playing video games. Also, for the ladies, this is a great place to meet single guys. According to a research done by Dr. Lily Chen, Dr. Hill Tu, and Dr. Edward Wang in the fields of Cyber Psychology & Behavior, out of the 500 people that were studied, 445 of them are single with 328 of them being college students. This also includes female gamers. So guys why not date a chick that plays games? Not the bad games with relationships, but console games.

D. **Overview:** So today, I am first going to introduce you exactly what is the World Cyber Games. Second, the variety of games that are played. Third, how you can be a part of the competition. Forth and finally, the prizes and awards received after a competition. (Transition: So let’s get started.)

II. Body

A. **Introduction to World Cyber Games**

1. According to wcg.com (their official website), World Cyber Games is a global tournament in which sport is conducted within the medium of cyberspace. Their slogan: Beyond The Game.

   a. This is the largest and only one of its kind cyber-gaming event that is rapidly growing in popularity among gamers and non-gamers.
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b. Gamers alike are challenged by each other
to face off in games to see who the
champion is.

2. The event started in 2000 as just a national competition in
South Korea.

   a. As the years progressed, other nations
started to hear about the event and wanted
to be involved. Now, just take a look at the
picture.

   b. This year’s grand final will be held in
Chengdu, China where the best of the best
players from different countries will be
displayed. (Transition: So now that you
know the basic concept of the World Cyber
Games, let’s move on to the games.)

B. The Games

1. Out of all the games that could be played, the World
Cyber Game committee selects only a few of them for
competition. It is separated into three categories. Xbox
360, the PC, and mobile gaming (e.g. PSP).

   a. As you can see by the chart, these are the
games that players are eligible to compete
in.

   b. I’m only going to go over a couple of the
games that are the highlight of the
competition.

      i. Warcraft III and Starcraft are RTS
(Real Time Strategy) which a
human opponent goes against
another or computer in actual time
combat. In other words, your moves
and commands you assign can
easily be countered by the opposing
force.

      ii. Counter-Strike, which is a FPS
(First Person Shooter) and a team
based game, puts a player in a first
perspective view with tactical
weapons to attack an opposing
team.

      iii. And finally, Virtual Fighter 5 as you
can already tell from the title is a
fighting game. It is a 1 on 1 game
where you are against your
opponent, whether it is a computer
or human player.
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2. Every year there is always a new game that is being changed to the play list.
   a. However, Starcraft is the only game in the entire World Cyber Game career that has not been replaced by any other game yet. This game still ranks among the most popular RTS of all time. (Transition: Alright, so now that I have shown you the games that could be play, let’s talk about the competition.)

C. Players & Competition
   1. The great thing about the World Cyber Game is that anyone can join in the competition.
      a. However, those that plan to enter need to meet two requirements that are set by the WCG committee, which can be found at wcg.com.
         i. First off, players need to be at least 18 years of age or older. Those who are a minor must have consent with a parent or legal guardian.
         ii. Second, those who are eligible after the first requirement must register before the qualification rounds begin for their game.
      b. In one example from Sports Illustrated, Carol Tang was only 15 years old when she was entered into the tournament. She had no professional experience and only played for fun. She enjoyed playing Counter Strike with her friends. Unfortunately for her, she was eliminated the first round at the event by a professional team. As you can see, anyone and everyone are welcomed. (Transition: So, now that I told you about competition, let’s talk about prizes)

D. Prizes & Awards
   1. Like every competition or tournament, there is always some kind of award or prize for those that are ranked among the best.
      a. This chart represents the games that were played last year along with the cash prizes that accompanied the places.
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b. Last year, the total amount of cash given away was $470,000.

2. In addition to prizes, companies are willing to sponsor players that have exceeded beyond the casual gamer.
   a. According to New York Times, Mr. Leto (first name not mentioned) became a Halo champion back in 2004, which earned him $30,000 and a contract with Activision (a game developing company). Sponsors will be all over you.

III. Conclusion

A. Review: So today, I covered what is the World Cyber Games. The games that are played at the event. The players and requirements for it. And finally, the prizes and awards that can be received.

B. Finality: I hope I inspired you to go out and try to compete in the World Cyber Games. It's easy money and easy fame as long as you got the skills to do so. On a final note, I'm going to leave you with a motto that opening ceremonies gives to all gamers at the Grand Finals of the World Cyber Games, “Welcome to The Challenge!”

