

BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008

Championship events – open only to British Isles subjects or players resident therein for the past year. or those with British Overseas Dependent Territories Citizenship. In Junior Championships, ages relate to 1st September, 2007. All Junior Championships will include titles for at least one Boy and at least one Girl.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP Entry Fee £175 (£115 U-21)

Free to GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs provided postmarked by July 7th.

Players who gained their FM or WFM title during the last 12 months may pay an entry fee reduced by £60, provided postmarked prior to July 7th.

This event is open **only** to exempted or qualified players.

Qualified players must enter by July 7th or they will lose their right to a place.

Entries sent by exempted players after July 7th will be subject to a late fee.

Prizes: - £5,000; £2,500; £1,500; £1,200; £900; £700; £500; £300.

British Lady Champion: - £500.

British Under 21 Champion: - £250. British Under 18 Champion: - £250.

An Under 18 player is not eligible for the Under 21 Prize

English Champion: - £1,500. English Lady Champion: - £500

Most Improved Rating Performances Below 2150 £250; 2151-2299 £250.

Alexander Best Game Prize for the Best Game in the Championship £100.

The Champion's prize includes the Sims Prize (currently approximately £80); the Lady Champion's prize includes the Lander Prize (currently £50).

Playing Schedule: - Mon 28th July to Fri 8th August (except Sun 3rd).

11 rounds, starting 2:15 pm daily, 7 hour sessions.

Play-off: Should there be a tie for the title after 11 rounds a play-off will take place on Saturday 9th August. 10% of the prize fund due for 1st and any subsequent prizes involved in the tie will be held back and distributed following the play-off. The type and length of play-off plus the distribution of prizes will be determined by the number of players involved; full details will be given in the event programme. Entry to the Championship is deemed as acceptance of these conditions.

BRITISH SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP Entry Fee £52

This event is open to players born before 1st September 1947.

Prizes: - £250; £120; £60.

Playing Schedule: - Saturday 2nd - Friday 8th August.

7 Rounds, starting 9:30 am daily, 6 hour sessions.

BRITISH GRADED CHAMPIONSHIPS Entry Fee £36

Juniors (Under-18) may not enter these graded championships.

Prizes: - £225; £110; £60.

5 round events starting 9:30 am daily.

Under 175/2000 Championship 4 hour sessions	Mon 28 th July - Friday 1 st Aug
Under 150/1800 Championship 4 hour sessions	Monday 4 th - Friday 8 th August
Under 125/1600 Championship 4 hour sessions	Mon 28 th July - Friday 1 st Aug
Under 100/1400 Championship 4 hour sessions	Monday 4 th - Friday 8 th August

Rates of Play: - 7 hour sessions 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by 20 moves in one hour followed by all moves in 30 minutes.

6 hour session 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by all moves in 1 hour.

4 hour sessions 40 moves in 100 minutes followed by all moves in 20 minutes.

BRITISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Dates of birth relate to age on 1st September 2007 in all cases.

UNDER 16 to UNDER 10 Prizes: - £225; £110; £60 Entry Fee £45

7 rounds starting 9:30 am daily. 4 hour sessions.

Additional afternoon rounds starting 2:45 pm.

UNDER 16	Monday 28 th July - Sat 2 nd Aug + Tues 29 th July pm
UNDER 14	Sunday 3 rd - Friday 8 th Aug + Sunday 3 rd Aug pm
UNDER 13	Monday 28 th July - Sat 2 nd Aug + Thurs 31 st July pm
UNDER 12	Sunday 3 rd - Friday 8 th Aug + Sunday 3 rd Aug pm
UNDER 11	Mon 28 th July - Fri 1 st Aug + Tues 29 th pm & Thurs 31 st July pm
UNDER 10	Mon 4 th - Fri 8 th Aug + Tues 5 th pm & Thurs 7 th pm

The Under 15 titles will be incorporated in Under 16 Event. Players who are Under 15 will not be eligible for Under 16 titles.

