



BRITISH UNIVERSITIES' CHESS ASSOCIATION

2011 BUCA CHAMPIONSHIP

Saturday, February 26th and Sunday, February 27th 2011

Barceló Oxford Hotel

Godstow Road

Oxford

Oxfordshire

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Rules

Entry fee

The entry fee shall be £200 per team. The following shall be included in the price:

- Two single rooms at the hotel (£47 each)
- One twin room at the hotel (£59 each)
- Hotel breakfast (included in the price of the rooms)
- Entry fee (£32)
- Tournament trophy contribution (£15)

Your Student Union or Guild should be able to contribute towards these payments. Entry after 31st January shall incur a £20 late fee, and accommodation at the hotel cannot be guaranteed. Changes to team composition may be made after this date.

Format

5-round team Swiss. Teams sorted by matchpoints (win = 2, draw = 1, loss = 0), then gamepoints (win = 1, draw = $\frac{1}{2}$, loss = 0). Any other tiebreaker deemed to be appropriate by the arbiter(s) shall be announced to the players before the start of the final round. All teams must be members of BUCA. Players eligible must be either currently in academic study at the institution, i.e. an undergraduate, postgraduate or research student. Should more than 32 teams enter, to avoid the situation where two teams could tie on 10 matchpoints and 20 gamepoints without playing one-another, an accelerated Swiss system will be used. The degree of acceleration will be at the discretion of the arbiter.

Byes

No team may voluntarily take a bye at any stage. If there are an odd number of teams, then one team will have to be given a bye. This will score 1 matchpoint, and 2 gamepoints. Should a team have a bye, they are entitled to play graded games amongst themselves provided arbiters are informed, and there is space at the venue.

Recording

All games must be recorded using the accepted notation set out in the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Grading

All games will be graded by the English Chess Federation. If players wish for their games to be graded by another British Federation, say so on the entry form.

Team size

4 players. Up to three reserves per institution are allowed, at no extra cost. *Note, these would need to book accommodation separately. Contact BUCA for any additional accommodation you require. BUCA will book these on your behalf.* They may be substituted as appropriate. Multiple entries allowed from the same institution. When entering, an institution must list all players who are attending, and the order in which it wants to play them (order of strength as defined by the latest ECF grading list, or in the absence of an ECF grade, then proven FIDE or other national rating list, converted to ECF using the approved conversion scale), as well as the number of teams it wishes to enter. If, for example, an institution enters 2 teams and 10 players, any of the listed 10 players can make up the 2 teams, so long as they play in the order in which they entered. On this basis, players can therefore play for team 1 or team 2 in the same tournament, so long as they're not deviating from the order in which they entered. E.g. in round 1, team 1 might have players 1, 2, 3 and 4 playing for them, and 5, 6, 7 and 8 playing for team 2. In round 2, players 5 and 6 would still be able to play for team 1, for example, team 1 could pick players 1, 2, 5 and 6, while having team 2 consisting of players 7, 8, 9 and 10. Players can alternate between teams in this way throughout the event. The composition of each team should be handed in to the arbiters before the start of the round. Any reserves who are not playing a game for their team may ask to play in a graded game against another reserve instead, so long as sufficient space is available at the venue.

Prizes

A trophy for the winning team will be purchased in time for the 2011 event. The team will be responsible for maintaining it as outlined in the BUCA Constitution (see the website).

Time controls

Standard ECF default times will be in practice at the event (30 minutes). At the default time, a reserve is entitled to play a game against the winning opponent for the purposes of grading. This shall not count towards the match score. Should an entire team be absent for more than half an hour after the start of play, the team will be defaulted. Their opponents will be repaired against another team if possible, and the defaulting team will score 0 matchpoints and 0 gamepoints. They will be allowed to participate in the next subsequent round, provided they arrive before the scheduled end time for

the round in which they defaulted. E.g. A team defaulted in round 1 must arrive before 1530 in order to play in round 2. Teams who anticipate a late arrival should contact the organisers to inform them of the situation. Teams arriving later than the cutoff time may still be allowed to take part in the subsequent round if the arbiter is yet to conduct the draw for it. The arbiter retains the right to deny such a team from taking part in that round. Should there not be a possible repairing, the team who won will score a bye. They are entitled to play graded games amongst themselves, as with any other situation where a team may score a bye.

