

CONGRESS DIARY - DATES AND PLAYING TIMES

	MASTERS	OTHER EVENTS
Wed 28 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Round 1: 14.15 – finish
Thurs 29 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Round 2: 09.30 – finish Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Fri 30 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Round 4: 09.30 – finish Round 5: 14.15 – finish Weekend Round 1: 19.00 – finish
Sat 31 Dec	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 2: 09.30 – finish Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Sun 1 Jan	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 4: 09.30 – finish Round 5: 14.15 – finish
Mon 2 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 1: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 1: 14.15 – finish
Tues 3 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 2: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 2: 14.15 – finish
Wed 4 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 3: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Thurs 5 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Morning Round 4: 09.30 – finish New Year Afternoon Round 4: 14.15 – finish



**Playing Venue, Horntye Park Sports Complex,
Bohemia Road, Hastings TN34 1EX. 01424 716666**

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ENTRY FORM

Surname: _____

Forename: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ e-mail: _____

Telephone No: _____ Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____

Please tick appropriate box below

ECF Direct Membership No. (if applicable)	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum

ECF Grading Code: _____ FIDE Identification Code: _____

CURRENT GRADE if applicable. If you have no current grade you must indicate your playing strength, quoting your most recent grade and tournament results.

ECF	FIDE	Elo (National)	Federation

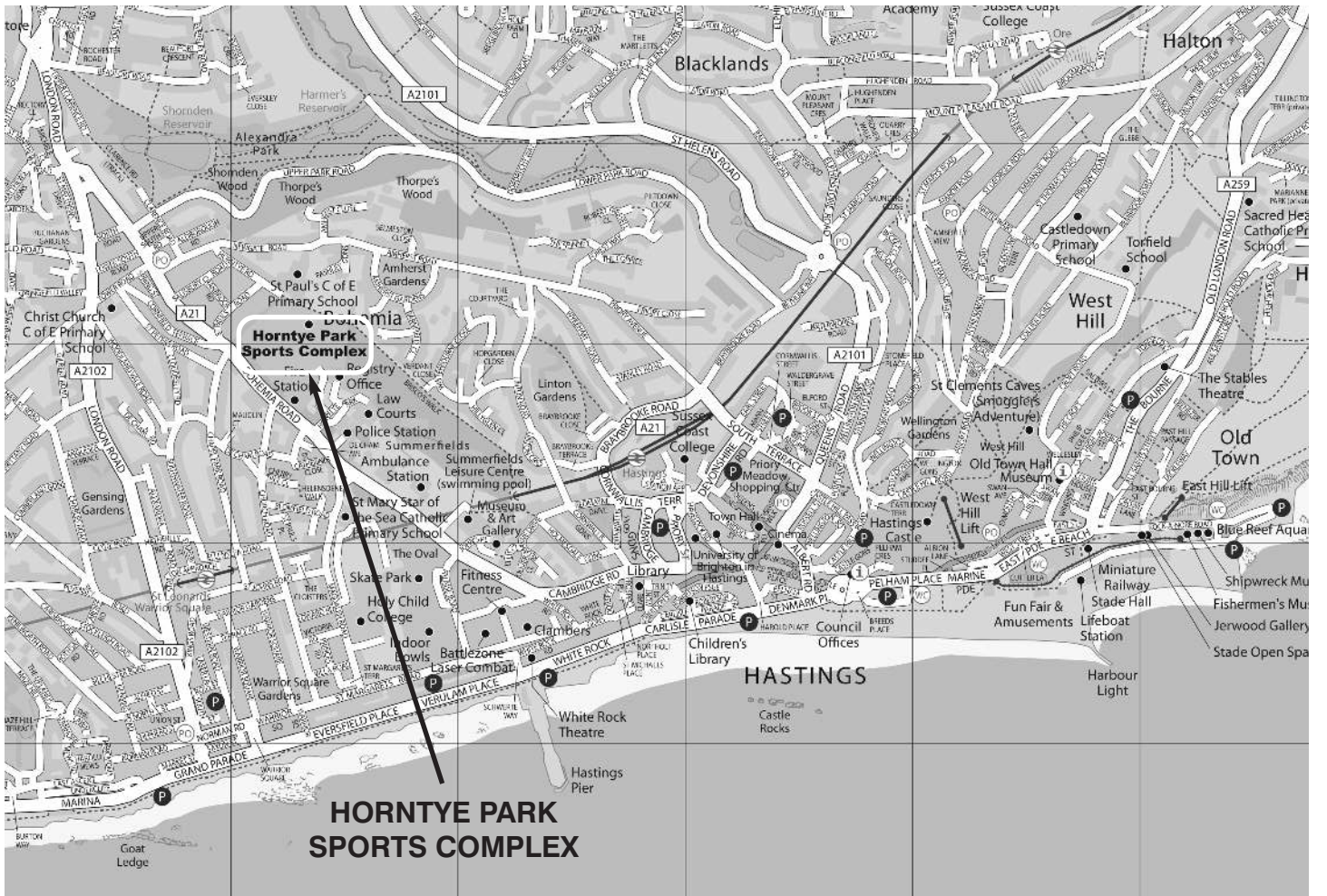
Chess Club(s) _____

EVENT	ENTRY FEE £s	For the Christmas/New Year events do you wish to play in a stronger section than that appropriate for your grade, subject to arbiter's approval?
MASTERS		YES NO
CHRISTMAS		
WEEKEND		
NEW YEAR MORNING		
NEW YEAR AFTERNOON		
LATE ENTRY FEE		
DONATION		
TOTAL:		

Bye in Round

Players are advised that name, town/country of residence, grade/rating and tournament results will be published on the Congress website and also on the ECF website grading list. Photographs taken during the Congress may also appear on the Congress website.

Entry Form should be returned to Congress Director: Alan Hustwayte, 54 Oxford Road, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, TN38 9EY, England. e-mail: alan.b.hustwayte@tesco.net



CONGRESS CONDITIONS

Cheques should be made payable to "Hastings International Chess Congress". Entries should be sent to the Congress Director (address given below). If an acknowledgement of an entry is required a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.

The Congress reserves the right to refuse any entry. Except in such cases, a deduction of 20% will normally be made from any refund of entry fee. Refunds will be made only if notification of withdrawal is received by the Director no later than 22 December 2016.

Late entries will invoke a late entry fee of £15 to the Masters and £10 to other other tournaments for entries postmarked after 10 December 2016 (or 23 December 2016 for the Weekend Congress).

Eligibility to play in an event will be determined by the Grading and Rating lists as of 1 December 2016. The actual grade or rating used for all other purposes will be the most up-to-date value available on the first day of each event.

