# CAPLIN BRITISH ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**British Online Championship 2020-21**
**Tournament Regulations, Terms and Conditions – V1-4**

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## Section A: General Rules for All Tournaments

### Eligibility
In order to participate in these Championships, all players must either:
- Have a FIDE Nationality of ENG, IRL, SCO, WLS, GCI or JCI; or
- Have been continuously resident in England, Northern Ireland, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, Guernsey, Jersey or the Isle of Man since 1st January, 2020; or
- Be a British or Irish citizen.

### Rating
All tournament results will be submitted to the English Chess Federation (ECF) for online rating. It is a condition of playing in the British Online Championship that the data submitted at the time of entry will be held by the ECF as required to enable the games played to be rated, and appear on the online rating website.

### Allocation of Ratings in All Sections
Where the tournaments are being played as part of the inbuilt structures of Chess.com (see the tournament rules below), the platform's rating will be used.

Otherwise, the ratings used for each tournament will be in the following order of priority depending on time control

| Standardplay Tournaments | FON |
| Rapidplay Tournaments | RFPNQ |
| Blitz Tournaments | BRFZNQ |

where the letters are defined as follows

| F | FIDE Rating (November 2020) |
| R | FIDE Rapidplay Rating (November 2020) |
| B | FIDE Blitz Rating (November 2020) |

| O | National OTB Standard Rating |
| P | National OTB Rapid Rating |

| N | National Online Standard Rating (November 2020) |
| Q | National Rapid Online Rating (November 2020) |
| Z | National Blitz Online Rating (November 2020) |

Where a player has none of these, the organisers will assign an estimate based on all available data on a case-by-case basis, failing which the player will be assigned a rating of 0.

National ratings and FIDE ratings will be treated as equivalent; i.e. no conversion formula will be applied.

The ratings allocated by this process will be used in the calculation of any relevant prizes. (See Prize Calculation below for more information.)

**Levels of Membership Required**
All Irish, Scottish, Welsh, Guernsey and Jersey players are exempt from being ECF members or supporters to play in this Championship. This will be determined by:
- Their FIDE Nationality is IRL, SCO, WLS, GCI or JCI
- If the player does not have a FIDE ID, then they must be resident in one of the aforementioned countries.

Otherwise, all players must be ECF Members or Supporters.

**Overlapping Tournament Events**
The schedule has been designed to allow for players who wish to participate in multiple championships and events at different time controls. However there will inevitably be a number of overlapping events in the schedule.

Players may only play in one event at any one time and may not enter for or take part in two tournaments if the sessions are scheduled at the same time.

**Half Point Byes**
Players are entitled to request up to two half point byes in any of the multi-day standardplayqualifier events.Players are entitled to request one half point bye in any of the multi-day standardplay finals. These half point byes may be taken in any round apart from the final round. A player will score 0 for any bye requested in the last round.

For the standardplay events, the preferred way for byes to be claimed is on the online entry form. However half point bye requests may still be made up to 24 hours before the start of the corresponding event. Requests may be accepted after that point but only in exceptional circumstances and at the organiser's discretion.

Half-point byes will not be permitted in the Rapid, Blitz or Bullet events which are run as chess.com tournaments and where players should expect to play in all rounds of the event.

**Right to Refuse Entry**
The Chief Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry without being required to state a reason, and to transfer players between tournaments at any time.

**Section B: Data Protection**

Entry data will be handled in line with the ECF data protection provisions for the event which can be found here:
https://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/British-Online-Data-Protection-Provisions-v04.pdf

**Section C: Fair Play Provisions and Regulations**

All players are required to abide by the Championship Fair Play Regulations as a condition of entry. The regulations can be found here:
https://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/British-Online-Fair-Play-Regulations.pdf

and are based on the wider ECF Fair Play Guidelines and Regulations which can be found here:
https://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/ECF-Online-Fair-Play-and-ACv2_2_final.pdf

**Section D: Tournament Specific Regulations**

This section covers formats and qualifiers for Championships and Events as below. Click on the links to find the relevant subsection.

