

Times and Rates of Play

Saturday 3 June 2017

Round 1 – start 9.30am

Round 2 – start 2.00pm

Round 3 – start 6.30pm

Sunday 4 June 2017

Round 4 – start 10.00am

Round 5 – start 2.30pm

Prizegiving – 6.30pm (approx)

Rate of play: 36 moves in 80 minutes, followed by 10 minutes to finish the game, with an increment of 15 seconds per move from move 1.

This is a Swiss Tournament, and all players will play in all rounds.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

In all matters, the Chief Controller's decision shall be final.

It is a condition of entry that players agree to their grading information being published on the ECF Website.

The Organisers reserve the right to transfer players from one section to another or to refuse entry to any player without giving any reason, and to merge sections and/or to increase or reduce the prize fund and its distribution depending upon entries.

No player may win more than one prize. Ungraded players may not win a grading prize. Grades used will be January 2017 grades current at the date of entry. In the event of ties, all money prizes will be shared equally, while British Championship qualifying places will, if necessary, be determined by sums of progressive scores.

A junior is a player born on or after 1 January 1999.

Anyone arriving more than 30 minutes late for any round will be defaulted that game. Expect to be re-paired after 30 minutes if your opponent defaults.

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area, and must not be on a player's person at any time during their game. Any player whose mobile phone makes any sound during play, or who is found to be using or consulting any device capable of suggesting chess moves, will be immediately defaulted that game.

Free tea and coffee will be available during the Congress.

THE EAST ANGLIAN CHESS UNION

2017 CHESS CONGRESS

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th June 2017

at

**The Turner Hall, Church Lane,
Newmarket, CB8 0HL**

A Five-Round Swiss Tournament with 3 sections

Open, Under-170 and Under-130

**Featuring the final leg of the EACU's 2017 British
Championship nomination process, and incorporating a
separate qualifying place for the 2017 British Championship**

**A registered ECF Game Fee event
and part of the ECF and the EACU Grand Prix**

Enquiries and Entries to: **Richard Freeman, 44 Kelling Way,
Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 9NW.**
Telephone enquiries: **01908-234014 or 07961-121010**
Email enquiries: **richard@fcsolutions.co.uk**

Chief Controller – **Adrian Elwin, ECF Arbiter**
Tournament Arbiter – **John Wickham, ECF Arbiter**

ENTRY FORM

Full Name.....

Address.....
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Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Club Date of birth (juniors)

ECF Membership Number Level

Current ECF Grade Grading Ref Number.....

If you have no current (January 2017) ECF grade, please give FIDE rating or any other grade you may have. If you have no current grade or rating, please give most recent grade and year it was achieved. If you have never been graded, please provide an indication of your approximate current playing strength on a separate piece of paper.

I wish to enter the Open/U-170/U-130 *	Entry fee	£
	Early Entry Discount	£ ()
Half-point bye required in round	ECF Discount	£ ()
[Rounds 1 to 4 only]	Donation (thank you)	£
*delete as appropriate	Total	<u>£</u>

For payment details, please see 'Sections, Prizes and Entry Fees'

There is no Late Entry Fee. However, all entries postmarked on or before 13 May 2017, or received electronically on or before that date, will be entitled to a £3.00 Early Entry Discount. In addition, players who are current ECF Members at Silver Gold or Platinum level on 3 June 2017 are entitled to a £7.00 ECF Discount.

A half-point bye may be claimed in one of rounds 1-4, if requested on the entry form.

Please send entry forms to Richard Freeman, 44 Kelling Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 9NW, or email to richard@fcasolutions.co.uk.

Sections, Prizes and Entry Fees

Section	First prize	Second prize	Third prize	Entry fee
Open	£200	£150	£100	£35
Under-170	£140	£100	£70	£30
Under-130	£100	£75	£50	£27

If enclosing payment with entry form, please make cheques payable to 'East Anglian Chess Union'.

Payment may be made through online banking using account number 80334499 and sort code 20-17-19. If using this method, please quote your name as the payment reference and email your details to richard@fcasolutions.co.uk

Subject to entries, other prizes may be added, and will be announced prior to the start of the first round. In previous years, these have included grading prizes, junior prizes and 'slow starter' prizes.

The highest placed eligible player in the Open Section not already qualified will qualify for a place in the 2017 British Championship, to be held in Llandudno from 29 July to 6 August 2017.

In addition, the EACU player with the highest aggregate number of points from their **best two** results in the top section of the three 2016-17 EACU Congresses, namely the Bury St Edmunds Congress in October 2016, the Great Yarmouth Congress in April 2017 and this Congress, will, if eligible and not already qualified, be offered the EACU nomination for the 2017 British Championship. If this person is already qualified or does not wish to take this place, the EACU nomination will be given to the eligible EACU player not already qualified who has the next-highest aggregate number of points from their best two results in the top section of the three Congresses mentioned above, and who accepts this nomination. (An EACU player is one who currently lives in, or has for a consecutive 5 year period lived in, or is currently at full time education in, or was born in, or is currently a member of a club in or affiliated to, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk or Suffolk). In all cases, the nominee must have played in at least two of the three congresses mentioned above and scored at least 50% in the two tournaments used to calculate their best two results.

All qualifiers will enter the British Championship at their own expense.