

52nd Cotswold Chess Congress



ECF Grand Prix Event

Spring Bank Holiday Weekend

Sat 23rd, Sun 24th & Mon 25th May 2020

at

The King's School, Gloucester

The Open will incorporate the **Gloucestershire Individual County Championship**. The title will be awarded to the highest scoring eligible player (*for details and eligibility criteria – see Facebook page and website*).



52nd Cotswold Chess Congress

Saturday 23rd May to Monday 25th May 2020 at The King's School, Gloucester GL1 2BG

Enquiries

Andrew Gilmour

01242 253996

dracofelsinae@hotmail.co.uk

Late entries

Entries will be accepted up to midday on Friday 22nd May. Acceptance of entries after that time will be at the discretion of the section controllers. A Late Fee of £5 is payable on entries received after Tuesday, 19th May.

Players with impairments

Please indicate if you have any impairment which requires special circumstances or remedial actions which need to be taken.

Accommodation

Gloucester Tourist Information is at 28 Southgate St, Gloucester, GL1 2DP; tel: 01452 396572 or visit <http://www.thecityofgloucester.co.uk/> to book accommodation online.

Refreshments

Sandwiches, cakes and snacks, hot and cold drinks will be available throughout the congress.

Bookstall

The congress committee wish to thank The Bude Chess Centre for providing the playing equipment and bookstall for the congress.

<http://www.budechess.co.uk>

Email chess@budechess.co.uk

Tel: 01288 353070

Venue

The congress committee is very grateful to The King's School, Gloucester for allowing the use of their school hall for this event.

There is ample free parking available in the school grounds.

Disclaimer - The school cannot accept liability for loss or damage arising at the congress.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school premises. Please do not drop litter.

Personal mains electrical equipment is not permitted to be used on the school premises.

Mobile phones must be switched off in and around the playing area.

Directions

The King's School is situated in the heart of the city, next to the Cathedral. If you are using SatNav please enter 'Gouda Way' - this will bring you directly to the main school entrance and car parks.

For detailed directions, please visit the school web site at

<http://www.thekingsschool.co.uk/about-kings/overview/directions/>

Emergency contact number (for use during the congress weekend only)

If you are delayed en route or cannot turn up for a game, please telephone 07709 246152.

Website

For further assistance with accommodation and directions, for online entry and for a list of entrants, plus details of the Gloucestershire Individual County Championship regulations and eligibility criteria, please visit the congress website at <http://cotswoldcongress.co.uk>.

52nd Cotswold Chess Congress

Tournaments

All 6 round Swiss

Entry Fee

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| OPEN | £35 |
| MAJOR(Grade: Below 155) | £30 |
| MINOR.....(Grade: Below 125) | £30 |

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are not current ECF Members or who are ECF members at Bronze level on the date of the congress must pay an additional Game Fee supplement of £9.

U18s as at 23/05/2020 may deduct £4 from their entry fee. Parents or guardians are responsible for their children during the tournament.

Ungraded players must provide evidence of their playing strength, including recent results, previous grades, prizes won and a reasonable estimate of grading. Prizes for ungraded players will be at the discretion of the congress committee.

Competitors may request a ½-point bye in any one round (except the final round) before the start of the congress.

The congress committee reserve the right to refuse entry and to transfer competitors to other sections and to cancel or split any section at their discretion. If a player has not arrived for their game within 30 minutes of the start time, the player will be defaulted and the controllers may repair games.

Information provided on the entry form may be recorded and used for congress administration, mailing lists (no information is provided to third parties for this purpose) and grading purposes. Photos may be taken for use on the congress Facebook page or website. If you do not want your photo published, please inform the organisers.

Controllers: K. D. Markey (ECF Arbiter), P. J. Meade and A. Farthing.

Players must abide by the FIDE laws of chess and any decisions made by the controllers in interpretation of the Laws are final.

Prize Money

| | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
|-------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| OPEN | £250 | £180 | £120 |
| MAJOR | £220 | £150 | £100 |
| MINOR | £220 | £150 | £100 |

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the congress committee based on the number of entries in each tournament. It is expected that there will be at least one £40 grading prize per section.

Timetable

| | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Saturday 23 rd May | Round 1: 10.00am | Round 2: 3.00pm |
| Sunday 24 th May | Round 3: 10.00am | Round 4: 3.00pm |
| Monday 25 th May | Round 5: 10.00am | Round 6: 3.00pm |

Rate of Play

Digital clocks will be used. Each player receives 75 minutes plus 30-second increment per move from move one.