

97th BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS CANTERBURY 2010

The 97th Championships of the British Isles Organised by
the English Chess Federation

Sunday 25 July - Saturday 7 August 2010

Sports Complex, University of Kent

An English Chess Federation Grand Prix Event

ABRIDGED PROGRAMME



The Parking Permit is valid from 24th July – 7th August inclusive.

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Official Opening Ceremony by Amanda Cottrell, Chairman – Visit Kent

Monday 26 July at 2:00 p.m. in the Arena

The ceremony will be followed by a short photography session before start of play.

The Control Team

Your experienced control team have been allocated tournaments as detailed below. Whilst all arbiters will be delighted to help you in any way it is advisable to approach your own tournament arbiter with any queries or problems if at all possible.

The Arbiters on duty in the afternoon are Alex McFarlane, David Welch, Roger Edwards and Lara Barnes. Alex and Lara are primarily concerned with the Championship, though they will also take some responsibility along with Roger for the Major Open. Roger will also be lead arbiter for the Senior Championship. David will take responsibility for the 5 day afternoon events.

The Junior events will be controlled by Peter Purland ably assisted by Adrian Elwin. The Graded Championships and 5 day morning events will be organised by Kevin Staveley with Neville Belinfante. Kevin will also ensure the smooth running of the Weekenders.

The opening Rapidplay will be run by Peter and Adrian with the mid-tournament one being the responsibility of Kevin and Neville

DGT Boards, Website - David Clayton, Stephen Connor **Bulletin** - Lutton Family, Jack Rudd

Commentary - Andrew Martin **Coaching** - Nick Nixon **Office** – Maureen Edwards

PLAYING CONDITIONS & RULES

Registration – To ensure inclusion in the first round draw British Championship players are asked to register between 1.00pm and 6.00pm on Sunday 25th July. Registration can be in person at the venue or by email to BritChessChamp@yahoo.co.uk making the subject Registration. In exceptional circumstance players can register by phone (tel: 07974608570).

Mobile phones – Competitors and spectators should avoid bringing phones to the venue. Players will be immediately defaulted if their mobile phone, or other electronic device, makes any sound in the playing area. Spectators whose phones make any sound may be barred. Players must not receive text messages, nor use any form of electronic storage, communication or computing device. To avoid accusations of cheating such as having a chess engine running or by receiving moves by text message all phones must be turned off. N.B. a phone which is in silent mode has NOT been switched off. Should any player consider that they have a sufficiently good reason for having a phone which is not switched off, e.g, a seriously ill relative, then the permission of the tournament arbiter must be obtained.

Smoking – This is not permitted anywhere in the playing venue.

Conduct of players – The dress code is smart, casual. Players should be on their best behaviour.

Defaults & withdrawals - Players who default or withdraw from any event without good cause may be barred from future events. They will anyway be liable to pay a full entry fee at any future event organised by the Federation together with a bond returnable on satisfactory conduct during such events. If for any reason you have to withdraw please tell your arbiter promptly, certainly before the pairings for the next round are made

Discussion of games - The Laws of Chess specifically prohibit discussion of games in play. This includes what may seem like a harmless question like, 'How are you doing in your game.' While you are playing please do not visit the Bookstall, the Commentary Room, or the analysis room, nor analyse or play through someone else's game.

Reporting of results - The top two copies of the scoresheet must be handed in as soon as the game has finished to the arbiting point attached to your playing section. The bottom copy is for your use.

Recording of games - The official Championship score sheets must be used by all players to record their games. Use of scorebooks/pads is not allowed. If you wish to use these please copy your game afterwards, not during the game.

Byes – First round byes must be claimed on the entry form. Byes in subsequent rounds must be notified to the appropriate control team at the event and at least 24 hours before the relevant round. Entrants to Junior Championships and the Major Open will take byes in the Major Open unless obtaining the permission of the Chief Arbiter at least 24 hours in advance. Before making a decision the Chief Arbiter will consult with the relevant Principal Arbiters as to the overall effect on both events.

Adjournments - Games will not normally be adjourned. If exceptional circumstances require an adjournment, an arbiter will explain the procedure.

Appeals - Appeals may be made against a controller's decision on matters of the Laws of Chess or of administration. Appeals should be made to one of the following: Alex McFarlane, Peter Purland, Roger Edwards, Kevin Staveley or David Welch. If a player is dissatisfied with the decision he may appeal to an Appeals Committee. An appeal to the Appeals Committee must be lodged with the Congress Manager in writing, stating the grounds for the appeal, and accompanied by a £20 deposit which is returnable if the appeal is successful. The intention to appeal must be declared within one hour of the Principal Arbiter's decision.

The Appeals Committee will be: -

- A Senior Arbiter in the chair, not connected with the dispute
- Two other qualified Arbiters not connected with the dispute
- Two players' representatives.

Grading - Players without a current grade are not eligible for any grading prize. All standard play tournaments will be graded, using the 2009 Grading List as the basis for the calculations. Rapidplays will use the January 2010 list.