UNDER 9 Prizes: - £100; £60; £40 Entry Fee £18

Playing Schedule: - Saturday 2nd August 12 noon, 2:30 pm, 5 pm.

Sunday 3rd August 9:30 am, 12 noon, 2:30 pm, 5 pm.

7 Rounds. All moves in 1 hour for each player.

UNDER 8 Prizes: - £75; £50; £30 Entry Fee £10

Playing Schedule: - Friday 1st August 10 am, 11:25 am, 1 pm, 2:30 pm, 4 pm, 5:30 pm

6 rounds. All moves in 30 minutes for each player.

5 DAY JUNIOR OPEN TOURNAMENTS (Non-Championship)

Prizes: - £30; £20; £10 **Entry Fee £10**

Open to all players of school age and aimed at players not strong enough for the relevant championship sections.

Playing Schedule: - Week 1 Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August.

Week 2 Monday 4th - Friday 8th August.

5 rounds, two games a round, 9:30 am daily. All moves in 1 hour in each game.

MAJOR OPEN Entry Fee £87

Open to all players except those entitled to play in the British Championship or rated above 2349

Prizes: - £1000; £500; £250; £150; £100

Best performances relative to rating in the July 2008 FIDE List £100, £60, £40

Playing Schedule: - Mon 28th July to Fri 8th August (except Sun 3rd).

11 rounds, starting 2:15 pm daily, Fischer time control: 40 moves in 80 minutes, then all moves in 40 minutes, with one minute per move added from the start.

5 DAY OPEN MORNING TOURNAMENTS Entry Fee £33

Open to all players

Prizes: - £150; £75

Playing Schedule: - Week 1 Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August.

Week 2 Monday 4th - Friday 8th August.

5 rounds, 4 hour sessions. 9:30 am daily.

5 DAY OPEN AFTERNOON TOURNAMENTS

Entry Fee £33#

Open to all players

Prizes: - £150; £75

Playing Schedule: - **Week 1** Monday 28th July - Friday 1st August.

Week 2 Monday 4th - Friday 8th August.

5 rounds, 7 hour sessions. 2:15 pm daily.

This event is half price for any player who enters a morning event.

RAPIDPLAYS

6 Rounds

Entry Fee £15

Prizes: - £140; £70; Best Under 130 - £40

Playing Schedule: -

Week 1 Sunday 27th July **11 am**, 12:25 pm, 1:50 pm, 3:10 pm, 4:30 pm, 5:50 pm.

Time Control: All moves in 30 minutes.

Week 2 Sunday 3rd August **10 am**, 11:25 am, 12:50 pm, 2:10 pm, 3:30 pm, 4:50 pm.

Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds per move.

WEEKENDERS

Three 5-Round Sections

Entry Fee £21

Prizes: - £140; £70; £40 Grading Prize £50

Playing Schedule: - Friday 1st August 7:00 pm, Saturday 2nd August 9:30 am & 2:15 pm,
Sunday 3rd August 9:30 am & 2:15 pm.

4 hour sessions 40 moves in 100 minutes followed by all moves in 20 minutes.

Atkins Tournament

Open to all

players

Soanes Tournament

Open to players under ECF 140 (August 2007 list)/ 1720

Yates Tournament

Open to players under ECF 110 (August 2007 list)/ 1480

Players may ask to play in a higher section if they so wish. Players may request a ½ point bye in any round. Round One Byes must be claimed on the entry form. Inform your section's Arbiter of any bye to be taken in later rounds.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

- 1) No entries can be accepted except on an official entry form. Additional forms can be obtained from the ECF Website or by contacting the ECF Office with a stamped addressed envelope.
- 2) Competitors are expected to maintain acceptable standards of dress & behaviour.
- 3) Prize Winners must attend the appropriate prizegiving for their event as announced in the programme. The main prizegiving will be held on Saturday 9th August at 9.30 am. Failure to attend without the prior permission of the Congress Director or a Principal Arbiter may result in the forfeiting of the prize concerned.
- 4) Every effort is made to place entrants in the tournament of their choice but the right is reserved to transfer an entry to another appropriate section. The right is reserved to refuse any entry. The Federation may deduct an administration fee from any refund to players who withdraw.
- 5) A player withdrawing during any event without good cause will be liable to pay a full entry fee at any future event organised by the Federation and/or a bond returnable on satisfactory conduct during such events.

