Name\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

Postcode\_\_\_

Telephone (Home)\_\_\_\_\_(Mobile)\_\_\_\_\_

Club\_\_\_\_\_

Grade\*\*\_\_\_\_\_Source\*\*

Date of Birth (necessary for grading purposes) \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Grading Code (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Membership Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Half-Point Bye Required (Round Number) \_\_\_\_\_

TOURNAMENT	REQUIREMENTS:	Tick tournament you wish to enter
OPEN	Open to all	
MAJOR	Open to those graded 170 or below	
INTERMEDIATE	Open to those graded 145 or below	
MINOR	Open to those graded 125 or below	

\*\*Other systems' grades will be converted to an ECF grade using standard formulae.

Please enclose stamped addressed envelope if acknowledgement of entry and/or venue location plan required. (Please indicate which.)

# FEES ENCLOSED

<ul> <li>Entry Fee</li> </ul>	£	31
<ul> <li>Late Fee (see Payment section for details)</li> </ul>	£	
<ul> <li>Optional Donation</li> </ul>	£	
• £5 deduction for Juniors born after 31 <sup>st</sup> August 1997		
<ul> <li>ECF platinum, gold or silver membership deduction * of -£7 for adults, -£5 for juniors</li> </ul>		
TOTAL:	£	

\* See Payment and Entries section re ECF membership deductions. Please indicate membership level and number:

# The Twenty-Fifth Doncaster

# **Chess Congress**

Hall Cross School, Thorne Road, Doncaster DN1 2HY 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017



For All Tournaments: Entry Fee: £31 Prizes: £250, £150, £100 Plus Three Grading Prizes of £25

# OPENING CEREMONY Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 18:55hrs

# TIMES OF PLAY

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February 19:00 23:00 Round 1
- Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 09:30 13:30 Round 2
  - 14:30 18:30 Round 3
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 09:30 13:30 Round 4
  - 14:30 18:30 Round 5
  - 19:10 (Approx) Prize-Giving

## RULES:

- All tournaments will be five rounds Swiss and all entrants will be expected to play each round. Players may claim a half-point bye for any one round at the time of entry.
- The ECF Jan 2017 list will be the primary source for determining eligibility for grade-restricted sections. However, the organisers reserve the right to use other printed grading lists where deemed appropriate. Players entering before the Jan 2017 list is published will be moved up a section(s) if their Jan 2017 ECF grade is above the upper limit for the section they originally entered.
- Ungraded players must give an indication of their playing strength where possible at the time of entry (e.g. recent congress results). Organisers reserve the right to transfer any entrant from one tournament to another. The event is ECF game fee registered and results will be submitted for grading purposes.
- Ungraded players will not be eligible for grading prizes unless they provide acceptable evidence of their playing strength.
- Phones are allowed in the venue but must be switched off during play. Penalties for phones sounding, up to loss of the game, will be determined by controllers, according to circumstances. No smoking is allowed inside the school building or in the grounds.
- In all matters the organisers' decision is final. The organisers exercise their right to reduce the prize fund in the event of insufficient entries.

# RATE OF PLAY

42 moves in 1 hour and 45 minutes. After Black's 42<sup>nd</sup> move both clocks are turned back 15 minutes and the game completed in the time then available.

Visit the CHESS DIRECT Ltd Bookstall at the Doncaster Congress. A full range of Chess goods will be on sale throughout the Congress for individuals, clubs and schools. We offer discounts for quantity purchases and a full mail order service in addition to our Congress Bookstall. The equipment used at the Doncaster Congress is provided by CHESS DIRECT Ltd, PO Box 18, Mexborough, S64 9AR tel: (01709) 890565 www.chessdirect.co.uk email: info@chessdirect.co.uk

# **PAYMENT and ENTRIES**

#### POSTAL ENTRIES

Completed entry forms, with cheques or postal orders payable to DONCASTER CHESS CONGRESS, should be sent to the Entry Secretary: STEVE MANN 3 RIDGE ROAD, ROTHERHAM, S YORKSHIRE, S65 1PG Tel: (01709) 379 209 Postal entries postmarked after 13th February 2017, will be deemed "late".

#### E-MAIL ENTRIES

Full entry details may be submitted by e-mail to sjmann@gmx.co.uk. E-mail entries will be acknowledged to confirm receipt.

A following postal payment, by cheque or postal order as above, is preferred; failing that, payment must be made at the congress by the end of round 2, to permit continued participation.

E-mail entries received after 13th February 2017 will be deemed "late".

## LATE ENTRIES

Late entries received prior to 17th February 2017 will be subject to a surcharge of  $\pounds 2$ .

Entries accepted on Friday 17th Feb. will be subject to a £5 surcharge.

## ECF MEMBERSHIP

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are current ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the date of the congress may deduct £7 (£5 for juniors) from their entry fee.

#### **DISABLED** and **ENQUIRIES**

Could disabled entrants contact the Entry Secretary about any special requirements. Any other enquires should also be directed to Steve Mann using the contact details above.

For Accommodation details contact Doncaster Tourist Information Centre Tel: 01302 734 309 Email: tourist.information@doncaster.gov.uk