

WARWICKSHIRE OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2014

British Qualifying Tournament : ECF Grand Prix : MCCU Grand Prix

Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March 2014

Venue

Trident Centre Warwick CV34 6SW

5 Round Swiss with 4 Sections

Open Under 170 Under 145 Under 120

Entry Fees

ECF Members (Silver, or better) : Adults £30 Juniors £22

Non-Members & ECF Pay-to-Play : Adults £36 Juniors £28

Prize Fund **£1600 (Guaranteed)**

Top Quality Venue with the facilities for a premier chess event

Free parking : *for more information about the venue*

<http://tinyurl.com/bognqn2>

For Directions using Google Maps

<http://tinyurl.com/bl9m7pu>

Congress Director: Guy Greenland * Entries Secretary: Bruce Holland

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Chief Arbiter : Dave Thomas (Senior ECF Arbiter)

Deputy Arbiters : Alex Holowczak (ECF Arbiter & IA) & Bruce Holland

Arbiter (Junior Champs) : Matt Carr (ECF Arbiter)

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Saturday 1st March: ① 10:00 -13:30 ② 14:30 -18:00 ③ 19:00 - 22:30

Sunday 2nd March: ④ 09:30 -13:00 ⑤ 14:00 -17:30

ENTRY FEES: *for ECF Silver Members and above* *for Non ECF Members or Bronze Members*
Adults: **£30** Juniors: **£22** Adults: **£36** Juniors: **£28**

SECTION PRIZES

OPEN	1 st £250	2 nd £120	3 rd £60	Grading Prizes £50
UNDER 170	1 st £150	2 nd £80	3 rd £40	Grading Prizes £60
UNDER 145	1 st £150	2 nd £80	3 rd £40	Grading Prizes £60
UNDER 120	1 st £150	2 nd £80	3 rd £40	Grading Prizes £60

TEAM PRIZE

A Team Prize of **£50** for the highest score by a club team of 4 players. Players may compete in any section. Team lists to be handed in by 2.00pm on Saturday.

JUNIOR PRIZE

There is a Junior Prize of **£30** for the highest score by any junior (under 18 years on 31/08/2013.)

RATE OF PLAY

36 moves in 90 minutes plus an additional 15 minutes for each player.

CLOSING DATE for ENTRIES

All entries with payment should be received by Thursday 27th February 2014.

Entries *may* be accepted on Friday 28th February 2014 **before 12:00 (noon)** at the discretion of the Congress Entries Secretary. Entries submitted after this time will **NOT** be accepted.

Entries on Saturday 1st March 2014 will **NOT** be accepted.

Lists of entries to date will be regularly posted on-line **after 6th January 2014**

[List of Entries-to-Date](#)

GRADING

The January 2014 ECF On-line Grading List will apply.

Ungraded players must supply details of their playing strength on the rear of the entry form. Failure to do so may render the player ineligible for a prize. Ungraded players are **not** eligible for grading prizes.

GENERAL NOTES

Players will only be eligible for one individual cash prize.

The highest placed eligible player in the Open (not already qualified) will qualify to play in the British Chess Championship in 2014 and will receive a bursary of £50 towards their entry fee.

Players must make their first move within 30 minutes of the published start time for each round. A failure to do this will be recorded as a default and the opponent re-paired if possible.

All disputes will be settled by the Chief Arbiter whose decision shall be final.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry to any person without giving a reason.

Tie break rules and Grading Prize details will be on display at the event.

The highest placed Warwickshire player in the Open section will receive:

- the title of Warwickshire Champion 2013/14
- The Tucker Trophy for one year

Prizes will be paid by cheque and distributed by post after the event.

ECF MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All players who hold Silver membership, or better, of the English Chess Federation as published on the ECF website on Friday 28th February 2014, are eligible to play paying the standard fee for the event (£30 for Adults and £22 for Juniors.) Non-members and ECF Bronze members will have to pay an additional £6 Pay-to-Play Fee (with a total payable £36 for Adults and £28 for Juniors.)

ENQUIRIES **eMail:** <mailto:enquiries@congress.warwickshirechess.org>
to Guy Greenland : (General Enquiries about the event) **Tel:** 07738 876681
to Bruce Holland : (Specifically about entries) **Tel:** 07854 709168

REFRESHMENTS

The catering for this event will be provided in-house by the College. Their Refectory is located on the ground floor, well away from the playing areas which are on the top floor of the building. Hot meals will be available, with a different menu on offer on each of the two days. Prices are expected to be in the region of about £5 or £6, and advance orders will help the catering team during the busier periods between rounds. Light refreshments, along with teas, coffees, and soft drinks will also be available.

ACCOMMODATION

There is an extensive range of hotels and bed & breakfast accommodation, to suit all tastes and pockets, reasonably close to the venue. As the Internet now has a well developed range of sites and facilities for finding accommodation, we leave it to players who are coming from afar to make their own arrangements, without recommendations from the congress organisers.

UNGRADED PLAYERS

If you are ungraded, please provide full details of any recent performance in other events (including local Leagues.) Please write down, in as much relevant detail as possible, under the following hierarchy of headings:

- 1 Previous published grades including year:-
- 2 Previous tournaments entered and results:-
- 3 Other information concerning playing strength and experience:-

These details should be provided on the entry form in the space provided, either in the printed version, or in the on-line version, as appropriate.

We request this information so that the potential strength of a player can be assessed.

WARWICKSHIRE OPEN JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This event will, for the first time, be held at the same venue and on the same weekend as the senior event. It will take place in rooms separately from the Senior event, with its own administration and Arbiting team. The two congresses will be sharing the other facilities on offer in the venue.