

# Worcestershire

## Closed Chess Congress

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019



**THE KING'S SCHOOL WORCESTER**

**Castle Place, Worcester WR1 2NB**

**Directions to Venue:** The school premises are adjacent to the Cathedral and details of how to find the school are linked from the web page at: [http://www.raycollett.net/worcs/ksw\\_location.pdf](http://www.raycollett.net/worcs/ksw_location.pdf)

**Parking:** There is city centre parking in King Street, Clare Street, Tallow Hill or the multi-storey St Martin's Gate municipal car parks or the NCP Cathedral multi-storey car park. Information about municipal car parks is on the web at: <https://www.worcester.gov.uk/parking>

**Refreshments:** There will be facilities for making tea and coffee and biscuits available for a donation.

**Mobile Phones:** Phones and other electronic devices should be switched off during play. A player whose mobile phone sounds during a game will be defaulted.

**Tournament controller:** The event will be controlled by Andrew Farthing.

**No smoking:** The school grounds are a non-smoking area and smoking is banned inside the Keyes Building.

**Photography and publication of results:** Names of players, their club affiliation and any title gained will be published on a website for Worcestershire Chess Association and reports will be sent to local news media and the ECF. Photographs will be taken during play and at prize-giving.

**Terms and conditions:** Players entering the tournament agree to abide by the FIDE Laws of Chess and decisions of the controllers. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries.

A large selection of second-hand chess books will be on sale at the event at very reasonable prices. All sale proceeds will be donated to St Richard's Hospice, Worcester. **Cash sales only.**

### Schedule

Round 1	Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Round 2	Saturday	2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Round 3	Saturday	6:45 p.m. – 10:15 p.m.
Round 4	Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Round 5	Sunday	2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Prize-giving	Sunday	6:30 p.m. approx

**Late arrivals:** Players not arriving within 30 minutes of the start time of any round will be defaulted and their opponents re-paired if possible.

**Byes:** You may take a half-point bye in any one of the first 4 rounds. If a bye is required, please request it on the entry form.

**Grading:** Ungraded players must supply details of their playing strength with their entry form. Ungraded players are not eligible for the Minor Championship title.

**Tournament format:** There will be one section played as a Swiss tournament and all results will be submitted for ECF grading. Titles will not be shared, but decided by tie-break according to the procedure published at the tournament.

**Rate of Play:** Each player receives 75 minutes for the game, plus a 30-second increment for each completed move.

**Worcestershire individual titles and prizes:** Winning players will gain a Worcestershire individual champion's title and a trophy. A player may gain one title only: there are no cash prizes. It is planned to award the following titles: **Worcestershire Individual Champion**, **Worcestershire Women's Individual Champion** for female players, **Worcestershire Veteran Champion** for players born before 1949, and **Worcestershire Senior Champion** for players born in the years 1949 to 1959, **Worcestershire Minor Champion** (graded under 130 in the July 2019 ECF grading list), **Worcestershire Junior Champion** for players under the age of sixteen on 17 August 2019 and **best ungraded player**. Ungraded players are not eligible for the Minor Championship. Any additional prizes will be announced at the event.

**Entry date:** Entries must be received by 12 noon, on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> August.  
**Please note: No entries will be accepted on the day of the tournament.**

**Withdrawals:** If withdrawing during the tournament, please notify a controller or note it on your result slip. If you withdraw before the first round, your entry fee will be refunded, less a £1 administration fee.

**ENTRY FEES:**  
Adults **£10**, Juniors under the age of sixteen **£5**. Games at this event will be graded and entrants **must be either** English Chess Federation bronze (or higher category) members for the 2018-19 season **or** pay ECF fees. Any entrant who is not an ECF member should contact Ray Collett who will advise options and cost.

**Enquiries and entry forms to:** Ray Collett, 7 Ogilvy Square, Worcester WR3 7LU  
**E-mail:** [collett@clara.co.uk](mailto:collett@clara.co.uk) **Telephone :** 01905 454 754.

**---ENTRY FORM: last time for receipt of entries 12 noon, Friday 16 August---**

I wish to enter and accept the entry conditions.

Date of birth for players under the age of 16 : .....

Year of birth for players born 1959 or earlier: .....

Name: ..... Club: .....

Address: .....

..... Post code: .....

Tel. no.: ..... State round for bye, if required: .....

E-mail address: .....

Latest Grade: ..... ECF Grading Code: .....

ECF Membership no.: ..... ECF Membership level: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

Entry fee (*Adults £10 / Juniors £5*) £ .....

Non-ECF-member supplement (*Contact Ray*) £ .....

Donation to Worcs CA (*optional*) – Thank you! £ .....

Remittance enclosed for total: £ .....

***Please make cheques payable to "Worcestershire Chess Association"***