

## Pairings

For the purposes of pairing players for games, ratings will be based on the following (in order of priority): - 1. FIDE Blitz 2. FIDE Rapid 3. FIDE Standard 4. National Rapid 5. National Standard

There will not re-pairings should players fail to appear. Players who fail to appear will be defaulted when their time runs out.

## Rate of Play

Each player will have 3 minutes plus a 2 second increment per move from move one.

## Further Information and FAQ's

### **New to Competitive Chess – Is a FIDE Blitz suitable for me?**

If you are new to competitive chess, a FIDE Blitz may be a suitable tournament to start playing competitive chess in a non to serious environment. You do not need to write down your moves, but you do need to have had experience of using a chess clock. A Blitz game is played very quickly and you will need to be confident with using a chess clock.

### **I haven't got a FIDE Rating, can I play in the FIDE Blitz?**

Yes, absolutely. For pairing of players we will convert an ECF grade to an estimated FIDE Rating. An English player without a FIDE code will be registered with FIDE through English Chess Federation. A non English player will need to be registered with their own Federation before we can accept their entry.

### **I do not have a FIDE Rating, will I get one after the FIDE Blitz?**

Once you have played 5 games against players with a FIDE rating (of any kind) and provided you have scored at least one point against them, you will get a FIDE blitz rating.

### **Where can I obtain further information?**

Use the Contact Form on the website to request further information.

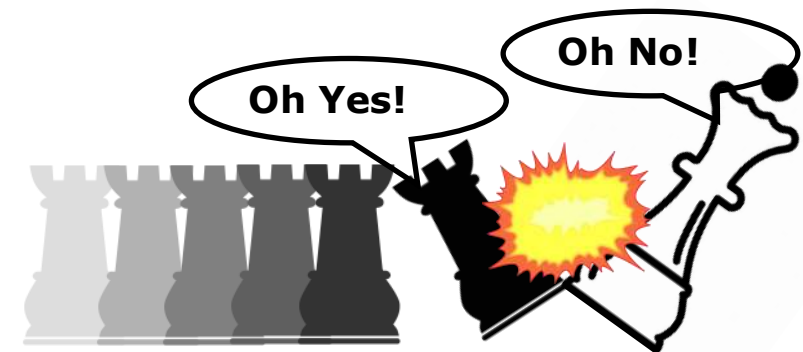
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# Friday Evening FIDE Blitz in Leyland

**9 Rounds  
7pm to 9:30pm  
Holiday Inn Express  
Friday 21st April**

Chief Arbiter: IA Dave Welch



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## Entry Fees

**On-Line in Advance** **£10**

Debit/Credit Card or Pay-Pal

On-line entry closes on the Wednesday prior to the Friday of the event.

**On the Day** — Cash Payments Only **£15**

**To enter, use the on-line entry form at**  
<http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/16/home>

## Provisional Timetable

\* Rounds 1 to 5: Start 7:30pm

\* Rounds 6 to 9: Start 8:25pm

We expect the tournament to have concluded by 9:30pm. The timetable is advisory and we will allow a least a 15 minute break between each session. During each session, games will commence a couple of minutes after completion of the previous round in order that we can complete the tournament on time.

## Venue

Holiday Inn Express - Walton Summit, Preston South. This modern hotel is situated close to the motorway network where the M6 (J29), M61 (J9) and M65 (J1) intersect. There is a spacious reception lounge area and bar where players and non-players may congregate outside of the tournament room. Parking is available at the hotel free of charge.

**Please note:** No food or beverages may be brought into the Hotel for consumption on the premises.

## Photographs

Photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes. Any objection should be notified to the event organiser.

## Prizes

**1st Prize** **£40**

**Rating Bands above 1640**(125 ECF\*)

Highest scorer of the middle third rated players

Highest scorer of the lower third rated players

**£25 each**

**Rating Bands below 1641**(125 ECF\*)

Highest scorer of the top half rated players

Highest scorer of the bottom half rated players

**£25 each**

\* ECF conversion rate (ECF\*7.5)+700

The organisers reserve the right to redistribute, in whole or in part, any prize won by a competitor who has won or shared a prize. A rating prize may be reduced to £10 if there are fewer than 5 qualifiers for that rating band. The rating prizes, if reduced, will be announced during the first break. Players with estimated ratings are eligible for rating prizes. Players who do not have an estimated rating, are not eligible for a rating prize.

## Entry Requirements

On-line entry requires a FIDE Identification Number (FIN).

If you do not have a FIN, please choose one of the following options:

- 1 If you wish to be registered as English for the future, please enter your Date of Birth on the entry form. \*\* or
- 2 If you do not wish to be registered as English for the future, please contact your federation for a FIN

\*\* Please note - Any future changes of federation will incur a cost to you.

We cannot accept late entries to the FIDE Blitz from non English players who are not registered with their home federation.