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3rd World Chess Championship for the Disabled @ Wyndham Garden Dresden Wilhelm-Franke-Straße 90 01219 Dresden

Oct 5 – Oct 13 all-day

Contact: Zbigniew Pilimon Email: zpilimon@interia.pl Web: www.worldchess-disabled.com [MAP]

Invitation [PDF] | Entry form

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4NCL Team and Individual Rapidplay Championships @ De Vere Venues, Wokefield Park, Reading RG7

Oct 7 – Oct 8 all-day

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Check out the entry guidelines here – [MAP]

Chelmsford Junior Tournament @ Moulsham Junior School Princes Road Chelmsford CM2 9DG

Oct 7 @ 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Dave Hawkins Email: davehawkins126@googlemail.com Web: <http://www.ejca.co.uk> [MAP]

Essex Junior Grand Prix 2017/18 Round One

Maidenhead Junior Club Tournament @ Claires Court Junior Boys School, Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire

Oct 7 @ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite> Postcode for entrance drive – SL6 4QQ

Beginners section and Under 130 rapid play grade section, which may be divided into two or more further sections | Entry form

York Rapidplay @ D/L/002, Derwent College, University of York, YO10 5DD

Oct 7 @ 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Yousuf bin-Suhayl Email: yousufbinsuhayl@hotmail.com Web: <https://yorkrapidplay.blogspot.co.uk/> [MAP]

ECF Graded 6 round Swiss Rapidplay held at the University of York | Entry form

York Junior Chess Day @ Archbishop of York C Of E Junior School, Copmanthorpe Lane, York YO23 2QT

Oct 7 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Contact: Peter Cloudsdale Email: cloudsdale_c@hotmail.co.uk Web: <http://whiterosejuniorchessacademy.org.uk> [MAP]

Junior training and competitions. Entry fee £10.00, payable to White Rose Junior Chess Academy.

Training with Andrew Ledger IM from Sheffield and Lateefah Messam-Sparks from London, a full time chess teacher. A quality event for juniors aged 6-18. All levels of experience. Beginners are welcome. Event to be opened by Lord Mayor of York | Entry form

Poplar Rapid-Play @ Langley Hall, St.Nicholas Church Centre, Ettrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD

Oct 7 @ 10:30 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Web: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> [MAP]

2 grade band sections – Minor Under 130 and Major Under 171. 30 minutes per player per game. 6 rounds | Entry form

CCF Junior Rapid Play – LJCC Qualifier @ 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road Coulsdon Surrey CR5 3BA

Oct 7 @ 10:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Web [MAP]

A 6 round qualification event for the London Junior Championships – plus an Under 18 section (with prize money)

Coventry Junior Open @ King Henry VIII School, Warwick Rd, Coventry CV3 6AQ

Oct 7 @ 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Web: <http://coventryjunioropen.warwickshirechess.org/> [MAP]

5-round graded tournaments for – Under 9 Boys, Under 9 Girls, Under 11 Boys, Under 11 Girls, Under 14 Boys, Under 14 Girls, Under 18 Boys, Under 18 Girls | Entry form

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Camden LJCC Qualifying Event @ Camden School for Girls, Sandall Road, London, NW5 2DB

Oct 8 @ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Lateefah Messam-Sparks Email: chesssparks@gmail.com [MAP]

London Junior Chess Championships Qualifying Event and training day with FIDE Instructor and ECF Accredited Coach Lateefah Messam-Sparks. U8 LJCC qualifying section; U10 LJCC qualifying section; U12 LJCC qualifying section; U18 section All sections graded. Central Location and prizes for winners | Entry form

KJCA Coaching Days 2017-18 @ Sevenoaks Primary School Bradbourne Park Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LB

Oct 8 @ 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Contact: Jo Wildman Email: jowildman@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.kjca.org> [MAP]

Kent Junior Chess Association (KJCA) Coaching Days – Led by GM Chris Ward and GM John Emms. The KJCA Coaching days follow the Institute of Chess levels and exams. For further details and to register go to our website at <http://www.kjca.org/site/page?view=training>

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52nd Dorset Chess Congress @ The Elstead Hotel, 12-14 Knyveton Road, Bournemouth BH1 3QP

Oct 13 @ 7:00 pm – Oct 15 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Ian Clark Email: ianclark@dorsetchess.co.uk Web: <http://www.dorsetchess.co.uk> [MAP]

Chess tournament with 4 sections. Back in Elstead Hotel after 2 years absence. Plenty of free parking in and outside hotel. Near railway station | Entry form

Crewe Chess Congress @ IBIS Styles Hotel, Emperor Way, Crewe Business Park, Crewe CW1 6BD

Oct 13 @ 7:00 pm – Oct 15 @ 6:30 pm

Contact: Neville Layhe Email: Leshall1021@gmail.com Web: <http://www.crewechessclub.co.uk> [MAP]

4 sections: Open, Major U165, Intermediate U135, Minor U105. 4 prizes per section: 1st £200, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 Grading £25. Entry form on the website at <https://crewechessclub.co.uk/congress2017/>

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Golders Green FIDE Rapid Chess @ St Luke's Church, Kidderpore Avenue, London NW3 7SU

Oct 14 all-day



Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk [MAP]

SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open / Major Under 170 / Minor Under 145 / Amateur Under 120 / Under 80 (ECF graded)

English Under 11 Closed Championship @ Nottingham High Junior School Waverley Mount, off Waverley Street, Nottingham

Oct 14 @ 9:30 am – Oct 15 @ 6:00 pm

Contact: David Levens Email: davidlevens@chesscoach.co.uk Web: <http://www.epzca.org.uk/> [MAP]

Annual EPSCA event; first qualifying event for EPSCA England U11 trial in April 2018 | Entry form

Sussex Junior Worth Rapidplay @ Worth School, Paddockhurst Road, Turners Hill, RH10 4SD

Oct 14 @ 9:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Anita McMahon Email: sjcentrymanager@gmail.com Web: <http://sussexjuniorchess.org> [MAP]

6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections – U8, U10, U12, U18. This is a qualifying event for the London Junior Chess Championships | [Entry form](#)

School Chess Teacher Training Course @ The George & Devonshire 8 Burlington Lane London W4 2QE

Oct 14 @ 10:00 am – Oct 15 @ 5:00 pm

Contact: John Foley Email: john.foley@hotmail.com Web: <https://ecu-school-chess-teacher-training-course-london.eventbrite.com/?aff=ecf> [MAP]

The ECU School Chess Teacher training course comprises two days of interactive presentations, group discussions and practical exercises. The course focuses on the didactical aspects of chess. The course is suitable for teachers and tutors who want to make chess an exciting and educational experience for children. The ECU School Chess Teacher Certificate is available to those who complete the course and pass an online test taken at the end of the course. The Certificate is awarded by the European Chess Union to recognise that the individual has an adequate level of chess knowledge and is familiar with didactical methods for the classroom.

