

Chief Organiser

All entries and enquiries:

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Arbiters

Adam Raof (Chief Arbiter) and Norman Went

Online Entry

Enter Online at www.essexchess.org.uk.

The Congress organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason. No refunds.

Donations

The Congress no longer has a sponsor so donations will be particularly welcome, to help cover expenses and maintain standards.

Accommodation

See www.visitsouthend.co.uk
Tel: 01702 618747

ECF Membership

Available from www.englishchess.org.uk
Tel: 01424 775222

Analysis

No analysis shall be allowed in the playing area. A separate area shall be provided for analysis.

Website

The Congress website is hosted by the Essex Chess Association at www.essexchess.org.uk Online entry is available on the Southend pages.

Pairings, results and games will be published on the ECA website and at chess-results.com

Essex Championships

The highest placed eligible competitor in the Open will be awarded the title of **Essex Champion** for 2015-16.

The highest placed eligible player in the Open graded under 160 will be awarded the title of **Essex Under 160 Champion** for 2015-16.

Refreshments

Light refreshments will be on sale during the congress kindly provided by yElena Went.

Late Arrival and Re-Pairing

Default time will be 30 minutes for all games. Players without an opponent will be re-paired if possible.

Prizes

Where ties occur, prize money will be shared. Ties for trophies will be resolved by the Sum of Progressive Scores and, if necessary, the Sum of Opponents' Scores.

David Wood Junior Prize

In addition to other prizes the sum of £75 will be provided by the **David Wood Memorial Trust**, for the best performances by Essex Juniors (Under 18 on 31 Aug 2015).

Hours of Play

Open	Round 1:	Friday 11:00 am
	Round 2:	Friday 4:00 pm
	Round 3:	Saturday 11:00 am
	Round 4:	Saturday 4:00 pm
	Round 5:	Sunday 11:00 am
	Round 6:	Sunday 4:00 pm
	Round 7:	Monday 11:00 am
Weekenders	Round1:	Saturday 10:30 am
	Round 2:	Saturday 2:00 pm
	Round 3:	Saturday 5:30 pm
	Round 4:	Sunday 10:30 am
	Round 5:	Sunday 2:00 pm

Travel Information

Venue: Southend Adult Community College, Ambleside Drive, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2UN. By rail: 200 yards from **Southend East** station (c2c Line). Parking: Large free car park on site.



SOUTHEND 2016
A Giant Chess Event

Southend 2016

Southend Adult
Community College,
Ambleside Drive,
Southend-on-Sea,
Essex SS1 2UN

60th Southend Chess Congress

25-28 March 2016 – FIDE Open
26-27 March 2016 – Weekenders

Online entry:

British Championships qualifier

ECF Grand Prix

Essex Championships

£2800 minimum Prize Fund

*Generously supported by the
Essex Chess Association*

Southend FIDE Open

7 rounds FIDE-rated Swiss

Rate of play: All moves in 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds a move from the start.

Equates to a four hour session.

Prizes

1st Prize: £1,000 2nd Prize: £500

3rd Prize: £250

Rating Prize(s) according to entry

*Titled players: the Congress will **not** be paying expenses or appearance fees. But **free** entry for GMs and IMs, **half price** to FMs.*

British Championship Qualifying

Either one or two qualification places (according to entry) for the 2016 British Championship at Bournemouth will be available. See British Championship Qualification regulations 2016 on the ECF Website: www.englishchess.org.uk

Essex Championships

In the event of a tie for the Essex titles (see over for details) tie-break(s) will be, *Sum of Progressive Scores*, second tie-break if needed, *Sum of Opponents' Scores*.

ECF Membership

All English entrants must be at least Gold members of the English Chess Federation.

Entry Fees

Adult: £40

Junior (U18 on 31 Aug 2015): £30

Discounts for early entry

Prize Giving

Monday, 4 pm in the café.

ECF Weekenders

Four sections: U170, U145, U120, U95

Each 5 rounds ECF-graded Swiss

Rate of play: All moves in 60 minutes, plus 30 seconds a move from the start.

Equates to a three hour session.

- The 'Leigh-on-Sea' U170
- The 'Westcliff' U145
- The 'Southchurch' U120
- The 'Thorpe Bay' U95

Prizes each section

1st Prize: £150 2nd Prize: £75

3rd Prize: £40

Grading Prizes according to entry

Prize Giving

Sunday, 5.30 pm in the café.

Entry Fees each section

Adults: £35

Juniors (U18 on 31 Aug 2015): £29

Discounts for early entry

ECF Silver (or higher) members may deduct: £7 (Adult); £5 (Junior).

Byes (Open and Weekenders)

One half point bye is available in any round before the last, provided this is requested at time of entry.

Late Fee (all sections)

Entry on the day: additional £5.

Send to: Gavin Strachan, 9 Glen Hazel, Wyatts Green, Brentwood, Essex CM15 0PE

Cheques should be payable to: Gavin Strachan

First name:

Surname:

Address:

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Email:

Club:

Date of Birth:

ECF Grade: FIDE Code:

If not FIDE rated or ECF graded, give below details of playing strength:

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ECF Member No:

(English players in the Southend Open must be Gold ECF members or higher.)

Half Point Bye (Round)

I enclose entry for:

Southend FIDE Open £

ECF Weekenders* £

* ECF Silver members or better may deduct £7 (Juniors £5)
Entry before 14 March deduct £5 - Online coupon: se60early1
Entry 14 Mar - 21 deduct £3 - Online coupon: se60early2
(Circle each amount being deducted)

LESS Deductions £

ADD Donation £
(Thank you)

Total £

Entry on the day will cost an **additional £5**.