Visas

Players needing visas should apply by 19 November 2016. For a formal invitation contact: Pam Thomas, Tel: 01424 445348 e-mail: pael123@aol.com

Evening events

There will be a number of special evening events such as blitz or pairs tournaments. Further details will be announced in the programme and on the Congress website.

Information for overseas players

It is better to fly to Gatwick as there is a direct rail link to Hastings. Those arriving at Heathrow or Stansted airports should travel to Charing Cross Station and those coming from Luton airport should travel via St. Pancras International and then to Hastings via Ashford high speed service. Players from London should travel on the direct trains from Charing Cross, Waterloo East or London Bridge stations.

National Express Coaches also have daily service between London and Hastings. Further information:-
www.nationalexpress.com.

Overseas players are also advised that they should expect to pay a minimum of £40 per person per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in Hastings.

Please note that players are responsible for their own insurance against damage or loss to personal property.

Hastings Borough Council website: www.visit1066country.com gives information on all aspects of the town including accommodation and travel.

A list of hotels and guesthouses in Hastings can be obtained via the:-

CONGRESS WEBSITE:
hastingschess.com

Players should check the Congress website for the latest announcements and information.

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E.Sussex, TN38 9EY Tel: 01424 443300
e-mail: alan.hustwayte@tesco.net

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Hastings Masters

A nine-round accelerated Swiss Pairing tournament

Wednesday 28 December 2016 to Thursday 5 January 2017

This event will provide opportunities to qualify for titles and for the FIDE Rating List. Such ratings go down to 1000, thus it would be reasonable for any player graded over ECF 50 to aspire to a FIDE rating here.

Rate of play: 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by all remaining moves in 50 minutes, with the addition of 30 seconds for each move from the start.

Entry Fees:

GM, IM, WGM, WIM Free
FM, WFM £35

Players with FIDE ratings
2125 and above £75
Below 2125 £115

Players without FIDE Ratings
ECF 190 (Elo 2125) and above £125
Below ECF 190 (Elo 2125) £145

The entry fee is reduced by 50% for any of the following : players under 18 or over 65 on 28 December 2016, registered disabled players and members of Hastings & St. Leonards Chess Club and players residing in the Borough of Hastings.

Those registered as ENG who are not Gold or Platinum members must pay an additional levy of £10.

Non-English entrants are required to have a FIDE identification number. If they do not, they must obtain one in advance from their International Rating Officer.

Thanks to the John Robinson Trust, limited assistance may be available for suitable players under 21 on 28 December 2016. Details will appear on the website.

The Masters winner will hold the Golombek Trophy in name for one year.

Prizes: £2000, £1200, £750, £500, £350, £250, £200.

There will also be prizes of £200 each for:

- The highest placed female player
- The highest placed player who is neither a GM nor IM
- Best relative FIDE rating performance by a player rated under 2200.
- Best relative FIDE rating performance by a player aged under 18.

No player may win both rating prizes.