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23rd Birmingham League Rapidplay @ Quinborne Community Centre, Ridgacre Rd, Birmingham B32

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Oct 15 all-day

Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Web: <http://rapidplay.birminghamchess.org.uk/> [MAP]

Four ECF-graded and FIDE-rated sections: Open, Max grade 170, Max grade 140, Max grade 110 | [Entry form](#)

ECF South East Girls' Rapidplay Championships 2017 @ Bromley High School, Blackbrook Lane, Bromley BR1 2TW

Oct 15 all-day

Contact: Jo Wildman Email: webmaster@kjca.org Web: <http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/ecf-se-girls-rapidplay-championship/> [MAP]

Sections – U8, U10, U12, U14, U15-U18. The winners of each age group receive the title of ECF South East Girls' Rapidplay Champion 2017

Hampshire Junior Chess Congress @ New Hall, Winchester College, Wharf Hill, Winchester, SO23

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Oct 15 @ 9:00 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: John Upham Email: john.upham@zen.co.uk Web: <http://www.hjca.org.uk/> [MAP]

25 minutes each for all moves. Prizes determined by the entrants' age on 31st August 2017. Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12 – trophies for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places and the best girl in each age group. Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18 – 1st place: £30, 2nd place: £20, 3rd place: £10, best girl: £20 and trophies for the winners in each age group | [Entry form](#)

Leicester H.E. Atkins Memorial Rapidplay @ Leicester Grammar School, London Road, Great Glen LE8

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Oct 15 @ 10:00 am – 5:45 pm

Contact: Andy Morley Email: a.morley953@btinternet.com [MAP]

6 round Swiss rapidplay with 20 mins + 10 secs time control. Sections: Open, U165, U140, U115 and U80 (juniors only). Full details and online entry – <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leicester-he-atkins-memorial-rapidplay-oct-15th-2017-tickets-35243432054>

Richmond Rapidplay @ Orleans Park School, Richmond Rd, Twickenham, Greater London TW1 3BB

Oct 15 @ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_rapidplays@hotmail.com Web: <http://rjcc.org.uk/>

The continuation of a famous and successful series of rapid play tournaments, suitable for both juniors and adult players [MAP] Entry form

HSCA Qualifier for London Junior Chess Championships @ Aboyne Lodge School, Etna Rd, St Albans AL3 5NL

Oct 15 @ 10:15 am – 5:00 pm

Contact: Michael Flatt Email: hscagmx.com Web: <http://hscachess.com> [MAP]

This is a qualifier for London Junior Chess Championships. To qualify for the Finals players in the Under 10 and Under 12 Sections must score 3½ points to compete in the Minor, and 4½ to compete in the Major. An Under 8 player will qualify by scoring 4 points | Entry form

Colindale Children's Chess Tournament @ The Pulse Community Flat, 15 Ostler Court, Charcot Road, Colindale NW9 5XW

Oct 15 @ 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm

Contact: Marc Shaw Email: marc.shaw.chess@gmail.com [MAP]

Children's chess tournament with training in-between matches by experienced chess coaches | Entry form

43rd Guernsey International Chess Festival @ The Peninsula Hotel Les Dicqs Vale Guernsey GY6 8JP

Oct 15 @ 2:00 pm – Oct 21 @ 6:00 pm

Contact: Fred Hamperl Email: hamperlfred@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.guernseychessclub.org.gg/festival/festival.htm> [MAP] – the tournament remains at the popular Peninsula Hotel on Guernsey's sandy west coast | Entry form

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Scarborough Chess Congress @ The Ocean Room, Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough YO11 2HD

Oct 20 @ 7:00 pm – Oct 22 @ 6:00 pm

Contact: Lara Barnes Email: scarboroughchess@gmail.com Web: <http://www.scarboroughchesscongress.org.uk> [MAP]

Biggest weekend congress in the UK! Please don't telephone after 9pm. Dates for the future – 2018 = 26th – 28th October; 2019 = 25th – 27th October

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55th Hampstead FIDE Congress U2200/U1900/U135 @ Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6NS

Oct 21 – Oct 22 all-day

Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk [MAP]

Under 2200 and Under 1900 FIDE sections, ECF Under 135 Section, G60+30s a move



Fifth Witney Weekend Congress @ Cokethorpe School, Witney OX29 7PU

Oct 21 – Oct 22 all-day

Contact: Mike Truran Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk Web: <http://www.witneychess.co.uk/> [MAP]

Sponsored by Cokethorpe School

There are four main sections: Open, U170, U145 and U120, with a prize fund of over £1900.



Aldro Inter Schools Tournament @ Aldro School Shackleford Godalming Surrey GU8 6AS

Oct 21 @ 7:15 am – 1:00 pm

Contact: David Archer Email: archerd@aldro.org [MAP]

Three round Swiss tournament for teams of 4 players. School team event. U13, U11 and U9 age groups.

Major and Minor sections for the U11 and U9 age groups (numbers permitting). Medals for the top 3 teams in each section | [Entry form](#)

The 2nd Martlesham Heath Thematic Chess Tournament @ St Michael & All Angels Church, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, IP5 3PL

Oct 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Contact: Dagne Ciuksyte Email: mjchessclub@gmail.com [MAP]

Thematic chess event. All games start from the position after 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 (Opening called Nimzo-Indian Defence). Six round Swiss. 2 sections: Open and Minor (U75 grade). Time Control: 20 minutes for each player per game | [Entry form](#)

2nd Newham Community Chess Tournament @ The Old Town Hall, 29 Broadway, Stratford, London E15 4BQ

Oct 21 @ 10:00 am – 7:00 pm

Contact: Daniel Young Email: danielyoung@chessinschools.co.uk Web: http://www.chessinschools.co.uk/newham_tournament_2017.htm [MAP]

A six-round rapidplay Swiss for players of all ages and abilities, organised by Newham Council and Chess in Schools & Communities. Three sections (Open, U140 Major and U80 Challengers) with a £1,500 prize fund in the Open/Major and trophies, book prizes etc. in the Challengers. Free entry for London Borough of Newham residents | [Entry form](#)

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2020 Chess Midlands Qualifier @ Guild Hall, Birmingham University B15 2SA

Oct 22 @ 12:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Contact: Peter Hornsby Email: director@2020chess.com

Web: <http://www.2020chess.com> [MAP]

2020 Chess continues for another season! It's a team of four rapid-play with 20 minutes on the clock each in a Swiss system, with the winners and next-best placed teams across the UK qualifying for the 2020 Chess Grand Final. All the details can be found here at www.2020chess.com

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Muswell Hill FIDE WEEKDAY Rapid @ The Clissold Arms, 105 Fortis Green, East Finchley, London N2 9HR

Oct 25 all-day

Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: <http://www.muswellhillchess.blogspot.co.uk/> [MAP]

SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open/Major U160/Amateur U120; G25 plus 5 seconds a move throughout

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54th Hull Chess Congress @ Hymers College Hymers Avenue Hull HU3 1LW

Oct 27 – Oct 29 all-day

Contact: Steve King Email: president@hullchess.com Web: <http://www.hullchess.com> [MAP]

Five round Swiss – Open Section, Major (Under 166), Inter (Under 141), Minor (Under 116)

Prizes £350, £200, £100, plus 2 x £50 Grading Prizes

For information on how to pay by bank transfer please contact the HDCA Treasurer Steve Hodge at stevehodge657@gmail.com

2nd Orpington Junior Tournament and Training Day @ St John's Church, Lynwood Grove, Bancroft Gardens, Orpington BR6 0BG

Oct 27 @ 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Contact: Conrad Allison Email: conradchesscamp@gmail.com Web: <http://conradchess.blogspot.co.uk/2017/09/2nd-orpington-junior-chess-tournament.html> [MAP]

Two hours of training and four games with experienced chess coaches. Two sections. Cash prizes as well as an opportunity to play GM Chris Ward for best player | [Flyer](#)

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35th Bury St Edmunds Congress @ The Apex Charter Square Bury St Edmunds IP33 3FD

Oct 28 @ 9:30 am – Oct 29 @ 6:15 pm

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Contact: Steve Lovell Email: secretary@bsecongress.org.uk Web: <http://www.bsecongress.org.uk> [MAP]
Five round Swiss. Four sections, Open, Major (U170), Intermediate (U145), Minor (U120) | [Entry form](#)

**2nd Brainstormchess Rapidplay and LJCC qualifier @ The Rugby Portobello 221 Walmer Road
Holland Park London W11 4EY**

Oct 28 @ 9:45 am – 5:30 pm
Contact: Kishan Pattni Email: kishanpattni84@gmail.com [MAP]
Junior LJCC qualifier, Open rapidplay, FIDE rated blitz in the evening | [Entry form](#)

Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay @ Old Grammar School, Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury BS376AH

Oct 28 @ 11:00 am – 6:00 pm
Contact: John Stubbs Email: jcdstubbs@yahoo.co.uk Web: <http://www.chessit.co.uk>
A six round rapidplay event. Each round 20 minutes per player with 5 sec increments. This event includes 3 sections: Open, Major (U155), Minor (U125). Open Section guaranteed 1st prize of at least £100. 1st and 2nd place in each section, grading prizes, and one overall Junior prize. Juniors under 16 £12 entry fee | [Entry form](#)

