

44th Blackpool Chess Conference

The Imperial Hotel, Blackpool
North Promenade, Blackpool FY1 2HB
Tel. 01253 623971

Friday 13th - Sunday 15th March 2020

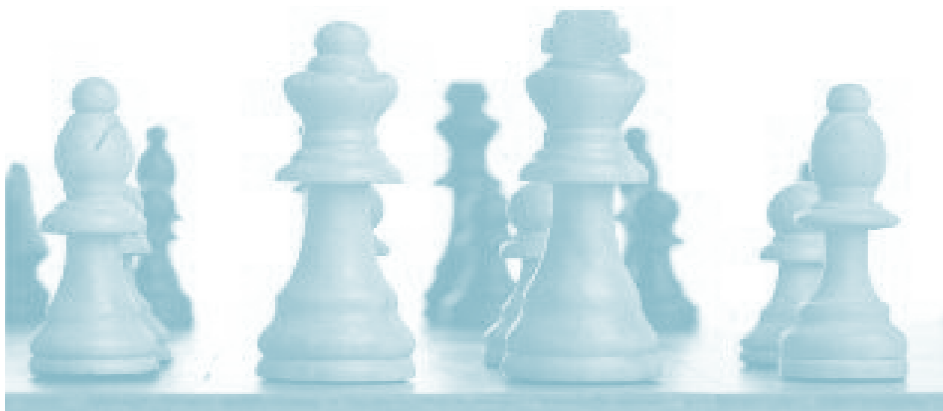
£6700 in Prizes

Five Sections

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**See inside front cover for conditions of entry.
For your comfort entry will be limited to 400 players**



RATE OF PLAY

In all sections. All moves in 110 minutes with 10 second increment added with each move.

GRADINGS

The January 2020 ECF grading list will be used unless players without a grade in this list have a grade in the August 2019 list.

Grading history and other sources may be used to place a player in a higher section. Players without a current grade must give their last published grade and the year of publication. Failure to disclose will result in disqualification.

The highest published grade must be used for Yorkshire / Non-English players, ECF 'F' grades have a lower priority.

Adult players (over 18 years of age) without a grade/history may only enter the Open section. Ungraded Juniors must give a full indication of their strength.

Players with grades/ratings that are not in the public domain must supply a signed photo-copy of their grading/rating.

The Director reserves the right to place any entry whose grade cannot be verified into the section of his choice.

Grading Prizes - Players with a ELO/FIDE rating will be assigned a converted grade for the purpose of grading prizes.

It is a condition of entry that players agree to their grading information being published on the ECF Website. Players not wishing to have their details published on the ECF Website should contact the ECF Office directly. All results will be sent to the ECF for grading in the ECF Grading List.

The last date for entry is Wednesday March 11th 2020. Players should check the website to confirm entry. No entries accepted after this date. No telephone entries accepted at any time.

REFUNDS

Players who withdraw and request a refund must do so in writing before 29th February 2020. If a refund is approved by the organisers, the entry fee may be returned less a £5 administration fee. Withdrawals after this date will not be eligible for a refund.

ENTRY FEES

ECF Silver Members or above may claim a £7.00 discount (£5.00 for juniors).

The following discount can be claimed but only on entries received before 9/3/2020
Junior £2.

A late entry fee of £5 will be charged on entries received after 8/3/2020

INTERNET ENTRIES

For internet entries please see our website.

www.blackpoolchess.org.uk

TELEPHONE ENTRIES ARE NOT ACCEPTED.

Lancashire Open

1st Prize £700

2nd Prize £400

3rd Prize £200

3 Grading Prizes of £100

Best Veteran £100

Best Junior £30

Entry Fee £45

The Imperial Major

For players graded below 181

1st Prize £500

2nd Prize £300

5 Grading Prizes of £100

Best Veteran £100

Best Junior £30

Entry Fee £42

The Intermediate

For players graded below 155

1st Prize £500

2nd Prize £200

4 Grading Prizes of £100

Best Veteran £100

Best Junior £30

Entry Fee £40

The Minor

For players graded below 135

1st Prize £500

2nd Prize £200

4 Grading Prizes of £100

Best Veteran £100

Best Junior £30

Entry Fee £40

The Standard

For players graded below 115

1st Prize £400

2nd Prize £200

3rd Prize £100

4 Grading Prizes of £50

Best Veteran £50

Best Junior £30

Entry Fee £37

The Admin Team

Arbiters: Lara Barnes, Peter Purland, Alex McFarlane, Fiona Green, Glynis Purland

Backroom: David Clayton

Bookstall: Chess Direct

All Cash Prizes will be posted out after the tournament and must be claimed within 6 months from the end of the tournament

TIMETABLE

Friday: Opening Ceremony - 6.55 p.m.