Tradewise Insurance will award prizes for those, not already holding 3 norms, achieving GM/WGM or IM/WIM FIDE title norms which will be valid towards titles. GM/WGM norms £200 and IM/WIM norms £100.

Hornitye will present a prize of £100 and a trophy for the "Winner of Best Game".

Congress Director, Alan Hustwayte, will present a prize for best performance against rating.

The two highest placed eligible players not already qualified will be entitled to play in the 2017 British Championship.

Players, other than grandmasters, may take a half point bye in any round of the Masters apart from the last. Notice must be given early on the previous evening. This is particularly suitable on New Year's Day.

GM Chris Ward will provide commentaries on the games in progress starting at 14.45 each afternoon.

Congress website:
www.hastingschess.com

Hastings Masters games will be shown on this website daily. Names of entrants to this and all other tournaments will appear from October. The final cross-tables of all tournaments will be displayed.

RATE OF PLAY – applies to all the following tournaments: all moves in 110 minutes, with an extra 10 seconds for each move. Each player must keep score until the time remaining on his clock has dropped below 5 minutes. Once a player has stopped scoring under this rule, he does not need to resume scoring if his time then increases to above 5 minutes.

Christmas Tournament

Wednesday 28 December 2016 to

Friday 30 December 2016

5 round Swiss tournament over three days. See Congress Diary for playing times. This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (Elo 2200).

Entry Fee: £38 (Juniors £34) Prizes (for each section): £140, £90, £65 plus a grading prize of £30.

New Year Morning Tournament

Monday 2 January 2017 to

Thursday 5 January 2017

4 round Swiss tournament over 4 days. See Congress Diary for playing times. This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (Elo 2200)

Entry fee: £34 (Juniors £30) Prizes (for each section) £130, £85, £60 plus a grading prize of £30

New Year Afternoon Tournament

Monday 2 January 2017 to Thursday 5

January 2017

4 round Swiss tournament over 4 days. See Congress Diary for playing times. This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (Elo 2200)

Entry fee: £ 34 (Juniors £30) Prizes (for each section) £130, £85, £60 plus a grading prize of £30

HASTINGS WEEKEND CONGRESS

Friday 30 December 2016 to

Sunday 1 January 2017

Major Tournament – FIDE rated. All English entrants must quote their membership number when entering. Other entrants are required to be members of a national federation affiliated to FIDE.

Open to players below ECF 180 (Elo 2040).

Entry Fee: £38 (Juniors £34) Prizes: £300, £200, £100, plus a rating prize of £50 for those with a published FIDE rating below 1900.

Those registered as ENG who are not Gold or Platinum members must pay an additional levy of £10.

Minor Tournament

Open to players below ECF 150 (Elo 1825)

Entry Fee: £ 38 (Juniors £34) Prizes £300, £200, £100 plus a grading prize of £50 for players below ECF 135. Under 120 Tournament

For players below ECF 120 (Elo 1600) or with no previous experience of competitive chess.

Entry Fee: £22 (Juniors £20) Prizes: £100, £75, £50, £25 plus grading prizes of £25 for players graded ECF 99-80 and below ECF 80.

Players may take a half point bye in any round except the last. Requests for such byes must be stated on the entry form. This relates to all tournaments on this page.

PLEASE NOTE: ECF Members of at least Silver level may deduct £7 (Juniors £5) from the entry fee for Christmas, New Year and Weekend Minor and U-120 events.

Members of Hastings and St. Leonards Chess Club and players residing in the Borough of Hastings receive a £10 discount from the entry fee for the Christmas, New Year, Weekend Major and Minor events and £5 from the Weekend U-120.

ANNOUNCEMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL TOURNAMENTS:

Electronic devices such as mobile phones must be completely switched off and placed in a bag under player's table. The bag must not be moved at any time during the game.

Default time: Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session in any tournament shall lose by forfeit, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

Refreshments while at the board: Players must confine their refreshments to tea, coffee and cold drinks.

Juniors are players under 18 years on the 28 December 2016

The Maureen Charlesworth Trophy

The Maureen Charlesworth Trophy will be awarded for the most meritorious performance by a local player. Further details will appear in the programme.

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Players should note that under UK law smoking is banned in all inside areas of Hornrtye Park Sports Complex. This also applies to e-cigarettes.

PLAYERS REPRESENTATIVE

The Hastings Chess Congress Committee includes a Players' Representative. Nominations are invited for this post for the forthcoming year. Nominees must have played in at least two of the last four Hastings Congresses including this one. Nominations may be made before the Congress in writing or by e-mail. These will be shown on the Congress website. Nominations may also be made at the Congress before 31st December, 2016. Voting will take place during the Congress after that date. See the Congress website for further details.

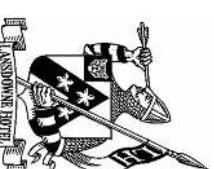
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