Limerick Open 2017 @ Kilmurray Lodge Hotel, Dublin Rd, Castletroy, Co. Limerick

Oct 28 @ 12:00 pm – Oct 30 @ 7:00 pm
Contact: John Cassidy Email: ritacassidy16@eircom.net Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/900> [MAP]
Annual open event which attracts some of Ireland's best players. 2,000 euro prize fund (roughly)

Brainstorm Chess Blitz @ The Rugby Portobello 221 Walmer Road Holland Park London W11 4EY

Oct 28 @ 6:45 pm – 9:00 pm
Contact: Kishan Pattni Email: kishanpattni84@gmail.com [MAP]
FIDE rated Blitz, 5 mins per player per game for all moves – 9 rounds | [Entry form](#)
amendments pending

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**Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz @ Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11
8BS**

Nov 2 all-day
Contact: Adam Raof Email: adamraof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com [MAP]
SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section) – prize fund £50.00



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"Juan Martínez Sola" Chess Festival 2017 @ Hotel Tryp Indalo, Almería, Spain

Nov 3 – Nov 5 all-day
Contact: Silverio Martinez Email: martinez.silverio@outlook.com Web: <http://ajedrezreverte.com/jms2017/en/> [MAP]

**Central London Chess Congress @ Imperial College Union Beit Quadrangle Prince Consort Road
London SW7 2BB**

Nov 3 – Nov 5 all-day
Contact: John Sargent Email: JohnSargent@GMail.com Web: <http://union.ic.ac.uk/rcc/chess> [MAP]
A weekend of competitive chess in an excellent central London location. The eighth Central London Chess Congress will be held from the 3rd to the 5th of November 2017 in the shadow of the Royal Albert Hall. Open, Major and Minor sections. Round 1 starts 19.00 Friday, Rounds 2/4 at 10.00 Sat/Sun and Rounds 3/5 at 15.00 Sat/Sun
Note: No U18s allowed due to Westminster Council restrictions on venue

16th 4NCL FIDE Rated Congress @ Holiday Inn, Coventry

Nov 3 @ 7:00 pm – Nov 5 @ 7:00 pm

[MAP] FIDE Open, FIDE U2000 (ECF U175), ECF U135. Five rounds Friday 7pm – Sunday 7pm. For entry forms and information visit www.4ncl.co.uk/fide/information_16.htm

Hampshire Congress 2017 @ Eastleigh College, Eastleigh, SO50 5EJ

Nov 3 @ 7:00 pm – Nov 5 @ 11:00 pm

Contact: Gillian Moore Email: gam2012@btinternet.com Web: <http://www.hampshirechess.co.uk> [MAP]

Open, Major (Under 160) and Minor (Under 125); also John Dunleavy Memorial Best Game Prize £100 – open to all | Entry form

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36th Bolton Rapidplay @ Bolton Ukrainian Club 99 Castle Street Bolton BL2 1JP

Nov 5 @ 10:00 am – 6:30 pm

Contact: Rod Middleton Email: roderickmiddleton@yahoo.co.uk [MAP]

3 sections: Open; Major; Knights | Entry form

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18th Royal Beacon Seniors Congress @ Royal Beacon Hotel, The Beacon, Exmouth EX8

Nov 6 @ 1:00 pm – Nov 10 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: RH Jones Email: jones_r53@sky.com Web: <http://keverelchess.com>

A well-established event for "Juniors" (50 – 64) and Seniors (65+). The event has hosted 34 top class congresses since 1999 and is well-known as one of the best venues on the circuit for smaller events ... [MAP]

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Torbay Congress @ Livermead House Hotel, Torquay Road, Torquay TQ2 6QJ

Nov 10 @ 7:00 pm – Nov 12 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Phil McConnell Email: secretary@torbaycongress.com Web: <http://www.torbaycongress.com> [MAP] A five round congress with four sections – Open, U170, U140 and U120 | Entry form**Irish Women's Championship 2017 @ Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2, Ireland**

Nov 10 @ 7:30 pm – Nov 12 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: John McMorrogh Email: chairperson@icu.ie Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/866> [MAP]

The Irish Women's Championship 2017 will take place from November 10-12 in Buswells Hotel, Dublin 2. The event features the best female Irish chess players and has a prize fund of 800 euro. The event will be contested over 5 FIDE-rated rounds | Entry form

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4NCL Rounds 1 and 2 / Weekend 1

Nov 11 – Nov 12 all-day

Divisions 1 and 2 – Park Inn Telford

Divisions 3 South and 4 – De Vere Wokefield Estate

Division 3 North – Holiday Inn, Doncaster

ECF Chess Academy @ TBC

Nov 11 – Nov 12 all-day

Contact: Director of Junior Chess and Education Email: director.juniorchess@englishchess.org.uk

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1 and 2) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 2). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Junior website. These study weekends are for advanced players.

Golders Green FIDE Rapid Chess @ St Luke's Church, Kidderpore Avenue, London NW3 7SU

Nov 11 all-day



Contact: Adam Raof Email: adamraof@gmail.com Web: www.goldersgreenchess.blogspot.co.uk [MAP]
 SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open / Major Under 170 / Minor Under 145 / Amateur Under 120 / Under 80 (ECF graded)

17th Claires Court PTA Chess Festival @ Claires Court Junior Boys School, Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4QQ

Nov 11 @ 10:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: http://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite [MAP]

U12, U10 and U8 Sections qualifying for the London Junior Championships; 6 rounds, and all moves in 20 minutes plus 10 seconds per move from the start | Entry form

2020 Chess Scotland Qualifier @ Edinburgh University Row House EH8 9AJ

Nov 11 @ 2:45 pm – 7:15 pm

Contact: Peter Hornsby Email: director@2020chess.com

Web: http://www.2020chess.com [MAP]

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3rd Annual Lowestoft Rapidplay @ Parkhill Hotel Oulton Broad Lowestoft NR32 5DQ

Nov 12 @ 9:15 am – 6:15 pm

Contact: Stephen Cotterell Email: stephenjcotterell@aol.com [MAP]

6 round Swiss – 2 sections : Open & U150 | Entry form

6th H+H Fire U14 Train and Play @ Moulsham Junior School Princes Road Chelmsford, CM2 9DG

Nov 12 @ 9:15 am – 4:00 pm

Contact: Robin Slade Email: chelmsfordjuniorchess@gmail.com Web: http://www.britishchess.co.uk [MAP]

H+H Fire Train and Play days combine top level junior coaching with 3 graded rapidplay games. They are organised and hosted by International Master Richard Pert (grade 235) and local junior coach Robin Slade. In November we'll be joined by two guest coaches – WGM Dagne Ciuksyte (grade 214) and popular junior coach Lateefah Messam-Sparks. The format of the whole day is designed to work for players of all levels and the emphasis is on a fun day's chess | Entry form

Sussex Junior Horsham Rapidplay @ The Forest School, Comptons Lane, Horsham RH13 5NW

Nov 12 @ 9:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Anita McMahon Email: sjcentrymanager@gmail.com Web: http://sussexjuniorchess.org [MAP]

6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections – U11 Minor, U11 Major, U18 Minor, U18 Major | Entry form

KJCA Coaching Days 2017-18 @ Sevenoaks Primary School Bradbourne Park Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LB

Nov 12 @ 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Contact: Jo Wildman Email: jowildman@hotmail.com Web: http://www.kjca.org [MAP]

Kent Junior Chess Association (KJCA) Coaching Days – Led by GM Chris Ward and GM John Emms. The KJCA Coaching days follow the Institute of Chess levels and exams. For further details and to register go to our website at <http://www.kjca.org/site/page?view=training>

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Colindale Children's Chess Tournament @ The Pulse Community Flat, 15 Ostler Court, Charcot Road,

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Nov 17 @ 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm

Contact: Marc Shaw Email: marc.shaw.chess@gmail.com [MAP]Children's chess tournament with training in-between matches by experienced chess coaches | [Entry form](#)**Kilkenny Congress 2017**

Nov 17 @ 7:00 pm – Nov 19 @ 6:00 pm

Contact: Maurice Buckley Email: Lee-cat@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/876> [MAP]

One of Ireland's biggest weekenders with some of Europe's strongest players and a 40+ year tradition of excellence. We would expect a strong contingent from the UK as usual including past winners such as Michael Adams, Gawain Jones and Mark Hebden ...