- 6) **Only food/drink bought at St. George's Hall can be consumed within the venue.**
- 7) In **all** events other than Adult Rapidplays, Adult Weekenders and Junior non-championship events, English players **MUST** be members of the English Chess Federation. Either quote your membership number on the Entry Form or complete the enclosed Membership Form and pay a Membership Fee.

Photographs of competitors and prize winners will be taken during the event. No photograph of a junior will be used for publicity purposes without consent.

Entry to the Championships is deemed to be acceptance of these conditions.

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

Grades/Ratings: - For the British, Major Open and Seniors, FIDE ratings take precedence, then British national grades. These 3 events will be FIDE rated. For Adult Rapidplay Events, the current ECF Rapidplay grade of category A, B, C or D will take precedence over normal grades. Entry to the Graded Championships will be determined by the 2007 ECF list or appropriate list for non English players. Ungraded players must give details of any previous grades/ratings held.

Programme: - this will be sent free to competitors in all events of 5 days duration or more about one week before the start of the Championships. Players in all weekend and rapidplay events will receive a programme at the event.

Bulletins and Charts: - All players in the British Championship will receive daily bulletins as part of their entry fee. A web bulletin will include games and information about most events at the Championships, including all final charts. A daily bulletin will be on sale and will contain a wide range of games from many sections. Competitors may also purchase a Commemorative Bulletin.

Discounts: -

- a) ECF Members (all categories), and members of any of the National Chess Bodies within the British Isles can claim a discount of £2 per event entered, providing the entry is made before the closing date.
- b) Multiple entry discounts: **If one person enters 2 or more sections at the same time, or if a family makes a multiple entry at the same time, the entry fee for each section entered will be reduced by £2**, providing the entry is made by the closing date.

Surcharges: - To organise these Championships to the high standards expected it is important that entries are received early. Therefore the following surcharges apply: - Entries received postmarked after 7th July - £25 (2 week events); £10 (1 week events). Entries received postmarked after 21st July or received at the event; a further £10. The Federation reserves the right to refuse any entry made at the event.

Weekender events (including the Under 8 & Under 9 Championships) will incur no penalty until postmarked after 21st July when following will apply: - £5 Swiss events; £2 Rapidplays. Entries on the day: £10 Swiss events; £5 Rapidplays.

Mobile phones: - Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing hall. Competitors should avoid bringing phones to the venue. They will be immediately defaulted if their mobile phone is found to be switched on, and they may be considered to have withdrawn from the event.

Multiple Entries: - Players may not take part in two tournaments on the same day if the sessions potentially overlap. The following exceptions apply:-

Players may take a ½ pt bye in a Weekender if they are playing in an am event.

Players may take a ½ pt bye in the Major Open if they have a junior pm round. They should inform the Major Open Controller at least 24 hours in advance.

Players may take a ½ pt bye in round 7 of the Under 11 (if not in contention for a prize) in order to play in the Under 8 Championship.

Byes: - In non-championship events other than the Major Open, a round one bye may be claimed on the entry form. For other rounds, the section controller should be consulted at the event.

Commentary: - Daily commentary will take place on British Championship games.

Coaching for Juniors: - Coaching will be available free to Juniors. We are grateful to the John Robinson Trust for allowing us to provide this service. Further details will be given in the programme.