**British Championship**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 9 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 1 | | |
| Time Control | Game/60' + 15" | | |
| Default Time | 60 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Monday, 21st December | 1900 |
| | Round 2 | Tuesday, 22nd December | 1900 |
| | Round 3 | Wednesday, 23rd December | 1900 |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 27th December | 1900 |
| | Round 5 | Monday, 28th December | 1900 |
| | Round 6 | Tuesday, 29th December | 1900 |
| | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1900 |
| | Round 8 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1600 |

| | Round 9 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1600 |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| | Playoffs | Sunday, 3rd January | ASAP after Round 9 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | 2230 | | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy | |

British Championship – Open Qualifier

| | |
| --- | --- |
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Tuesday, 15th December |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 5 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 2 |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" |
| Default Time | 45 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually |

| Schedule | Round 1 | Friday, 18th December | 1900 |
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| | Round 2 | Saturday, 19th December | 1300 |
| | Round 3 | Saturday, 19th December | 1900 |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 20th December | 1300 |
| | Round 5 | Sunday, 20th December | 1900 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1600 (Rounds 1,3,5); 2200 the night before (Rounds 2,4) | | |

The top 12 players will qualify for the British Championship.

British Championships – Other Qualifiers

Other Qualifiers for the British Championships include top finishers from:

- Women's Qualifier (See British Women's Championship Section) – Top 2 finishers

- Senior Qualifier (See British Seniors Championship Section) –2 players (top finishers in the 50+ and 65+)

- Junior Qualifiers (See British Juniors Championships Section )– 4 players from Junior Rapidplay Finals (top finishers from U18, U16, U14, U12)

**British Senior Championship**

| | |
| --- | --- |
| Entry Deadline | N/A |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 7 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 1 |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" |
| Default Time | 45 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Sections | Over 50, Over 65 | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Monday, 21st December | 1600 |
| | Round 2 | Tuesday, 22nd December | 1600 |
| | Round 3 | Wednesday, 23rd December | 1600 |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 27th December | 1600 |
| | Round 5 | Monday, 28th December | 1600 |
| | Round 6 | Tuesday, 29th December | 1600 |
| | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1600 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1900 (the night before) | | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy | |

British Championship – Senior Qualifier

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Tuesday, 15th December | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 5 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 2 | | |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" | | |
| Default Time | 45 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Sections | Over 50, Over 65 | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Friday, 18th December | 1600 |
| | Round 2 | Saturday, 19th December | 1000 |
| | Round 3 | Saturday, 19th December | 1600 |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 20th December | 1000 |
| | Round 5 | Sunday, 20th December | 1600 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1300 (Rounds 1,3,5); 1900 the night before (Rounds 2,4) | | |

The top 12 players will qualify for the British Seniors final together with the top 2 non-ENG players.

**British Women's Championship**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 7 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 1 | | |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" | | |
| Default Time | 45 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Monday, 21st December | 1300 |
| | Round 2 | Tuesday, 22nd December | 1300 |
| | Round 3 | Wednesday, 23rd December | 1300 |

| | | Round 4 | Sunday, 27th December | 1300 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Round 5 | Monday, 28th December | 1300 |
| | | Round 6 | Tuesday, 29th December | 1300 |
| | | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1300 |

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|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1900 (the night before) |
| Place Prizes | 1st Trophy |
| | 2nd Trophy |
| | 3rd Trophy |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We Trophy |

<u>British Championship – Women's Qualifier</u>

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Tuesday, 15th December |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 5 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 2 |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" |
| Default Time | 45 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Schedule | | Round 1 | Friday, 18th December | 1900 |
| | | Round 2 | Saturday, 19th December | 1300 |
| | | Round 3 | Saturday, 19th December | 1900 |
| | | Round 4 | Sunday, 20th December | 1300 |
| | | Round 5 | Sunday, 20th December | 1900 |

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|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1600 (Rounds 1,3,5); 2200 the night before (Rounds 2,4) |

The top 12 players will qualify for the British Women's final together with the top 2 non-ENG players.

**British Junior Championships**

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 7 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 1 |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" |
| Default Time | 45 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually |
| Sections | Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 |

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Schedule | | Round 1 | Sunday, 27th December | 1600 |
| | | Round 2 | Monday, 28th December | 1000 |
| | | Round 3 | Monday, 28th December | 1600 |
| | | Round 4 | Tuesday, 29th December | 1000 |
| | | Round 5 | Tuesday, 29th December | 1600 |
| | | Round 6 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1000 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1600 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1300 (Rounds 3,5,7), 1900 (the night before, Round 1,2,4,6) | | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy | |

British Junior Championship –Qualifier

The British Junior Rapidplay Qualifier serves as the qualifier for the British Junior Standard and Rapidplay Championships. There will be 14 qualifying players in total from the three British Junior Rapidplay Qualifiers to each of the age group finals

Qualification for Finals
1st – 3rd in each qualifier
1st – 3rd in list of total scores based on best two scores from the three qualifiers
1st and 2nd non English players based on best two scores from the three qualifiers