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British Rapidplay Chess 2017 @ Craiglunds Hotel, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 8RQ

Nov 18 @ 9:00 am – Nov 19 @ 6:30 pm

Contact: Brent Kitson Email: kitson453@btinternet.com Web: <http://www.british-rapidplay.org.uk> [MAP]

British Rapidplay Chess – Open/Major/Intermediate/Minor/Junior and Under 11 events. Saturday 11.00-18.30 hrs, Sunday 9.30-17.00 hrs | [Entry form](#)

Cambridgeshire Closed County Chess Championships @ Peterborough Bridge Club, Unit 1, New England Complex, York Road, Peterborough PE1 2PE

Nov 18 @ 9:00 am – Nov 19 @ 10:00 pm

Contact: Francis Bowers Email: info@premierengravinguk.com [MAP]

Closed event – 5 round Swiss for people born in Cambridgeshire, a member of a club in Cambridgeshire, or who live in Cambridgeshire | [Entry form](#)

ECF Arbiters' course @ Wyboston Lakes Resort, Great North Road, Wyboston, Bedfordshire MK44 3AL

Nov 18 @ 10:00 am – Nov 19 @ 5:30 pm

Details here – <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-arbiter-course-registration/>**Poplar Rapid-Play @ Langley Hall, St.Nicholas Church Centre, Etrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD**

Nov 18 @ 10:30 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Norman Went Email: DocklandsChess@yahoo.co.uk Web: <http://www.spanglefish.com/docklandschessclub> [MAP]

2 grade band sections – Minor Under 130 and Major Under 171. 30 minutes per player per game. 6 rounds | [Entry form](#)

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2017 Warwickshire Junior Championship @ Kenilworth School & Sports College, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2DA

Nov 19 all-day

Contact: Alex Holwczak Email: alexholwczak@gmail.com [MAP]

Sections for players aged Under 8/10/12/14/16/18. Entry restricted to players who were born in, go to school in, or who are resident in the county of Warwickshire, and the West Midlands county districts of the City of Birmingham, the City of Coventry and Solihull.

Yorkshire Junior Problem Solving Day @ Music Department, Ackworth School, Pontefract West Yorkshire WF7 7LT

Nov 19 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Contact: Peter Cloudsdale Email: cloudsdale_c@hotmail.co.uk Web: <http://whiterosejuniorchessacademy.org.uk> [MAP]

Problem solving chess puzzles set by BPSS. Rapidplay event, not a knock out event | [Entry form](#)

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Muswell Hill FIDE WEEKDAY Rapid @ The Clissold Arms, 105 Fortis Green, East Finchley, London N2 9HR

Nov 22 all-day

Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: <http://www.muswellhillchess.blogspot.co.uk/> [MAP]
SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open/Major U160/Amateur U120; G25 plus 5 seconds a move throughout

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1st Corporate Chess Championship @ Asnières Hall of Honor, Paris, France

Nov 24 – Nov 25 all-day

Contact: Jean-Claude Moingt Email: jeanclaude.moingt@gmail.com [MAP]
More details here

Bristol Winter Congress 2017 @ Bristol Grammar School (BGS), University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR

Nov 24 – Nov 26 all-day

Contact: Alan Papier / Igor Doklestic Email: chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk Web: <http://tim1949jones.wixsite.com/bristolchesscongress> [MAP]

A 5 round tournament with 3 sections: FIDE rated Open, Major (U155), Minor (U125). Prizes in all sections. Central venue | [Entry form](#)

Preston Chess Congress @ Cotton Court, Church St, Preston PR1 3BY

Nov 24 – Nov 26 all-day

Contact: Malcolm Peacock Email: malcolm@popmalc.org.uk Web: <http://chess.popmalc.org.uk/congress> [MAP]
Weekend congress with 4 sections, including a FIDE-rated Open section

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56th Hampstead FIDE Congress U2200/U1900/U135 @ Henderson Court Resource Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Avenue, London NW3 6NS

Nov 25 – Nov 26 all-day

Contact: Adam Raoof Email: adamraoof@gmail.com Web: www.hampsteadchess.blogspot.co.uk [MAP]

Under 2200 and Under 1900 FIDE sections, ECF Under 135 Section, G60+30s a move



Maidenhead Junior Club Tournament @ Claires Court Junior Boys School, Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire

Nov 25 @ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite> Postcode for entrance drive – SL6 4QQ

Beginners section and Under 130 rapid play grade section, which may be divided into two or more further sections | [Entry form](#)

Northampton LJCC Qualifying Event @ Caroline Chisholm School, Wooldale Centre for Learning, Wooldale Road, Northampton, NN4 6TP

Nov 25 @ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Lateefah Messam-Sparks Email: chesssparks@gmail.com [MAP]

London Junior Chess Championships Qualifying Event and training day with FIDE Instructor and ECF Accredited Coach Lateefah Messam-Sparks. U8 LJCC qualifying section; U10 LJCC qualifying section; U12 LJCC qualifying section; U18

section All sections graded. Doors open at 9.30am and prizes for section winners | [Entry form](#)

South East England Girls and Boys Chess Championships @ Grey Court Secondary School Ham Street, Ham, Richmond TW107HN

Nov 25 @ 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Contact: Marie Gledhill Email: marie.gledhill@tesco.net [MAP]

The South East England Girls and Boys Chess Championships are open to everyone it is an individual competition as well as a school team competition. There are separate sections for the girls and boys. Players can enter as a school team or an individual with 17 individual trophies and trophies for the top three girls and top three boys schools. Five rounds will be played and no one is knocked out ...

6th Richmond Blitz Blast @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Nov 25 @ 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_blitz@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk> [MAP]

FIDE rated Blitz Open, with a £300 guaranteed prize-fund, including a £100 first prize, £60 second prize, £40 third prize and several grading prizes of £25 each | [Entry form](#)

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Northumberland Rapidplay Championships @ Forest Hall Ex-Servicemen's Institute, 26 Crescent Way North, Forest Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 9AR

Nov 26 @ 10:00 am – 4:45 pm

Contact: Tim Wall Email: timpeterwall@gmail.com Web: <http://www.foresthallchess.org.uk> [MAP]

A 9-round 'Fast & Fun' rapidplay tournament for members of chess clubs affiliated to Northumberland Chess Association. One section for everyone! £380 in prizes, including several grading prizes, and prizes for top juniors and Over 65 players. Rate of play: 10 minutes plus 5 seconds per move. Entry fee: £10 adults, £8 juniors/OAPs | [Entry form](#)

Wiltshire Team Rapidplay Tournament 2017 @ Nationwide Head Office, Pipers Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN38 1NW

Nov 26 @ 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Tony Ransom [MAP]

[Details and entry form here](#)

BBCA 2nd International Rapidplay Tournament @ London Enterprise Academy 81-91 Commercial Road, London E1 1RD

Nov 26 @ 10:30 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Mostaque Choudhury Email: bbcarapidplay@gmail.com [MAP]

Two sections – Open (open to all players); Major (only open to players under FIDE 1800/ ECF 147 or to non-rated players). Entry fees – £20 per entry; £15 per entry for BBCA members only | [Entry form](#)

LJCC Qualifying Event, Graded Junior Tournament & Training Day @ Wellington College, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne Berkshire RG45 7PT

Nov 26 @ 11:00 am

Contact: Nick Pert Email: fleetchess@gmail.com [MAP]

London Junior Chess Championships Qualifying Event and training day with GM Nick Pert.