Notice of pairings - Arbiters will endeavour to ensure that pairings for all events are posted as soon as possible. Arbiters cannot be expected to answer individual queries whilst working on the pairings.

Afternoon events - Pairings should be displayed by 11:00 a.m.

Morning events - Pairings should be displayed by 10.30 p.m.

Photocopying service - Copies of games from earlier rounds will be available at 20p a sheet on a self-serve basis from the Congress Office.

Under 8 and Under 9 - Competitors for these events are asked to meet the event controllers prior to the commencement of play as follows:

Under 8 to meet at 9:30 am on Friday 31 July in the Commentary Area

Under 9 to meet at 11:30 am on Saturday 1 August in the Commentary Area

Major Open Change-Over - After 6 rounds, players with poor scores may transfer to a junior championship or a 5-day tournament. A fee of £19 is payable, which is the equivalent to 50% of the normal entry fee.

British Championship Play-off - Should the Championship be tied, a play-off will determine the title. The play-off will commence on Saturday 8 August immediately after the prizegiving. 10% of the prize fund will be withheld for players involved in the play-off as follows:-

2 player play-off	£750
3 player play-off	£900
4 player play-off	£1,020

The prize fund held back will be distributed as follows in the event of a play-off.

2 players	Winner £450	Runner-Up £300		
3 players	Winner £450	2 nd £300	3 rd £150	
4 players	Winner £450	2 nd £300	3 rd £150	4 th £120

The play-off will take the following form:-

2 player play-off Two Rapidplay games 20 minutes each + 10 seconds per move.

Should there still be a tie; an Armageddon game will be played.

3 or 4-player play-off An all-play-all with a faster rate of play

Again should there still be a tie; an Armageddon finish will be used.

Should more than four players tie for first place the same principles will apply.

Other Championships - In the event of any other championship being tied, the title and any prize money will be shared.

Rates of Play –

7 hour sessions (Afternoon events): 100 minutes for 40 moves followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves, then 15 minutes for the remaining moves with 30 seconds cumulative increment for each move starting from first move

6 hour session (Senior): 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

Under 9: All moves in 1 hour per player

Under 8: All moves in 30 minutes per player

Rapidplays: 20 minutes + 10 seconds per move

TROPHIES & TITLES

Trophies - A trophy will be awarded to each Champion, as a permanent memento of the event. In addition certificates will be presented to junior championship entrants.

The Roy Clues Trophy will be awarded annually for the most meritorious performance by a Welsh player in the Congress.

The City of Dundee Trophy will be awarded annually to the winner of the Major Open.

Perpetual Championships Trophies. A very limited number of Championship trophies are awarded every year. Such trophies must be returned by the following year's Championship. If winners are unable to return them personally, arrangements must be made for their return by secure delivery to the Federation's offices at Battle by 8 July 2010 for this year's event.

Titles - The highest placed competitor in each of the Junior Championships will be awarded the title of Overall British Champion for that age group. In addition the highest placed boy or girl will be awarded the appropriate title so that the best result by a boy and the best result by a girl will each be rewarded with a title. In the Under 16 Competition which includes the Under 15 Championships, players eligible for the Under 15 Championship titles will not be awarded the Under 16 title.

ENGLISH CHAMPION AND ENGLISH WOMEN'S CHAMPION

The highest placed English player in the British Championship will be declared English Champion, hold the Tony Miles Trophy for one year and receive £1500. Similarly, the highest placed English female player will be declared English Women's Champion and receive £500.

OFFICIAL PRIZE GIVINGS

Sunday 26 July	7.30pm	Main Hall
	Rapidplay	
Friday 30 July	3:00 pm	The Commentary Area
	Events - Under 11; Under 180/2000; Under 140/1400 Championships; 5 Day Week 1 Morning.	
Friday 30 July	6:45 pm	The Commentary Area
	Events - Under 8 Championship; 5 Day Week 1 Afternoon (if finished).	
Saturday 31st July	3:00 pm	The Commentary Area
	Events - Under 13; Under 15/16 Championships.	
Sunday 1 August	7:30 pm	The Commentary Area
	Events - Under 9; Rapidplay Week Two; Weekender Tournaments.	

Main Prize Giving

Saturday 7 August	9:30 am	Main Hall
	Events - All remaining Championships (including the British); Major Open; Under 14; Under 12; Under 10; 5 Day Week 2 Morning and Afternoon.	

Trophy winners who have attended an earlier prize giving should indicate if they want to have their trophies presented again at the Main Prize giving.

Failure to attend without the prior permission of the Congress Manager and/or a Principal Arbiter will result in the forfeiting of the prize concerned.

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

English Chess Federation Grand Prix All events are part of the Grand Prix.

Blitz - Playing five-minute or speed chess with tournament clocks is forbidden. No chess games of any kind other than tournament games are permitted in the tournament hall.