Round 1 - 7.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: Rounds 2 & 4 - 9.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Rounds 3 & 5 - 2.15 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

30 minutes after the start of each round, a new pairing may be made for any player whose opponent has not arrived or for any player who was initially awarded a bye.
Missing players will be defaulted after 30 minutes. FIDE Pairing Rules will be used.



Situated on the resort's quieter North Promenade, this traditional Victorian hotel offers spectacular views over the beaches to the Irish Sea, yet is only minutes from all the local attractions. The Imperial Hotel is Blackpool's most prestigious, historic and well known hotel and regularly hosts celebrities from the stage & screen and hosts one of the largest weekend chess competitions in Britain.

The Blackpool Chess Conference at The Imperial Hotel



- **In the heart of Britain's capital of fun**
- **Less than one mile from the train station**
- **180 comfortable bedrooms including a selection of double, twin and family accommodation. Supplements apply for sea-view rooms.**
- **A well equipped Health & Leisure Club with a gym, swimming pool, spa pool, steam room and sauna.**
- **A great destination and hotel for familiesthe kids will love the play rooms**

The Imperial Hotel

Rates for the 2020 Blackpool Chess Conference same as for last year!

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th March 2020

Bed & Breakfast Single £84.00 pp per night

Bed & Breakfast Double / Twin Occupancy at £94.00 per room per night

Thursday 12th & Sunday 15th March 2020

Bed & Breakfast Single £72.00 pp per night

Bed & Breakfast Double / Twin Occupancy at £82.00 per room per night

Add £20.00 per person per night to include Dinner.

All rates are inclusive of VAT at 20%

**Car Parking complimentary for people staying at the Imperial.
Parking for people not staying at the Imperial is £7 per day.**

To book your room at the Imperial please dial **01253 623971**
and follow Option 1 to speak to the Reservations Team

Lines are open 9.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday
and 9.00am to 5.30pm at weekends.

State that you are attending at the Blackpool Chess Conference
to obtain the rates agreed with the hotel.

To qualify for the £10.00 Blackpool Entry Discount you must be staying at the Imperial Hotel for two nights. No one night reservations will be accepted. The discount is per room and not per person. Bookings via other websites do not qualify for the discount. To claim your £10.00 Blackpool Entry Discount note your Booking Reference and enter this on the Blackpool Entry Form.

ENTRY FORM FOR THE PERSON BOOKING A ROOM AT THE IMPERIAL - **SPECIAL RATES APPLY

Surname: First Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Section: ECF/National Grade: Grade No.

FIDE Rating: Other (please specify):

Clubs:

Email address: Tel:

ECF Membership No. (Expiry Date.....)

Date of Birth if Under 18 on 1/9/19 or Veteran (on or over 60 at start of congress):

BYE REQUIRED? If so, Round 1 2 3 4 Female? Y / N

Disabled? Y/N Special Requirements

ECF Silver Members or above may claim a £7.00 discount (£5.00 for juniors).

**A £10.00 discount can be claimed - one discount per room booked at the Imperial Hotel.
When stopping for 2 nights**

Imperial Hotel Booking Reference

Name of person booking room

The Imperial Hotel - Tel. 01253 623971

Entry Fee with Imperial Discount £

Before Monday 9/3/20

Late Entry Fee £

After Sunday 8/3/20

Total Discounts £

Before Monday 9/3/20 ECF, Junior

Donation £

TOTAL £

Cheque/PO made payable to Blackpool Chess Congress please

Please tick this box if you have read our Data Protection Policy and do not wish your address to be stored on a computer database. Please note that if you tick the box you will not receive LCA Congress Entry Forms, including next year's Blackpool Chess Conference.

Entry Form Address:

Blackpool Chess Congress, 101 Queens Park Road, Heywood, Lancashire OL10 4JR

ENTRY FORM - For use when not booking a room at the Imperial

Surname: First Name:

Address:

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..... Postcode:

Section: ECF/National Grade: Grade No.

FIDE Rating: Other (please specify):

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The following discounts can be claimed but only on entries received before Monday 9/3/20:-Junior £2.

A late entry fee of £5 will be charged on entries received after Sunday 8/3/20.

Entry Fee £

See Entry Fee notes for reductions

Reduction £

Before Monday 9/3/20 (Juniors)

No reduction for Late Entry

Late Fee After Sunday 8/3/20 £

Donation £

(Your donation funds the junior trophies, thank you)

TOTAL £

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DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Your contact details will be held on a computer database for future mailing purposes for a period of three years. This mailing list will ONLY be used for the distribution of chess activities and promotional material associated with Lancashire Chess Association events. Your contact details will only be used if the organisers have a need to make contact with you regards Lancashire chess events. The entry form will be destroyed within six months of the congress.

Data will not be supplied to any third party.