Improvers section (ungraded); U10 LJCC qualifying section; U12 LJCC qualifying section; U18 section (graded) | [Enter online here](#) – www.picatic.com/wellington

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2020 Chess Yorkshire Qualifier @ Michael Sadler Building, Leeds University LS2 9JT

Dec 2 @ 12:30 pm – 6:00 pm

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Contact: Peter Hornsby Email: director@2020chess.com

Web: <http://www.2020chess.com> [MAP]

2020 Chess continues for another season! It's a team of four rapid-play with 20 minutes on the clock each in a Swiss system, with the winners and next-best placed teams across the UK qualifying for the 2020 Chess Grand Final, with Warwick seeking to defend their title ...

London Chess Conference 2017 @ London Hilton Olympia

Dec 2 @ 1:00 pm – Dec 3 @ 4:00 pm

Contact: John Foley Email: info@chessplus.net Web: <http://www.londonchessconference.com> [MAP]

The 5th edition of this popular event. The theme this year is how to make chess effective for educational purposes. The London Chess Conference remains the world's foremost meeting point for co-operation and the exchange of ideas and networking with like-minded people. The conference fee has been significantly reduced to £65. Participants will also be able to observe the London Chess Classic. We are grateful to the following organisations for making possible this year's event: Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC), the European Chess Union (ECU) and Erasmus Plus.

DEC

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Sun

2017

Plymouth Rapid Play @ Plymouth Bridge Club, 1 Moor View Terrace, Mutley Plain, Plymouth PL4 7EB

Dec 3 all-day

Contact: Tony Tatam Email: tony.tatam@blueyonder.co.uk Web: <http://www.chessdevon.org.uk/> [MAP]

6 rounds, 30 minutes per player per game. Free beverages and light refreshments throughout the day | Entry form

2020 Chess London Qualifier @ 2 Bunhill Row, London EC1Y 8HQ

Dec 3 @ 12:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Contact: Peter Hornsby Email: director@2020chess.com

Web: <http://www.2020chess.com> [MAP]

2020 Chess continues for another season! It's a team of four rapid-play with 20 minutes on the clock each in a Swiss system, with the winners and next-best placed teams across the UK qualifying for the 2020 Chess Grand Final, with Warwick seeking to defend their title ...

Colindale Children's Chess Tournament @ The Pulse Community Flat, 15 Ostler Court, Charcot Road, Colindale NW9 5XW

Dec 3 @ 1:45 pm – 5:30 pm

Contact: Marc Shaw Email: marc.shaw.chess@gmail.com [MAP]

Children's chess tournament with training in-between matches by experienced chess coaches | Entry form

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Hendon 'First Thursday' Blitz @ Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, London NW11 8BS

Dec 7 all-day

Contact: Adam Raof Email: adamraof@gmail.com Web: www.hendonchessclub.com [MAP]

SWISS 6 ROUNDS Open (one section) – prize fund £50.00



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2017

Twickenham Junior Chess Congress @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Dec 9 @ 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_junior_chess_club@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk> [MAP]

A qualifying tournament for the London Junior Chess Championships | Entry form

Twickenham U18 Congress @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Dec 9 @ 10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_junior_chess_club@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk> [MAP]

A junior standard play tournament for 12 to 18 year olds to held alongside our U8/U10/U12 London Junior Chess Congress qualifying events. Guaranteed prize-fund of £200 | [Entry form](#)

DEC

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Sun

2017

Kenilworth Junior Open @ Kenilworth School & Sports College, Leyes Lane, Kenilworth CV8 2DA

Dec 10 all-day

Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Web: <http://www.warwickshirechess.org/> [MAP]

5 rounds, sections for Under 11 and Under 18, and grade-restricted sections for all juniors.

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Maidenhead Junior Club Tournament @ Claires Court Junior Boys School, Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire

Dec 16 @ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite> Postcode for entrance drive – SL6 4QQ

Beginners section and Under 130 rapid play grade section, which may be divided into two or more further sections | [Entry form](#)

The 3rd Martlesham Heath Thematic Chess Tournament @ St Michael & All Angels Church, The Drift, Martlesham Heath, Suffolk, IP5 3PL

Dec 16 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Contact: Dagne Ciuksyte Email: mjchessclub@gmail.com [MAP]

Thematic chess event. All games start from the position after 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 (Opening called Nimzo-Indian Defence). Six round Swiss. 2 sections: Open and Minor (U75 grade). Time Control: 20 minutes for each player per game | [Entry form](#)

London Junior Chess Championships @ University of Westminster, Harrow Campus Northwick Park HA1 3TP

Dec 16 @ 9:45 am – Dec 17 @ 8:00 pm

Contact: J Arnold Lutton Email: entry@ljcc.co.uk Web: <http://www.ljcc.co.uk> [MAP]

This prestigious event has sections for Under 10 and Under 14. There are also sections for Under 8, Under 12, Under 16 and Under 18/21 on 28th, 29th and 30th December at the same venue.

The Under 10 play 7 rounds over the two days. Competitors must gain qualification to play in the Under 10 as detailed at www.ljcc.co.uk. The Under 14 play six rounds. These sections attract a large entry and both are run with Major and Minor divisions. The LJCC Charitable Trust also run the Northwick Park Congress at the same venue and at the same time. This has Open, Major and Minor sections and Open and Major are FIDE rated | [Entry form](#)

CCF Christmas FIDE LP Congress @ 84-90 Chipstead Valley Road Coulsdon Surrey CR5 3BA

Dec 16 @ 10:00 am – Dec 17 @ 11:00 pm

Contact: Scott Freeman Email: chess@ccfworld.com Web: http://www.ccfworld.com/Chess/Adult%20Competitions/Longplays_Christmas.htm [MAP]

A 5 round FIDE-rated LP congress over 4 sections

National Prep School Rapidplay @ Aldro School Shackleford Godalming Surrey GU8 6AS

Dec 16 @ 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Contact: David Archer Email: archerd@aldro.org [MAP]

Five round Swiss tournament with individual sections for U13, U12, U11, U10 and U9 players. All games will be graded. There will be trophies for the winners of each age group and medals for the runners up.

The Team Cup will be awarded to the top school. Only four players from each school will count towards the team cup | [Entry form](#)

DEC

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36th Ludwik Zamenhof International Chess Memorial @ Bialystok City Stadium 15-323 Bialystok, ul. Sloneczna 1

Dec 27 – Dec 31 all-day

Contact: Krzysztof Jaszczuk Email: karius@poczta.onet.pl [MAP]

[Details here](#)

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Hastings International Chess Congress @ Horntye Park Sport Complex, Bohemia Road Hastings TN34 1EX

Dec 28 2017 @ 2:15 pm – Jan 7 2018 @ 9:30 pm

Contact: Alan Hustwayte Email: alan.b.hustwayte@tesco.net Web: <http://www.hastingschess.com> [MAP]

The annual (93rd) Hastings International Chess Congress includes 9-round FIDE Masters tournament, Christmas and New Year 4 and 5 round tournaments and the 5 round 35th Hastings Weekend Congress with a FIDE Rated Open and Intermediate and Under-130 tournaments | [Entry form](#)

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Irish 50+/65+ Championships 2018 @ Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin

Jan 3 @ 6:00 pm – Jan 7 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: John McMorro Email: mcmorrowjohn@gmail.com Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/981> [MAP]

A tournament open to anyone over 50 years of age on 12/31/2018. 7 rounds over 5 days in a 1-2-1-2-1 format

Irish New Year Norm Events @ Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin

Jan 3 @ 6:00 pm – Jan 7 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: John McMorro Email: mcmorrowjohn@gmail.com Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/983> [MAP]

GM Norm event – 6 IRL players + GM Korneev: space for 1 GM and 2 IMs; IM Norm event – 6 IRL players + IM Sodoma + IM Escobar: space for 1IM

JAN

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Sat

2018

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend @ TBA

Jan 6 – Jan 7 all-day

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1, 2 and 3) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 3). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Juniors website although you may email the ECF Director of Junior Chess directly if you wish. These study weekends are for advanced players.