Time limits

60 minutes for the game plus 10 seconds per move.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones should be switched off at all times during the matches. Should a mobile phone make a sound, the game shall continue regardless, and count for grading and towards the match score. However, the team of the player whose phone went off shall incur a penalty gamepoint.

Other Rules

Any situation not explained here implies that the FIDE Laws of Chess apply.

Game Times

Saturday		Sunday	
Round One	1230-1500	AGM	1000
Round Two	1530-1800	Round Four	1130-1400
Round Three	1830-2100	Round Five	1430-1700

Prize Giving will occur as soon as possible at the end of the final round.

All players are invited to attend a short AGM, where there will be brief discussion about the event. All member Universities should endeavour to attend.

How to Get There

From Oxford railway station

Walk to the A420, Botley Road, then head East until the junction with the A4144, Hythe Bridge Street. Follow the A4144 around the dogleg left on to Worcester Street. Turn right at the traffic lights on to Beaumont Street. At the junction with St. Giles, turn right. The first bus stop you see "C4" is where the 6 bus stops. Catch this bus

along Woodstock Road. The bus turns left along First Turn, and then right along Mere Road. Get off the bus on Mere Road. The bus journey should take 10 minutes. Walk up the remainder of Mere Road to Godstow Road. The venue should be opposite you on the Godstow Road.

Entry information

List of Players

Please fill in the list of players you want to register to play in the tournament. There are several notes to help you fill the table in correctly.

1. Please fill out your team in order of strength, with your strongest player on board
1. If done inaccurately, the tournament organisers will rearrange your team for you.
2. For British players, "Country" should be subdivided into England, Scotland, Wales or Ireland as appropriate. All players from Northern Ireland should be recorded as Ireland. Generally, this column will mirror their FIDE nationality.
3. For ratings, put down all possible rating information for each player. The order of precedence will be: ECF grade, FIDE rating, Other National rating, Approximation of Strength. If a player has no ECF standard grade, write their rapid-play grade as the approximation, accompanied with an "R". Only approximate a player's strength if they have no grade or rating data available. Grades and ratings can be found from a national federation's website, or the FIDE website.
4. If you wish to enter more than 20 players, by all means continue the list.

Example Players

Three example players have been added to the table on the next page to explain how best to fill the table in.

1. Playerov is Russian, and has a FIDE rating of 2200 and a National Elo rating of 2171. To convert FIDE to ECF, the following calculation is needed: $\frac{2171-650}{8} = 190$, rounded down.
2. McPlayer is British, but was born in Scotland, so has Scottish nationality for chess (he could of course, choose England if he goes to University there). He has a National Elo of 1900, which converted to ECF is $\frac{1900-600}{8} = 162$, rounded down. However, this is superseded by his ECF grade of 150.
3. Player is American, but has no a rating in the United States. As a result, his ECF grade has been estimated. There should be no "R" with it, because it isn't his rapidplay grade. Any subsequent players would have to have a grade or rating that evaluates to be less than 140.

Board	Player Name	Country	ECF	FIDE	Other	Approx
Eg1	Example Playerov	Russia		2200	2171	
Eg2	Example McPlayer	Scotland	150		1900	
Eg3	Example Player	United States				140

Where to send the entry

Post the next page to:

Alex Holowczak
48 St. Brades Close
Oldbury
Worcestershire
B69 1NX

Alternatively, you can e-mail the entry table to admin@buca.org.uk.

Your entry will be confirmed by e-mail. If you prefer a postal confirmation, include a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Payment

1. By cheque, made payable to "BUCA CHESS". Send it to:

Sam Doran
169 Barrs Road
Cradley Heath
Staffordshire
B64 7EX

2. Make a direct transfer online. E-mail admin@buca.org.uk for the details of the account you are required to pay into.

Only the next page needs to be submitted as your entry.

Help

If you require help with your entry or have any questions, e-mail admin@buca.org.uk.

Teams Entering

Number of Teams: ____ @ £ ____

Squad Captain

Name

E-mail address

Telephone number

Other Federation Grading (if any)

Table

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Website Information

If you want the details of your society to be published on the BUCA website, please write about your society in the space below. Include the day, time and room that your club meets, a contact e-mail address, and any website you may have. *I already have a lot of this sort of information, but there's a good chance I've missed some. I will only add information to the site that is filled in below.*