

55th Berks & Bucks Chess Congress

Saturday 24th to Monday 26th August 2019

St Piran's School, Gringer Hill, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 7LZ

An ECF Grand Prix Event

Six round graded sections 12 to 16 players

CHAMPIONSHIP AND CHALLENGERS

FIDE Rated Prizes £60 £48 £36

RESERVES (Not FIDE Rated)

Several sections Prizes £60 £48 £36

Timetable

Saturday, Sunday and Monday	Rounds
10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. (approx)	1, 3 & 5
3.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. (approx)	2, 4 & 6

Smoking is not permitted on the school site.

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Sections

Players will play in sections according to their latest ECF grade. All sections will be ECF graded. The Championship and Challengers sections will be FIDE Rated. The FIDE-rated sections are open to all rated players and to unrated players with ECF grades of 150 or above. The Reserves sections are open to all unrated players and to rated players with ratings below 1900. Players eligible for both the rated sections and the Reserves are asked to specify which section they would prefer to play in.

The organisers reserve the right to merge the Championship and Challengers sections.

Entry details

The entry fee for all sections is £25. English players in the FIDE-rated sections who are not ECF Platinum or Gold members will be required to pay an ECF surcharge of £10.50. All players in the Reserves sections who are not ECF Platinum, Gold, or Silver members will be required to pay a £7.50 surcharge.

Entries will be accepted by post, online, or by e-mail to the congress secretary (liamvarnam@yahoo.co.uk). Online and e-mail entries will not be deemed accepted until payment has been made.

Entries postmarked after Monday 19th August are subject to a £3 late entry fee. Entries will not be accepted on the day.

Playing in Every Round

No ½ point byes will be permitted. Entry is a commitment to play in every round, and the committee reserves the right to refuse entries for any reason, including future entries from players who default without good reason. Players for whom this rule poses difficulties should contact the congress secretary.



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For solution, see the congress website, www.berksandbuckschess.com

Rate of Play and Default Time

The rate of play in all tournaments is all moves in 90 minutes, plus a 30 second cumulative increment for each move starting from move one. Players arriving more than thirty minutes late will be defaulted.

Sections

The structure of the Congress is based on sections of 12-16 players, organised by ECF grade. It may sometimes be necessary to have larger sections, in which case the prize fund for any sections of more than 18 players will be increased at the organiser's discretion.

Berkshire Individual Championship

The Congress incorporates the Berkshire Individual Championship, and the highest-placed Berkshire player in the Championship section will receive the title of Berkshire Individual Champion, subject to the rules of the Berkshire Chess Association.

Trophies

Trophies will be provided to most prizewinners. For details, see the congress website.

Refreshments

Refreshments will be provided by Hacketts of Witney, who will have breakfast pastries freshly baked each morning, sausage rolls, Cornish pasties, sandwiches, baguettes, wraps and toasted Panini. Snacks will include crisps, chocolate bars, cakes and fruit. Drinks will include tea and coffee, hot chocolate, peppermint, green, and rooibos teas, and soft drinks, orange and apple juice.

Bookstall

A bookstall, provided by Francis Bowers Chess Supplies, will be available.

Travel and Accommodation

For links to relevant travel and accommodation details, please see the congress website, www.berksandbuckschess.com, or contact the congress secretary.

Donations

Thanks to all those who made donations in 2018. These totalled £94.

Congress Secretary, Treasurer and Arbiters

Secretary: Liam Varnam, 17 Church Lane, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0JW

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ENTRY FORM 55th Berks & Bucks Chess Congress

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Chess Club (if any):

Latest ECF Grade:.....

Latest FIDE Rating:.....

ECF Membership Number:.....

Date of Birth:.....

£

Entry Fee (all sections): £25

ECF Surcharge (see 'Entry Details') £10.50/£7.50

Late Entry Fee (after 19/08/2019) £3

Donation:

Total enclosed: _____

Preferred Section for those who have a choice

Please indicate: - FIDE Rated Section / Reserves

Please make cheques payable to Berks & Bucks Chess Congress. Receipts will be sent if an SAE is enclosed.

Entries to: Liam Varnam, 17 Church Lane, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0JW