Maidenhead Junior Club Tournament @ Claires Court Junior Boys School, Cannon Lane, Maidenhead, Berkshire

Jan 6 @ 9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com Web: <http://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite> Postcode for entrance drive – SL6 4QQ

Beginners section and Under 130 rapid play grade section, which may be divided into two or more further sections | [Entry form](#)

Sussex Junior Hastings Rapidplay @ St Mary Star of the Sea Primary School, Magdalen Rd, St Leonards on Sea TN37 6EU

Jan 6 @ 9:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Anita McMahon Email: sjcentrymanager@gmail.com Web: <http://sussexjuniorchess.org> [MAP]

6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections – U11 Minor, U11 Major, U18 Minor, U18 Major | [Entry form](#)

JAN

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50th Mulcahy Memorial 2018 @ Gresham Metropole Hotel, McCurtain Street, Cork

Jan 12 @ 7:30 pm – Jan 14 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Pat Twomey Email: ptwomey@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/973> [MAP]

The 50th Mulcahy Memorial looks set to be one of the strongest in the recent history of the event. The tournament takes place in the Metropole Hotel from Friday 12th January to Sunday 14th January 2018

JAN

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2018

4NCL Rounds 3 and 4 / Weekend 2

Jan 13 – Jan 14 all-day

Divisions 1 and 2 – St Johns Hotel, Solihull

Divisions 3 South and 4 – De Vere Wokefield Estate

Division 3 North – Mercure Bolton Georgian House

Somerset New Year Congress @ Walton Park Hotel, Wellington Terrace, Clevedon, North Somerset, BS21 7BL

Jan 13 @ 9:30 am – Jan 14 @ 6:00 pm

Contact: Rebecca Gardiner Email: congresssecretary@hotmail.com Web: <http://someretchesscongress.webs.com/> [MAP]Five round seeded Swiss tournament with 3 sections – U175, U145 & U120 | [Entry form](#)

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Southend Junior Tournament @ Prince Avenue Academy Hornby Avenue Westcliff-on-Sea Essex SS0 0LG

Jan 14 @ 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Dave Hawkins Email: davehawkins126@googlemail.com Web: <http://www.ejca.co.uk> [MAP]

Essex Junior Grand Prix 2017/18 Round Three

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17th 4NCL FIDE Rated Congress @ The Old Swan Hotel, Harrogate, North Yorkshire

Jan 19 @ 7:00 pm – Jan 21 @ 7:00 pm

4NCL FIDE Open, FIDE U2000 (ECF U175), ECF U135. Five rounds Friday 7pm – Sunday 7pm
[MAP] – for entry forms, information – www.4ncl.co.uk/fide/information_17.htm

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Junior 4NCL @ Park Inn, Telford

Jan 20 – Jan 21 all-day

4NCL Check out the entry guidelines here – http://www.4ncl.co.uk/j4ncl/jn_entry.htm
[MAP]

Richmond EPSCA Team Trials @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Jan 20 @ 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_junior_chess_club@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk> [MAP]A qualifying tournament for Richmond Junior's EPSCA U9, U11 and U11 Girls Teams. 5 rounds rapidplay | [Entry form](#)

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The Simon Bartlett Memorial Congress @ The Livermead House Hotel, Seafrost, Torquay, TQ2 6QJ

Jan 26 – Jan 28 all-day

Contact: John Constable Email: chess@budechess.co.uk Web: <http://www.budechess.co.uk> [MAP]

5 round long play congress in memory of popular South West player Simon Bartlett who passed away in January 2017.
£2300 guaranteed prize fund. Open, U170, U140 & U120 sections | [Entry form](#)

16th Annual Gonzaga Charity Classic 2018 @ Gonzaga College SJ, Sandford Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6

Jan 26 @ 7:30 pm – Jan 28 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Peter Carroll Email: gonzagachessclassic@gmail.com Web: <http://www.icu.ie/events/974> [MAP]

This is Dublin's largest weekend with over 250 entrants expected and a FIDE-rated Masters section with many GMs, IMs and FMs. Top games are broadcast in the in a 400 seat auditorium and all of the proceeds go to charity with 3,000 euros raised annually | Entry form

JAN

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2018

South of England Junior Chess Congress @ Yateley Manor, 51 Reading Rd, Yateley GU46 7UQ

Jan 27 – Jan 28 all-day

Contact: Amy Grieve Email: amy@southofenglandjunior.com Web: <http://www.southofenglandjunior.com> [MAP]

Junior weekend chess congress covering U7 to U15 sections. England half-norm and Junior Grand Prix qualifier | Entry form

2020 Chess London Qualifier @ University of London Windsor Building Egham Hill Egham Surrey TW20 0EX

Jan 27 @ 12:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Contact: Peter Hornsby Email: director@2020chess.com

Web: <http://www.2020chess.com> [MAP]

2020 Chess continues for another season! It's a team of four rapid-play with 20 minutes on the clock each in a Swiss system, with the winners and next-best placed teams across the UK qualifying for the 2020 Chess Grand Final, with Warwick seeking to defend their title ...

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Norfolk Rapidplay @ Gas Social Club Roundtree Way Sprowston Norwich NR7 8SQ

Jan 28 @ 9:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: John Wickham Email: j.r.wickham@btinternet.com [MAP]

6 round Swiss, 3 sections – Championship, Challengers and U100. Limited to 60 entrants. Entry form to be posted with fuller details later ...

29th Nottingham Rapidplay @ Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED

Jan 28 @ 10:00 am – 6:30 pm

Contact: Robert Richmond Email: robrchmnd@aol.com Web: <http://NottsChess.org> [MAP]

OPEN / U160 / U135 / U100; Entry form and online entry available on the Notts Chess website

32nd Stockport Rapidplay @ The GUILDHALL 168 Wellington Road South (A6) Stockport SK1 3UA

Jan 28 @ 10:00 am – 6:30 pm

Contact: Peter Taylor Email: peterht20@gmail.com [MAP]

6 round Swiss tournament. Each player has 30 minutes for all moves in each round.

4 Sections, Open (open to all), Major (U 170), Intermediate (U 140), Minor (U 110).

Prizes each section £140, £90, £40 and £40 grading prize. plus Buxton, Veteran and Junior prizes and Stockport League Major, Intermediate and minor trophies | Entry form

KJCA Coaching Days 2017-18 @ Sevenoaks Primary School Bradbourne Park Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LB

Jan 28 @ 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Contact: Jo Wildman Email: jowildman@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.kjca.org> [MAP]

Kent Junior Chess Association (KJCA) Coaching Days – Led by GM Chris Ward and GM John Emms. The KJCA Coaching days follow the Institute of Chess levels and exams. For further details and to register go to our website at <http://www.kjca.org/site/page?view=training>

FEB

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Fri

Frodsham Chess Congress @ Frodsham Community Centre Fluin Lane Frodsham Cheshire WA6 7QN

Feb 2 @ 7:00 pm – Feb 4 @ 6:45 pm

Contact: Pat Ridley Email: patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com Web: <http://www.kisekigo.com/frodsham.html> [MAP]

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A 5 round Swiss standard play tournament with a FIDE-rated Open and Under 160 and Under 120 sections. Discounts for junior (under 18) and senior (over 65) players, and special discount for players in the parallel Cheshire Go tournament at the same venue on Saturday 3rd Feb. Free car parking. Good road and rail access. The entry form will be available here and on the congress web page in the Autumn.

FEB

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Sat

2018

41st Annual Kidlington Chess Tournament @ Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington OX5 1AB

Feb 3 @ 9:30 am – Feb 4 @ 6:00 pm

Contact: Gerard O'Reilly Email: gerard@fianchetto.co.uk Web: <https://www.kidlingtonchess.org.uk/>

4 sections – Open, U180, U145, U120. 5 rounds in each section – 3 on Saturday (starting 9.30am, 2pm, 6.30pm), 2 on Sunday (starting 9.30am, 2pm). Half-point bye available in any one of first four rounds.