Clocks may be hired for speed chess at a charge of 50p daily together with a refundable £5 deposit. These will be available from the congress office. These clocks may be used only in the analysis rooms.

Analysis Room - Rooms have been reserved for post-match analysis after games. When evening events take place in these rooms, the analysis areas will be closed at around 7:30 pm.

Charts - These may be downloaded from the website.

Car Parking – Car parking is available free of charge within the Campus but a Parking Pass must be displayed or there is the risk of the vehicle being clamped. Parking is only permitted within recognised parking areas. Please display the permit in this programme. A limited number of permits will be available from the congress office.

Mail – British Chess Championships, Sports Centre, University of Kent, Canterbury CT2 7NL. There is always a danger of such mail being lost thus valuable items should not be sent by mail to here.

Disabled Access - There is disabled access to the venue.

Refreshments - Only food and drink purchased in the playing venue is allowed to be consumed within the venue. Players and Spectators who wish to consume their own drinks must do so outside the venue. This is a standard clause when booking conference facilities. In the past certain players have ignored this. The Federation respectfully reminds players that as part of their entry they have signed a declaration that they have read and understood this condition and hopes and expects that all players will adhere to this rule. Refreshments will be available during playing hours.

Alcoholic drinks may not be consumed under any circumstances in the playing venue.

Website - The Congress website is on-line and will provide full up-to-date details of the Championship games and results on <http://www.britishchess2010.com>. You will find a great deal of information there prior to the event. Stephen Connor has done an excellent job as webmaster.

Photographs - Photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes. Such pictures may appear on the Congress website or in chess publications.

**Please note that photographs will be taken at the event which may be used for publicity purposes. Any objection by an individual to the same being published should be notified to the event organisers.
The ECF Data Controller is Cynthia Gurney.**

Bulletins - All Players in the British Championship will receive a bulletin of the Championship, on a daily basis, as part of their entry fee.

Daily Bulletins containing games from most of the events will be available daily at a cost of £2 each.

A Commemorative Bulletin will also be available and may be ordered at the Championships at a cost of £18. Players are expected to help decipher their scoresheets.

Telephones – When this programme was printed, the telephone numbers were not available.

ANDREW MARTIN'S COMMENTARY

International Master Andrew Martin will be giving daily commentary on the British Championships. Audience participation is welcome. This year the commentary has been split into two sessions so that spectators have an opportunity to discuss the crucial part of the games around the first time control.

This year's commentary will be arranged as follows:-

Session One:- 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break. **Session Two:-** 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.
Times are approximate and may be subject to slight amendments.

JUNIOR COACH IN RESIDENCE

Nick Nixon, an experienced ECF coach, will be available to juniors FREE, as part of the provisions of the John Robinson Trust. Sessions will take place in the Commentary Room in the mornings and the analysis room in the afternoons every day from Monday 28 July to Friday 8 August, except Sunday 3 August.

Nick will be available to go through your previous games and to offer advice and help on all aspects of playing chess. He will also be available for individual coaching sessions by appointment – find Nick and discuss your requirements with him. There are many strong players at the congress, some of whom are also experienced professional coaches. Both Nick and Andrew may be able to help you to link up with one of them at the congress.

Andrew Martin will also be available in the morning for individual or small group coaching of juniors who play only in the afternoon. Contact him if you are interested. Remember, junior means Under 21.

SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sun 25	Simultaneous Display by titled player from 2pm. Held on campus
Sun 25	Display of Pairings in campus bar from 8pm.
Tue 27	Junior Blitz 7.40pm
Sun 1	Annual Cricket Match
Sun 1	Friends of Chess Meeting
Sun 1	Chess Arbiters Association AGM
Sun 1	Quiz with Kevin Staveley. 8pm
Tue 3	Junior Blitz 7.30pm
Wed 4	Murder Evening with Kevin Staveley in the Theatre
Fri 6	Meet the President (to be confirmed)
tba	Variants Chess with Mike Adams
tba	Presentation by Sheffield

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Please see Championship Website. These are also on display beside the Championship charts.

Bus Travel around Canterbury A day ticket, valid for unlimited travel between the City and the University, is available for £2.50 and a weekly ticket for £7. Both can be bought from bus drivers at the start of your first journey. There are also additional tickets for those that need to travel further within Canterbury or into Kent. All details, including route maps, can be found on the Stagecoach website or by emailing enquiries.eastkent@stagecoachbus.com

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We look forward to seeing you all at the
98th British Chess Championships
at Ponds Forge
Sheaf Street, SHEFFIELD, S1 2BP
24 July to 6 August 2011

British Chess Championships 2010 – Timetable

Event	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Simultaneous														
Opening Ceremony														
Prizegiving & Play-offs														
Championship														
Senior														
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U160/1800														
U140/1600														
U120/1400														
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5 Day pm wk2														
Rapidplay wk1														
Rapidplay wk2														
Weekenders														