

The Apex, Charter Square



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33rd Bury St Edmunds Congress

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Saturday & Sunday 24th & 25th October 2015

The Apex, Charter Square, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk



**An English Chess Federation Grand Prix Event
and an East Anglian GP Event**

A five-round Swiss Tournament with Open, Major (u170),
Intermediate (u145) and Minor (u120) Sections
Free entry for GMs and IMs (if received by 17th October)

A qualifying event for the British Championships in 2016

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Tournaments

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are current ECF members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the date of the Congress may deduct £7.00 (Juniors £5.00) from the entry fees shown below. ECF Bronze members who pay the full entry fee will automatically be upgraded by the ECF to Silver membership, although this will not happen immediately and regular congress players may be better advised to upgrade in advance.

Open

1st Prize £500
2nd Prize £250
3rd Prize £150
Entry fee: £37.00 (Juniors £32.00)

Major (under 170)

1st Prize £250
2nd Prize £125
3rd Prize £75
Entry fee: £35.00 (Juniors £30.00)

Intermediate (under 145)

1st Prize £200
2nd Prize £100
3rd Prize £50
Entry fee: £33.00 (Juniors £26.00)

Minor (under 120)

1st Prize £160
2nd Prize £80
3rd Prize £40
Entry fee: £31.00 (Juniors £24.00)

Hours of Play

Saturday 24th October
(Doors open from 08.30)

Round 1: 09.30-13.00
Round 2: 14.00-17.30
Round 3: 18.30-22.00

Sunday 25th October
(Doors open from 08.30)

Round 4: 09.30-13.00
Round 5: 14.00-17.30

Rate of Play

36 moves in 1½ hours. After Black's 36th move, both clocks will be put back 15 minutes and all subsequent moves must be completed within the remaining time, observing ECF quickplay finish rules. (see 'Quickplay Finish' opposite)

NB: British Summer Time ends this weekend, so there's an extra hour in bed on Sunday morning!

Other information

Prizes

The prize money shown above will be paid if entries exceed 150. In addition, the abc7 women's prize of £100 will be awarded to the top scoring woman in the highest section in which a score of at least 1½ points is achieved. The abc7 junior prize of £50 will be awarded to a junior on the same basis. Further grading and junior prizes may be paid if entries are sufficient.

British Championship

The winner of the Open section (or the highest placed person who has not already qualified) will qualify to enter the British Chess Championship in 2016 (at their own expense).

Grading

All games played in this congress will be graded. The most recent ECF grades apply, or if not in that list, the last published grade. It is a condition of entry that entrants' grading information will be published on the ECF website. Anyone objecting to this must contact the ECF Office in order that their details can be withheld.

Ungraded players

The organisers reserve the right to place any ungraded player in a different section from that which they have applied to play in. Ungraded players will not qualify for grading prizes. A deduction of 50% will be made on any cash prizes won by ungraded players.

Byes

A bye may be taken in any of rounds 1 to 4, provided this is requested with entry. However, a bye in round 3 can also be requested on the Saturday of the event, provided this is done before 17.00.

Withdrawals

No refund can be given to any person withdrawing (or not turning up) on the first day of the event. Nor will any part-refund be given to anyone declining to play on the second day. Full refunds will be given up to 17th October; between 18th October and 23rd October a £5 deduction will apply.

No smoking

Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the building.

Mobile Phones

These must be switched off at all times within the playing area. If a mobile phone makes any sound during play, that person will lose the game.

Website

Entrants' names and grades will be displayed on the Congress website unless specifically asked not to.

Late arrivals

Players arriving more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start time for any round will be deemed to have lost by default unless the Director can re-pair them satisfactorily. Players whose opponents have not arrived must expect to be re-paired 30 minutes after the start of the round. If such a player does not make themselves available for re-pairing, they will not be awarded a win point.

Refreshments

Light refreshments will be available throughout the weekend.

Bookstall

A bookstall will be provided by Chess & Bridge (www.chess.co.uk).

Car Parking

Unfortunately, car parking at St Louis Middle School will **not** be available. Drivers are recommended to use the pay and display car park in Parkway (5 mins walk from the venue). A map showing the location of the parking facilities is available on request, or can be viewed on the Congress website.

Accommodation

See the link on the congress website (www.bsecongress.org.uk) or send a stamped addressed envelope to Steve Lovell, Congress Secretary.

Payment

Entries can be made online from the Congress website, using Paypal to make payment. Alternatively, cheques payable to Bury Area League Chess Congress should be sent, together with the completed entry form, to Steve Lovell, Congress Secretary at the address on the back of this leaflet.

Right to refuse entry

The Congress Director reserves the right to refuse entry without being required to state a reason.

Late entries

Entries on the day of the Congress will be surcharged £5.

Photographs

Any photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes. If any entrant objects to this, they must inform the Congress Director.

Quickplay Finish

The FIDE rule (Appendix G.4) will not apply.

Disputes

In all matters, the director's decision is final.

Entry Form

(or enter online at www.bsecongress.org.uk)

Last Name

First Name

Contact Telephone No.

E-mail

Club

Date of Birth (Juniors only)

ECF Grade

Ungraded, or no current ECF grade? If so, please list overleaf results of recent tournaments, or other matches played.

Tournament entered: (circle as appropriate):

Open Major Intermediate Minor

Are you a current ECF member? (circle as appropriate)

Yes No

If YES, quote your ECF Membership Number here

What is your current level of ECF membership? (please circle)

Bronze Silver Gold Platinum

ENTRY FEE (net of deduction for ECF membership, if applicable) £

DONATION (Optional) £

TOTAL AMOUNT £

Optional - I request a half-point bye in the following round (please tick):

Round 1 Round 2 Round 3 Round 4

All entries providing an email address will receive an acknowledgement. If a written receipt of entry is required, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your entry.