Bursaries: - Reductions in entry fees may be available for junior entrants. Any entrant receiving a bursary cannot qualify for an event discount. Please contact in confidence: David Welch, 63 Croxteth Road, Liverpool L8 3SF. Tel/Fax: 0151 733 1866, Email: director.homechess@englishchess.org.uk

ABOUT THE VENUE

St. George's Hall is directly opposite the front entrance to Lime Street Station. The entrance for chess players is located at the Northern end of the building, not up the main steps. There is parking in the local car parks, but public transport is advisable.

ACCOMMODATION

For details of accommodation please contact:

Mersey Partnership Accommodation Call Centre - Tel: 0844 870 0123

Liverpool Tourist Information - Tel: 0151 233 2008, Email: 08place@liverpool.gov.uk

Website: www.visitliverpool.com or see the ECF website – www.englishchess.org.uk

Merseyside has an excellent transport system and competitors should consider Southport and the Wirral as well as central Liverpool and the suburbs.

**All other queries to the English Chess Federation, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane,
Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD (Tel: 01424 775222; Fax: 01424 775904;
Email: office@englishchess.org.uk; Website: www.englishchess.org.uk)**

The ECF Office is unable to book accommodation or respond to any matters relating to the venue.

BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2008 ENTRY FORM

Please enter me for:- (please tick relevant box/es)

Surname	British Championship	<input type="checkbox"/>
	British Senior Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Forename	British U – 175 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Mr/Mrs/Ms)	British U – 150 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Address	British U – 125 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	British U – 100 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	British Under 16 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
.....	British Under 14 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
	British Under 13 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Postcode	British Under 12 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
	British Under 11 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone	British Under 10 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
	British Under 9 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grading Club	British Under 8 Champ	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Junior Open Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club	Junior Open Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Major Open	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Birth	5 Day Open AM Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
	5 Day Open PM Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grade or Rating	5 Day Open AM Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
(Please give all current grades and ring	5 Day Open PM Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
the one based on the most games.)		
ECF (or other National) Membership No	Rapidplay 27 th July	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Rapidplay 3 rd August	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expiry date	Weekender: Atkins	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Weekender: Soanes	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECF Grading Code No	Weekender: Yates	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nationality (if not English)		
Email Address		
For Non-Championship Events only: Please write down any event in which you need a		
FIRST ROUND BYE		
For British Championship entrants only:		
How qualified?		

Tournament Entry Fee(s)	£
# ECF Membership – please attach enclosed Membership Form	£
* Late entry surcharge	£
* Donation	£
Less ECF (or other National) member discount	£
Less Multiple Event entry discount	£
Total enclosed	£

Membership of the ECF is required of all English residents who play in any event except Adult Rapidplays, Adult Weekenders and Junior non-championship events.
* If appropriate. Donations to assist the Congress are always welcomed.

Entries MUST include the appropriate payment. Late Entry surcharges are calculated according to the day on which payment is made. Cheques/postal orders should be crossed and made payable to the English Chess Federation and sent with this entry form to the English Chess Federation at the address below.
Entry fees include VAT (ECF Vat Registration No 195 6436 36).

Payment by Visa/Mastercard. Debit my Visa/Mastercard £

Credit cards only – no Debit Cards

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Name & Address of Cardholder.....

Signed..... (Competitor or Parent/Guardian/Representative)

Declaration: - I wish to enter and am eligible for the tournaments named and have read and understood the entrance conditions of these Championships.

If an acknowledgement is required, please request it by sending an e-mail to the Congress Secretary (congress.secretary@englishchess.org.uk) or if this is not possible enclose a stamped addressed envelope with the entry form.
All e-mailed entries will be acknowledged.

Please return this form to the Congress Secretary:

Neville Belinfante, 10 Ostlers Court, Old Coach Drive, High Wycombe, Bucks HP11 1AR. Email: congress.secretary@englishchess.org.uk



Entries posted after 24th July should be addressed to The British Chess Championships, c/o David Welch, 63 Croxteth Road, Liverpool L8 3SF.

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