

To all players and parents

Dear all

For new joiners to the championship and festival events, thanks for your entry and welcome to the events.

Please do refer to the various documents on the web site:

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/> including the players guide which can be found here: <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/players-guide/> and the events lists here: <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/caplin-british-online-championships-qualifiers-events/> and here: <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/caplin-british-online-championship-finals/>

Further Details for events today Sunday and on Monday are as follows.

Open, Seniors and Women's tournaments - On Sunday we have rounds 4 and 5 of the qualifiers for the standard play finals in the respective sections.

On Monday we then have round 1 of the Open, Seniors and Women's Championship finals.

A Zoom link will be provided for these final events, and players are expected to join the call. There are various technical requirements that will need to be met, including screen sharing, the laptop's webcam being switched on, and the computer's audio being switched on. There are restrictions on which devices and operating systems can be used, due to the technical requirements of Zoom to enable this to happen. Please note the Fair Play guide, but also the technical provisions in part 5 of that guide here: <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/British-Online-Fair-Play-Regulations.pdf>

Juniors - 20 December (Qualifiers: Rapid and Standard)

This weekend are the junior qualifiers. They serve as the qualifiers for **both** the Rapid and Standard Finals. If you have entered the Rapid or Standard events, then you **must** play in the qualifying tournaments this weekend. There are three qualifying tournaments in total, and you qualify for the Finals thus:

- The top 3 in each qualifying tournament.
- The scores in each qualifier are aggregated, with the lowest-score dropped, and the top 3 players qualify. Additionally, two non-English players qualify this way.

Qualifier 3 is taking place on Sunday, 10am as a chess.com tournament. You will need to be in the relevant chess.com club where the tournament link will be available.

The qualifiers are all played on Chess.com via clubs that have been set up, that you need to join with your child's account if you haven't already done so and wish to play in qualifier 3. Within each club you will see a list of tournaments and a link, and you should click on the link to go to the tournament, and then click the orange "Join" button.

Under 8: <https://www.chess.com/club/caplin-british-olcc-rapid-blitz-qualifiers-u8>

Under 10: <https://www.chess.com/club/caplin-british-olcc-rapid-blitz-qualifiers-u10>

Under 12: <https://www.chess.com/club/caplin-british-olcc-rapid-blitz-qualifiers-u12>

Under 14: <https://www.chess.com/club/caplin-british-olcc-rapid-blitz-qualifiers-u14>

Juniors 20 December (Rapid Final) - Arbiter Started and Zoom monitored.

The Rapidplay final will then be at 4pm. Players who qualify for the Rapid Final will be notified by email. There is no need to join a club or tournament on Chess.com for the Final.

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Please note that due to the number of entries received, the Under 16 and Under 18 do not have qualifiers, and go straight into the Finals on Sunday at 4pm.

Juniors - 21-23 December

For the period up to Christmas there will be 3 blitz qualifiers again played as chess.com tournaments with the clubs as above. Each qualifier begins at 7pm

Festival Events First Week

These start on Monday (21st December)

Standardplay tournaments- These will all be arbiter started but not Zoom monitored.

(Major Open and U1700) beginning at 10 am on Monday for 3 days up to the Christmas break and continuing after Christmas.

(U2000 and U1400) beginning at 4pm on Monday for 3 days up to the Christmas break and continuing after Christmas.

These will be played at 45|15 time control.

There will also be Evening Rapidplay tournaments for all rating groups which begin at 7 pm on Monday and also last for 3 days up to the Christmas break and again continuing after Christmas.

These will be played at 10|5.

As usual, we are providing WhatsApp channels for the various sections. Please join these to receive notices and announcements from the organisers. Please avoid using these for general enquiries or concerns which should be directed via email or phone. The full list of WhatsApp channels is as follows ---

Junior: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GmqbvZbjgNUK8ltRnAs7Cp>

Festival: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/FogsNQwat1L8INErWwtrbx>

Women: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/DIIYivXS5DD6I2lr06Jiyi>

Championship: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LZ7VT9G9YAV4grbroIgrKX>

Senior: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/GoRFO64QofN7b6KT6327UY>