

TOURNAMENTS

FIDE Open Championship

Open to all players

English players entering the FIDE Open must be ECF Gold or Platinum members.

The Major Tournament

For players graded below 170

The Minor Tournament

For players graded below 135

Players entering the Major or Minor Tournaments must be ECF Silver members (or above) or pay £7 ECF Pay to Play fee.

If you are playing in the Open Section and do not have a FIDE ID, please contact your preferred National Federation before the event. At present, changing your nationality with FIDE will cost you money, so make sure you are listed with the Federation that you wish to belong to.

ENTRY FEES

FIDE Open	Non English and ECF Gold or Platinum English Silver/Bronze members need to upgrade to Gold via the ECF office	£30
Major/Minor	ECF Silver and above ECF Bronze or non ECF member	£25 £32

Entries post marked **after 19 August add £5.00**

Entries **after noon on Friday 25 August, add £15**

Pay on-line at:

<http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/18/home>

TIMETABLE

Saturday 26 August

Opening Ceremony: 9:25

9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Round 1

2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Round 2

Sunday 27 August

9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Round 3

2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Round 4

Monday 28 August

9.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. Round 5

2.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Round 6

Missing players will be defaulted after 30 minutes from the start of the round. Their opponents will be re-paired if possible.

Time controls are "All moves in 1 hour 50 minutes plus 10 seconds per move" for all sections.

GRADES / RATINGS

FIDE ratings will be used for the FIDE Open. ECF grades may be converted to estimated ratings for un-rated players.

ECF grades will be taken from the Summer ECF list, if possible. Otherwise, other lists may be used at the organisers' discretion.

Players without a grade must give full information regarding their playing strength, including their best previous results and / or their highest grade.

The Organisers reserve the right to transfer an entrant to another section.

PRIZES

FIDE Open

1st £250

2nd £100

3rd £50

Major & Minor

1st £200

2nd £100

3rd £50

plus Grading Prizes of £40 each

FIDE OPEN

MAJOR – U170

MINOR – U135

The organisers reserve the right to redistribute in whole or in part any prize won by a competitor who has won or shared another prize.

A prizewinners list will be available on the website.

Harry Marsden Memorial Trophy

The Leyland Chess Congress Shield, in memory of Harry Marsden, will be awarded to the highest scoring player, in any section, who is South Ribble resident or a member of Leyland Chess Club. Tiebreaks: Sum of Progressive scores, then the Sum of Opponents score. It is the player's responsibility to make sure they are registered for this prize.

British Championship Qualifier

The Open Tournament is part of the 2017/18 British Championships Grand Prix.

Disputes

The decision of the Chief Arbitrator is final.