DONATIONS

We thank you for previous year's donations which have been used to fund junior and veteran prizes. All donations from this year's event will be used to provide junior and veteran prizes at the next Blackpool Chess Conference.

IN ALL CASES THE CONGRESS DIRECTOR'S DECISION IS FINAL

The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry without stating a reason or to transfer any entry from one section to another. They also reserve the right to re-distribute in whole or in part any other prize won by a competitor who has won or shared a main prize. The Lancashire Chess Association reserves the right to reduce the prize fund or cancel the event in the event of a low number of entries.

No food or drink to be taken into the premises. *The Imperial is offering special reduced prices on food and drink in our areas of the hotel.*

There is a £7.00 a day car parking charge for using the Imperial Car Park for people not staying at the Imperial.

ENTRY FEES

Open Section £45

Major Section £42

Inter/Minor Section £40

Standard Section £37

No entries on the day!

JUNIOR PRIZES

The highest scoring junior in each section (under 18 at commencement of congress) will receive £30

SHARON FURLONG TROPHY

The highest scoring lady overall will receive the
SHARON FURLONG TROPHY.

VETERAN PRIZES

The highest scoring Veteran in the Open, Major, Intermediate, and Minor will receive £100, and in the Standard £50.

(at or over 60 years of age at the start of the competition)

THE MIKE O'HARA MEMORIAL TROPHY

To be awarded to the best performance by a Junior in the Open as determined
by the congress organiser.

OTHER TROPHIES

The Jack Wolstenholme Trophy - presented to the winner of the Open

The Eric Wandless-Renton Memorial Trophy - presented to the winner of the

Major. The Michael Stokes Trophy - presented to the winner of the Minor

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CATERING OPTIONS FOR THE CONGRESS

Following on from constructive comments made by players last year.

To make life easier all round regarding ordering lunches, the Imperial will have a few lunch options available, one of which will be packed lunches.

The Hotel will have an order point available at which the players can place their orders in advance. So order Friday for Saturday and on Saturday for Sunday – no problem if a player wants to order Friday for both days.

The Hotel will take payments from the players at the time of ordering.

The menu offered will be arranged closer to the event. If you provide an email with your entry this can be emailed out to you before the congress.

***IMPORTANT: No food or drink to
be taken into the premises.***

43rd BLACKPOOL CHESS CONFERENCE RESULTS

Number of Competitors: 366

Number of Tournaments: 5

The Lancashire Woodcock Open

1st = Mark Hebden, Joseph McPhillips

3rd = Ismael Molano Lafiente, Phil Watson, Matthew Parsons, Stuart White, Peter Gayson

GP 1 = Phil Watson, Matthew Parsons, Stuart White, Peter Gayson

GP 2 Elliot Frew

GP 3 = Graham Dobson, Steve Tarr

Veteran: Roy Ellames

NCCU Champion + British Championship Qualifier: Joseph McPhillip

NCCU Junior Champion and Mike

O' Hara Trophy: Yichen Han

The Imperial Major

1st = Nick Burrows, Joshua Pink

GP 1 Vasilelos Pasialis

GP 2 = Paul Benson, David Patrick

GP 3 Ravi Wariyar

GP 4 = Martin Burns, Mark

Whitehead, Chris Lewis, John Wareing

GP 5 Phil Bull

Veteran: Robert Newton

Junior: Anita Somton

The Intermediate

1st Martin Brejter

2nd Ralph Stirrat

GP 1 Robert Dean

GP 2 George Harman

GP 3 Robert Taylor, Neil Coward

GP 4 Douglas Barnett, Paul Bamford

Veteran = Robert Taylor, John Lambert, Ian Paul Stevens

Junior = Niamh Bridgeman, Ethan Gardiner

The Minor

1st Zak Tomlinson

2nd David Teague

GP 1 = Peter Smith, Gareth Griffiths, Neal Fisher, Mark Mallard, Steve Edwards

GP 2 = Noel Boustred, John Illingworth

GP 3 James Rigby

GP 4 Tarini Jayawarna, Daniel Shek

Veteran = John Illingworth

Junior Kyle Pelling

The Standard

1st Robert Arthurton

2nd Phillip Shaughnessy

3rd = John McDonald, George Vizsokai, Kevin Waterman, Nick Holmes, David Scorer

GP 1 = Nick Holmes, David Scorer

GP 2 Jeff Foy

GP 3 = Mohammad Nikfazan, Kenneth Marsden

GP 4 = Hunain Malik, Martin Perrin

Veteran = John MacDonald, George Vizsokai

Junior: Jack Yang

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regular players who support the congress**

Further Lancashire chess events in 2020

Heywood congress June 2020 Bill O'Rourke worchess@ntlworld.com

Leyland Congress August 2020 Dave Clayton dgclayton@btinternet.com

Preston Congress Nov/Dec 2020 Malcolm Peacock malcolm@popmalc.org.uk

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