

TIMETABLE: Fri 2nd, Sat 3rd & Sun 4th February 2018

Round 1 Friday 1900 - 2300 Round 4 Sunday 1000 - 1400
Round 2 Saturday 1000 - 1400 Round 5 Sunday 1445 - 1845
Round 3 Saturday 1445 - 1845

RATE OF PLAY: Fischer timing will be used. Each player will have 110 minutes with the addition of 10 seconds for each move made.

SECTIONS & PRIZES:

Open: For players of any grade.
U160: For players graded under 160.
U120: For players graded under 120.

Prizes in each section: 1st £150, 2nd £100, 3rd £50 plus a grading prize of £30. Additional prizes will be awarded if there are sufficient entries. Players may win only one prize.

If you wish to withdraw during the event you must notify the Chief Arbiter, to avoid inconvenience to your next opponent. Players whose opponents have not arrived within 30 minutes of their clock starting will be re-paired if possible.

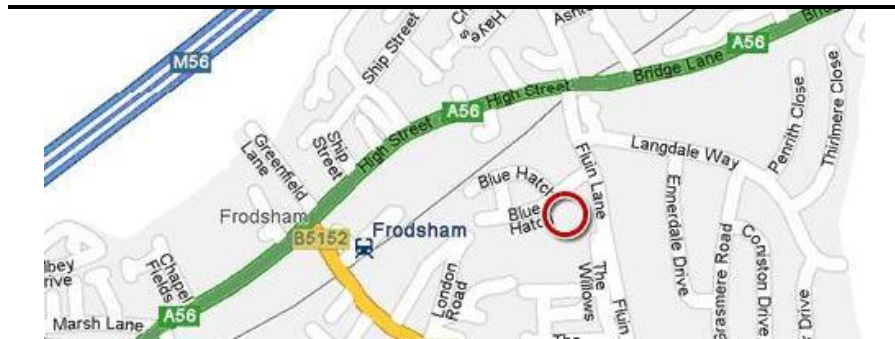
CHIEF ARBITER: Alex Holowczak

CONGRESS ORGANISER: Pat Ridley

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(please contact this mobile number if you have a travel problem and will be late for a round).

VENUE: Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, FRODSHAM, WA6 7QN

Frodsham railway station is on the line between Manchester and North Wales, half way between Warrington and Chester (13 minutes). Frodsham can be reached via the M56. Leave at Junction 12, following signs to the A56 and continue on into Frodsham. Fluin Lane is the B5152 and runs south from the A56, immediately left after a footbridge over the road. There are signs to the Community Centre, which is on the right. There is a large free car park.



The 15th FRODSHAM WEEKEND CHESS CONGRESS

Open (FIDE-rated), Under 160, Under 120

Part of the ECF Tradewise Grand Prix and
British Championship Qualifying Grand Prix

At
Frodsham Community Centre
Fluin Lane, FRODSHAM, WA6 7QN

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Chief Arbiter: Alex Holowczak

Webpages: www.kisekigo.com/frodsham18.html

We are pleased to announce that

CHESS ESSENTIALS

Tel: 01422 292392

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will provide a stall with books and equipment. Anyone wishing to pre-order books new or rare, digital clocks, economy clocks, chess sets and scoresheets – please do so by email or telephone to Howard or Caroline.

FRODSHAM CONGRESS 2018 ENTRY FORM			
Name:			
Club:		Grade:	
Postal Address:			
Post Code:		Tel:	
e-mail address:		Section entered: (Open/U160/U120)	
<p>A ½ Pt Bye (HPB) may be claimed, with adequate notice, for any round but to be eligible for a prize you must play at least three rounds, including the last round. Please enter the number(s) of the round(s) in the box on the right, if required.</p> <p>Players in the Go tournament on Saturday should request HPBs for rounds 2 and 3.</p>			
Date of Birth:		(Required for the Open or claiming an age reduction in entry fee.)	
ECF Membership Number: (or other national association)	ECF Grading Code:		
	FIDE code: (for the Open)		
I enclose:			
Entry Fee:	£		Bronze ECF members entering the Minor or Major should note that their memberships will be upgraded to Silver by the ECF after receiving the congress results. Likewise Silver members in the Open will be upgraded to Gold.
Late Entry Surcharge:	£		
Less reductions: (see next page)	£		
Donation towards costs :	£		
Total:	£		
Signature:		Date:	
<p>Cheques & Postal Orders should be made payable to Frodsham Chess Club and sent with your entry form to: Pat Ridley, Lee Brook, Wood Lane, Sutton Weaver, RUNCORN WA7 3EN. Payment by bank transfer: Frodsham Chess Club, Sort Code: 40-39-14, Account Number: 61478583. Please put your surname and forename in the Reference field.</p> <p>Withdrawals: if you have to withdraw before the start of the congress your entry fee will be returned.</p> <p>Entries by email to patrick.ridley@ntlworld.com (supplying all the above information, please) will be welcomed. All email entries will be acknowledged.</p> <p>Note: an online list of entrants will be available and photographs may be taken at the Congress and used in news items and reports on the Congress webpages.</p>			

ENTRY FEES: Open £30.50, Under 160 and Under 120 £27.50 before reductions (see below).

Reductions (additive) of

- **Under 18 or 65 and over on 1st September 2017:** £4.00. Please supply your date of birth if claiming this.
- **Open:** £10.50 for Gold or Platinum (but not Bronze or Silver) members of the ECF or members of another national association.
- **U120 and U160:** £7.50 for Silver, Gold or Platinum (but not Bronze) members of the English Chess Federation or members of another national association.
- **Go tournament:** £10.00 for any player playing in both Chess and Go tournaments (see below).

There will be a £4 surcharge for entries received after Wednesday 31st January.

GRADING: The August 2017 Grading List will be used for the (*not* the new list to be published in January, unless a player has a grade in the new list but not in the August list). The **February FIDE rating list** will be used for the draw in the **Open**, other grades being converted as necessary. **Ungraded players must provide information to assist the organisers in allocating them to the appropriate section. Any previous grade must be declared.** A player without a current published grade in a grading list recognised by the organisers will not be eligible to win more than £50. All results will be submitted to the ECF for grading. It is a condition of entry that players agree to their grading information being published on the ECF website.

TEAM COMPETITION: for teams of four who are genuine members of a club, with the best three scores to count. Prize: a digital clock.

REFRESHMENTS: A selection of drinks and light refreshments will be available during playing hours.

ACCOMMODATION: The **Holiday Inn** at Runcorn offers a special rate of £55 per night, including breakfast, for players in the congress. To take advantage of this offer, phone 0800 40 50 60 quoting FC1, or book online at www.hiruncornhotel.co.uk. (Availability may be limited after January 4th.) The Holiday Inn is less than two miles from the congress venue and there is a bus service. For directions, see www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/runcorn/wrtrn/hoteldetail/directions

CHESHIRE GO TOURNAMENT: This will be held at the same venue on Saturday 3rd February. If you wish to play in both chess and Go tournaments you may take 2 half-point byes in the chess on the Saturday and have a £10 reduction in your entry fee. Details and entry forms are available from www.britgo.org/tournaments.