

Bedfordshire County Chess Championship

Entries are invited for the 2020 Bedfordshire individual chess championship.

The tournament is open to players who qualify under at least one of the following criteria:

1. They are a member of an affiliated club (i.e. one that plays in the Bedfordshire Chess League);
2. They were born in the county; or
3. They live in the county

The tournament will be a six round Swiss. The opening round will be held at Milton Keynes Chess Club on January 2nd, 2020. Later rounds are as follows:

Round 2: 30th January, Bedford

Round 3: 18th February, Luton

Round 4: 31st March, Leighton Buzzard

Rounds 5&6: 17th May, Open University Berrill Cafe

As usual, if opponents can agree an alternative date and venue, then they need not play on the set night. Nevertheless, they must be played before the scheduled date.

The time limit is Beds League Rules, 35 moves in 70 minutes and then 10 minutes added, plus 10 seconds a move from move 1.

The prizes will depend on entries. There will be a cash prizes at least for the champion and runner up plus a slow starter prize. Slow starters are those with 1 or less points after 3 rounds. If there are enough entries, there will be a grading prize.

The entry fee will be £5 for ECF members and £25 for non-members.

Entries by e-mail to brian.valentine@ntlworld.com by 22nd November, giving name, and club. The draw will be published by 1st December. Entry fees will be collected on the first night. Entrants email address will be stored for future event updates.

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