Time allowance – 90 minutes, plus 15 seconds increment per move from move 1.

Prize fund over £2000.00 [MAP]

Sussex Junior Eastbourne Rapidplay @ St Catherine's College, Priory Road, Eastbourne, BN23 7BL

Feb 3 @ 9:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Anita McMahon Email: sjcentrymanager@gmail.com Web: <http://sussexjuniorchess.org> [MAP]

6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections – U11 Minor, U11 Major, U18 Minor, U18 Major | Entry form

EPSCA Rapidplay @ Broadgreen International School Liverpool L13 5UQ

Feb 3 @ 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Julian Clissold Email: julian.clissold@outlook.com Web: <http://www.epsca.org.uk/> [MAP]

English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA) Rapidplay for children aged up to age 11 | Entry form

FEB

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Sun

2018

Leicestershire Open Junior Congress @ Leicester Grammar School London Road Great Glen Leicester LE8 9FL

Feb 4 @ 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

Contact: Paul Mottram Email: chess@paulmottram.com Web: <http://leicestershirejuniorchess.com> [MAP]

Open Junior Congress 6 round swiss Rapidplay in Open, U80 and U30 sections. Time control: 25 mins + 5s. Online entry and full details to follow shortly ...

2020 Chess Grand Final @ Underground Dance Studio Hall, Birmingham University B15 2SA

Feb 4 @ 12:15 pm – 6:30 pm

Contact: Peter Hornsby Email: director@2020chess.com

Web: <http://www.2020chess.com> [MAP]

The best teams that have qualified from the regions will compete. All the details can be found here at www.2020chess.com

FEB

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2018

4NCL Rounds 5 and 6 / Weekend 3

Feb 10 – Feb 11 all-day

Divisions 1 and 2 – Park Inn, Northampton

Divisions 3 South and 4 – De Vere Wakefield Estate

Division 3 North – North Mercure Hotel, Bolton

FEB

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Northumbria Chess Masters @ The Chillingham, 86 Chillingham Road, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 5XL

Feb 14 @ 6:30 pm – Feb 18 @ 7:30 pm

Contact: Tim Wall Email: timpeterwall@gmail.com Web: <http://www.foresthallchess.org.uk> [MAP]

A 9-round FIDE-rated Open tournament with opportunities for international title norms. Prize fund: £2,300, including: 1st £1,000, 2nd £500, 3rd £300, 4th £200, 5th £100, Top Junior (born 1.1.2000 or after) £100, <2200 £100. Entry fee: £60, junior discount £10, GMs, IMs, WGMs free. Entries limited to 60 players, so please enter as early as possible to ensure your place.

(Titled players may contact the organiser regarding possible assistance with accommodation) | [Entry form](#)

FEB

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2018

Wiltshire & West of England Junior Open Championships @ TBC

Feb 17 @ 9:45 am – Feb 18 @ 6:30 pm

Contact: Bev Schofield Email: bev@schofieldhall.co.uk Web: <http://wiltshirejuniorchess.com>

Although this (32nd) Junior Open Congress is organised by Wiltshire Junior Chess, it is open to ANY chess player under 18 on the 31st August 2017.

Northern Junior Championship @ Excelsior Academy Denton Road Newcastle upon Tyne NE15 6AF

Feb 17 @ 10:00 am – Feb 18 @ 5:00 pm

Contact: Julian Clissold Email: julian.clissold@englishchess.org.uk [MAP]Sections for Under 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 18 – depending on numbers the older age group will be under 14 and open sections. Age eligibility at 1st January 2018 | [Entry form](#)

FEB

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Sun

2018

Bury St Edmunds Junior Chess Congress @ Moreton Hall Community Centre, Symonds Road, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP32 7EE

Feb 18 @ 9:30 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Bob Jones Email: bobjoneschess@btinternet.com [MAP]

Six rounds x 30 minutes per player. Sections for U18, U11, U9 and Novices.

KJCA Coaching Days 2017-18 @ Sevenoaks Primary School Bradbourne Park Road, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3LB

Feb 18 @ 10:00 am – 4:30 pm

Contact: Jo Wildman Email: jowildman@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.kjca.org> [MAP]Kent Junior Chess Association (KJCA) Coaching Days – Led by GM Chris Ward and GM John Emms. The KJCA Coaching days follow the Institute of Chess levels and exams. For further details and to register go to our website at <http://www.kjca.org/site/page?view=training>

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Fri

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43rd East Devon Chess Congress @ Exeter Corn Exchange, Market Street, Exeter EX1 1BW

Feb 23 @ 6:45 pm – Feb 25 @ 7:30 pm

Contact: Dr Tim Paulden Email: timpaulden@gmail.com [MAP]

One of the most popular Congresses in the South West – our 2017 event attracted over 150 entrants!

Venue in Exeter City Centre, close to railway stations, car parks, and accommodation. Further details will be available later in 2017, including our tournament leaflet & online entry form

25th Annual Bunratty Chess Festival @ Bunratty Castle Hotel, Bunratty, Co. Clare, Ireland

Feb 23 @ 7:00 pm – Feb 25 @ 6:00 pm

Contact: Paul Carey Email: info@bunrattychess.com Web: <http://www.bunrattychess.com/> [MAP]

The 25th edition of Ireland's largest and most celebrated event. Renowned as one of the top and most popular weekenders in Europe and referred to by GM Nigel Short as the "... Rolls-Royce of weekenders"

26th Doncaster Congress @ Hall Cross School, Thorne Road, Doncaster DN1 2HY

Feb 23 @ 7:00 pm – Feb 25 @ 6:30 pm

Contact: Steve Mann Email: sjmann@gmx.co.uk Web: <http://mannchess.org.uk/doncong.htm> [MAP]Sections: Open; Major (U171); Intermediate (U146); Minor (U126). Prizes in each section: 1st £300, 2nd £150, 3rd £100, + grading prizes. Entry fee £32 | [Entry form](#)

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2018 British Universities' Championship @ Park Inn By Radisson Telford, Telford Center Shropshire,

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Forge Gate, Telford TF3 4NA

Feb 24 – Feb 25 all-day

Contact: Daniel Young Email: djyoung1994@gmail.com Web: <http://www.buca.org.uk> [MAP]

The 2018 British Universities' Championships, a qualifier for the 2018 European Universities' Games

2018 BUCA Championship @ Park Inn by Radisson Telford, Forge Gate, Telford TF3 4NA

Feb 24 – Feb 25 all-day

Contact: Alex Holowczak Email: alexholowczak@gmail.com Web: <http://www.buca.org.uk> [MAP]

A 5-round Team Swiss with four divisions to determine the British Universities' Champions of 2018. The top 4 teams will qualify for the European Universities' Chess Championship in 2018.

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Richmond Rapidplay 117 @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Feb 25 @ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_rapidplays@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk/> [MAP] Continuation of famous and long-running series of rapidplay events | Entry form

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EACU Closed Individual Championships @ Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4NE

Mar 10 @ 9:30 am – Mar 11 @ 6:30 pm

Contact: Richard Freeman Email: richard@fcasolutions.co.uk [MAP]

This is a Closed Championship, only open to East Anglian Chess Union players (see entry form for eligibility details). It's a 5-round Swiss tournament, with 3 rounds on the Saturday and two on the Sunday. There are three Championship sections – Open, U-170 and U-130, and the Open Champion will qualify for a place in the 2018 British Championship | Entry form

English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 9 Zones @ Various in the North, South and East of England

Mar 10 @ 11:45 am – 6:00 pm

Three zones qualifying for a final ...

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2018

4NCL Rounds 7 and 8 / Weekend 4

Mar 17 – Mar 18 all-day

Divisions 1 and 2 – De Vere Wokefield Estate

Division 3 North – Mercure Bolton Georgian House

English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 11 Zones @ Various in the North, South and East of England

Mar 17 @ 11:45 am – 6:00 pm

Three zones qualifying for a final ...

