

English Youth Grand Prix (EYGP) 2017-18

Junior congress requirements

The following requirements apply to junior congresses included in the EYGP 2017-18. The ECF's Director of Junior Chess and Education determines which junior events are included in the competition.

1. **EYGP junior congress season.** Junior congresses should take place between 1 July 2017 and 8 April 2018.

[Note that Junior 4NCL is also included in the EYGP subject to special rules. These treat each weekend as a congress but only the best of the three weekends counts. Exceptionally, J4NCL 16-17 weekend 3 which took place from 22-23 April 2017 will be included in the EYGP 2017-18. It is expected that J4NCL 17-18 weekend 3 which will take place from 21-22 April 2018 will be included in the EYGP 2018-19.]

2. **No clashes with ECF Chess Academy training weekends.** For a congress to be included in the EYGP it must not clash with an ECF Chess Academy training weekend. These are publicised in advance in the ECF calendar <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/event-calendar/> so when setting dates for your event please check that there is no conflict. At the time of writing, the following training weekends have been confirmed:

9-10 September 2017

11-12 November 2017

6-7 January 2018

14-15 April 2018

8-9 September 2018

10-11 November 2018.

3. **Type of congress.** For a junior congress to be included in the EYGP it must be open (as a minimum) to all English players in the relevant age groups and not just those from a specific county or region.

The congress should be a major, well-advertised event in the junior chess calendar. The organisers must ensure that the advertising requirements set out below are followed.

There is no objection to a congress having qualification requirements e.g. based on a score in a qualification event or a minimum ECF grade.

[For congresses included in the EYGP, we would expect that there would be prizes to the winners wherever they came from within England or elsewhere. However, we have no objection to additional prizes being offered to those players from the specific county or region where the congress is held. This is customarily the case in the London Junior Chess Championships and the West of England Junior Open Chess Championships.]

4. **Grading.** The results of the junior congress must be submitted to the ECF for grading within 2 weeks of the end of the congress. A standard grading file is the required format. The final cut-off date for the receipt of grading files is 15 April 2018 which would only give one week for submission for a congress concluding on 8 April 2018. The cut-off of 15 April 2018 is to allow for the final EYGP standings to be calculated and the winners to be identified†.

†Winners of the EYGP receive invitations to FIDE youth championships, subject to satisfying the requirements laid down in the ECF Junior Selection Policy. These invitations need to be sent out

during April 2018 so that the ECF can register players as soon as registration opens for the relevant FIDE youth events.

5. **Time controls.** To be included in the EYGP, events for children born in 2000-2009 must be standardplay i.e. 60 minutes or more per player. This is based on the fixed time allowed on the clock plus 60 times the amount of the increment e.g. 50 minutes plus a 10 second increment is equivalent to 60 minutes and so is standardplay.

For children born in 2010 and 2011, events may be either rapidplay (i.e. less than 60 minutes per player) or standardplay for inclusion in the EYGP. Again, the categorisation is based on the fixed time allowed on the clock plus 60 times the amount of the increment e.g. 49 minutes plus a 10 second increment is equivalent to 59 minutes and so is rapidplay.

6. **Age limits.** Junior sections of the congress must not be open to players aged 21 or more as at 31 August 2017 (or 31 August 2016 for events held in July/August 2017).

Exceptionally, where an U21 junior section is merged with an adult section then results for all players will count. This exception is used for the London Junior Chess Championships. The Controllers of the English Youth Grand Prix should be contacted if another congress wants to take advantage of this exemption.

7. **Age groups.** The EYGP is based on ages as at 31 December 2017. However, we have no objection to age groups being based on ages as at 31 August 2017 (or 31 August 2016 for events held in July/August 2017) or 31 December 2016 (for events held in 2017).

For a **rapidplay** section in a congress to be included in the EYGP, it must be targeted at younger children. Ideally, we would like to see sections for children aged U7 and/or U8. However, we accept that the numbers of entries for such young age groups may not always be viable and we are happy to accept rapidplay sections including children aged up to U10 for inclusion in the EYGP. [In addition, we will accept rapidplay results which include older children where an older section is merged with an U10 or younger section due to low numbers of participants.]

8. **Advertising.** All approved EYGP events:

- a. Must mention in their entry forms (and other advertising) that for ECF junior members the relevant junior sections of event are part of the English Youth Grand Prix and that further information can be found at <http://englishchess.org.uk/Juniors/>.
- b. Must include the event in the ECF online calendar. <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/event-calendar/submit-your-tournament/>. The "English Youth Grand Prix" box should be checked (you may also check the "Grand Prix" box which relates to the ECF/Tradewise Grand Prix).
- c. Are advised to provide information on ECF junior membership including the availability of one year's free Silver membership for new ECF junior members. Details about ECF membership are found at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/membership/joining/guide-to-joining-the-ecf/>. [This is advisory and not a formal requirement.]

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