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2018

4NCL Rounds 7 and 8 / Weekend 4

Mar 24 – Mar 25 all-day

Division 3 South and 4 – De Vere Wokefield Estate

English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 11 Girls' Final @ TBA

Mar 24 @ 11:45 am – 6:00 pm

EPSCA Associations can enter a team without playing in a qualifying zone ...

MAR

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4th Polar Capital Jersey International Chess Tournament @ Hotel Ambassadeur La Grand route de la Cote St.Clement Jersey JE2 6SB

Mar 31 – Apr 7 all-day

Contact: Paul Wojciechowski Email: paulmwoj@gmail.com Web: <http://www.jerseychessclub.com> [MAP]

9 round Open/Holiday/Minor Tournament and UBS Blitz Tournament. Chief Arbiter Adam Raof (IA)

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2018 National Club Championship @ Park Inn By Radisson Telford, Telford Center Shropshire, Forge Gate, Telford TF3 4NA

Apr 7 – Apr 8 all-day

Contact: Guy Greenland Email: nationalclub@englishchess.org.uk Web: <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/competitions-plp/national-club-championships/> [MAP]

The ECF National Club Championships ...

National Chess Junior Squad Championships @ venue TBA

Apr 7 @ 10:00 am – Apr 8 @ 5:00 pm

Contact: Peter Purland Email: petepurland@btopenworld.com Web: <http://www.ncjs.co.uk>

Squad championship but open to all juniors

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2018

18th 4NCL FIDE Rated Congress @ Holiday Inn, Doncaster

Apr 13 @ 7:00 pm – Apr 15 @ 7:00 pm

4NCL FIDE Open, FIDE U2000 (ECF U175), ECF U135. Five rounds Friday 7pm – Sunday 7pm
[MAP] – for entry forms, information – www.4ncl.co.uk/fide/information_18.htm

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ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend @ TBA

Apr 14 – Apr 15 all-day

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1, 2 and 3) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 3). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Juniors website although you may email the ECF Director of Junior Chess directly if you wish. These study weekends are for advanced players.

36th St. Albans Congress @ St.Columba's College, King Harry Lane, St.Albans, Herts AL1 4RU

Apr 14 @ 10:00 am – Apr 15 @ 6:30 pm

Contact: Terry Douse Email: stalbanscongress@yahoo.co.uk Web: <http://www.stalbanscongress.com> [MAP]

Prize fund £3500; Swiss tournament over 5 rounds; 5 sections – Minor Under 120, Intermediate Under 140, Major Under 160, Challengers Under 180, Open (no grade limits); large playing hall; hot and cold refreshments; large free car park; good transport links

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Junior 4NCL @ Park Inn, Telford

Apr 21 – Apr 22 all-day

4NCL Check out the entry guidelines here – http://www.4ncl.co.uk/j4ncl/jn_entry.htm
[MAP]**43rd Nottingham Congress @ Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham, NG7 4ED**

Apr 21 @ 8:00 am – Apr 22 @ 5:45 pm

Contact: Robert Richmond Email: robrchmnd@aol.com Web: <http://NottsChess.org> [MAP]

OPEN / U165 / U135 / U110; OPEN 1st prize £650. Entry form and online entry on the Notts Chess website

English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 11 Final @ TBA

Apr 21 @ 11:45 am – 6:00 pm

Teams qualify for the final from three zones ...

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2018

Forest Hall Congress @ Forest Hall Ex-Servicemen's Institute, 26 Crescent Way North, Forest Hall, Newcastle upon Tyne NE12 9AR

Apr 27 @ 6:30 pm – Apr 29 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Tim Wall Email: timpeterwall@gmail.com Web: <http://www.foresthallchess.org.uk> [MAP]

A 5-round congress with FIDE-rated Open, Major (U170 ECF), Minor (U135 ECF) & Challengers (U110 ECF) events. Prize fund of £1,650 | [Entry form](#)

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Great Yarmouth Chess Congress @ Town Hall Hall Plain Great Yarmouth NR30 2QF

Apr 28 @ 9:30 am – Apr 29 @ 6:30 pm

Contact: John Wickham Email: j.r.wickham@btinternet.com [MAP]

5 round Swiss, 4 sections Open, U170, U145, U120. Prize fund of over £1800 thanks to our main sponsor Kingsley Healthcare | [Entry form](#)

English Primary Schools Chess Association Under 9 Final @ TBA

Apr 28 @ 11:45 am – 6:00 pm

Teams qualify for the final from three zones ...

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2018

Richmond Rapidplay 118 @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Apr 29 @ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_rapidplays@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk/> [MAP] Continuation of famous and long-running series of rapidplay events | [Entry form](#)

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2018

4NCL Rounds 9, 10 and 11 / Weekend 5

May 5 – May 7 all-day

4NCL Divisions 1 and 2 – Park Inn Telford
Divisions 3 South and 4 – De Vere Wokefield Park
Division 3 North – Holiday Inn, Doncaster

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2018

Sussex Junior Worthing Rapidplay @ Worthing College, 1 Sanditon Way, Worthing BN14 9FD

May 19 @ 9:45 am – 6:00 pm

Contact: Anita McMahan Email: sjcentrymanager@gmail.com Web: <http://sussexjuniorchess.org> [MAP]

6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections – U11 Minor, U11 Major, U18 Minor, U18 Major | [Entry form](#)

J U N

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2018

Richmond Rapidplay 119 @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Jun 10 @ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_rapidplays@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk/> [MAP] Continuation of famous and long-running series of rapidplay events | [Entry form](#)

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2018

3rd North Wales FIDE Open (incorporating 5th Colwyn Bay) @ Venue Cymru, Promenade, Llandudno, LL30 1BB

Jun 29 – Jul 1 all-day

Contact: Syringa Camp Email: northwaleschess@aol.com Web: <http://www.colwynbaychess.org.uk/nwcongress.html> [MAP]

Once again to be held at the lovely Venue Cymru in Llandudno (as per the British Chess Championships 2017) – £1,625 guaranteed prize fund, with thanks to our sponsors www.wholesaleschess.co.uk

Three sections, FIDE-rated Open and Major (U1900 / 160) and ECF/WCU graded Minor (U120 / 1600)

1st: £250 2nd: £150 3rd: £75 and grading prize of £50 in each section, plus £50 junior prize

Entry fees including member discounts* are Open/Major £28 and Minor £26. Further £5 discount for juniors (U18 as at 1/1/2018). Late entry fee applies for entries received after 22 June 2018 | [Entry form](#)

*see entry form for full details

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Sun

2018

Richmond Rapidplay 120 @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Aug 12 @ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_rapidplays@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk/> [MAP] Continuation of famous and long-running series of rapidplay events | [Entry form](#)

SEP

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2018

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend @ TBA

Sep 8 – Sep 9 all-day

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1, 2 and 3) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 3). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Juniors website although you may email the ECF Director of Junior Chess directly if you wish. These study weekends are for advanced players.

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Richmond Rapidplay 121 @ Orleans Park School Richmond Road TWICKENHAM TW1 3BB

Oct 14 @ 10:00 am – 5:30 pm

Contact: Paul McKeown Email: richmond_rapidplays@hotmail.com Web: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk/> [MAP] Continuation of famous and long-running series of rapidplay events | [Entry form](#)

NOV

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Fri

2018

Torbay Chess Congress @ Livermead House Hotel, Torbay Road, Seafront, Torquay TQ2 6RH

Nov 9 @ 7:00 pm – Nov 11 @ 7:00 pm

Contact: Phil McConnell Email: secretary@torbaycongress.com Web: <http://www.torbaycongress.com> [MAP]

Four sections – Open, U170, U140, U120. Five rounds. Doors open 6.30pm Friday 10th November

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2018

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend @ TBA

Nov 10 – Nov 11 all-day

ECF Chess Academy Study Weekend for the International Programme (Years 1, 2 and 3) and the Academy Plus Programme (Year 3). Spare places may be available for those not on either the programme who wish to attend as a one off event. These will be advertised on the ECF Juniors website although you may email the ECF Director of Junior Chess directly if you wish. These study weekends are for advanced players.