**British Rapidplay Championship**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 7 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" | | |
| Default Time | 10 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1000 |
| | Round 2 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1045 |
| | Round 3 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1130 |
| | Round 4 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1215 |
| | Round 5 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1300 |
| | Round 6 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1345 |
| | Round 7 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1430 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | ASAP after the previous round | | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy | |

Qualifier

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Friday, 18th December |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 7 |

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|---|---|
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" |
| Default Time | 10 minutes |
| Pairing System | Chess.com |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure |
| Schedule | Qualifiers    21st, 22nd and 23rd December    1000 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | Immediately after the end of the round |

The top 14 players and top 2 non-ENG players from the qualifiers will qualify for the British Rapidplay Final together with the top 2 from the Women's Rapidplay Championship.


**British Senior Rapidplay Championship**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 7 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" | | |
| Default Time | 10 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Sections | Over 50, Over 65 | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1000 |
| | Round 2 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1045 |
| | Round 3 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1130 |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1215 |
| | Round 5 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1300 |
| | Round 6 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1345 |
| | Round 7 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1430 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | ASAP after the previous round | | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy | |

Qualifier

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Wednesday, 30th December | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 7 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" | | |
| Default Time | 10 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Chess.com | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure | | |
| Sections | Over 50, Over 65 | | |
| Schedule | Qualifier | Saturday, 2nd January | 1000 |

Pairings Published for each Round          Immediately at the end of the round

The top 12 players and top 2 non-ENG players from the British Seniors Rapidplay Qualifier will qualify for the British Seniors Rapidplay final, together with the top 2 players from the British Seniors (Standardplay) Championships.

**British Women's Rapidplay Championship**

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|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 7 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" |
| Default Time | 10 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually |

| Schedule | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Round 1 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1000 |
| | Round 2 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1045 |
| | Round 3 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1130 |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1215 |
| | Round 5 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1300 |
| | Round 6 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1345 |
| | Round 7 | Sunday, 3rd January | 1430 |

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|---|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | ASAP after the previous round | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy |
| | 2nd | Trophy |
| | 3rd | Trophy |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy |

Qualifier

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Wednesday, 30th December |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 7 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" |
| Default Time | 10 minutes |
| Pairing System | Chess.com |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure |

| Schedule | Qualifier | Saturday, 2nd January | 1000 |
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Pairings Published for each Round          Immediately at the end of the round

The top 12 players and top 2 non-ENG players from the British Women's Rapidplay Qualifier will qualify for the British Women's Rapidplay final, together with the top 2 players from the British Women's (Standardplay) Championships.

**British Junior Rapidplay Championship**

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|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |

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|---|---|
| Number of Rounds | 7 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" |
| Default Time | 10 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually |
| Sections | Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Schedule | Round 1 | Sunday, 20th December | 1600 |
| | Round 2 | Sunday, 20th December | 1645 |
| | Round 3 | Sunday, 20th December | 1730 |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 20th December | 1815 |
| | Round 5 | Sunday, 20th December | 1900 |
| | Round 6 | Sunday, 20th December | 1945 |
| | Round 7 | Sunday, 20th December | 2030 |

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|---|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | ASAP after the previous round | |
| British Championship Qualifiers | 1 for Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 | |
| British Junior Championship Qualifiers | All players | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy |
| | 2nd | Trophy |
| | 3rd | Trophy |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy |

## Qualifiers

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Friday, 18th December |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 7 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" |
| Default Time | 10 minutes |
| Pairing System | Chess.com |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure |
| Sections | Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Schedule | Qualifier 1 | Saturday, 19th December | 1000 |
| | Qualifier 2 | Saturday, 19th December | 1600 |
| | Qualifier 3 | Sunday, 20th December | 1000 |

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|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | Immediately after the end of the round |

The British Junior Rapidplay Qualifier serves as the qualifier for the British Junior Standard and Rapidplay Championships. There will be 14 qualifying players in total from the three British Junior Rapidplay Qualifiers to each of the age group finals

Qualification for Finals
1st – 3rd in each qualifier
1st – 3rd in list of total scores based on best two scores from the three qualifiers
1st and 2nd non English players based on best two scores from the three qualifiers

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**British Blitz Championship**

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 9 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/3' + 2" |
| Default Time | 3 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually |

| Schedule | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Round 1 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1300 |
| | Round 2 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1320 |
| | Round 3 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1340 |
| | Round 4 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1400 |
| | Round 5 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1420 |
| | Round 6 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1440 |
| | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1500 |
| | Round 8 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1520 |
| | Round 9 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1540 |

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|---|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | ASAP after the previous round | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy |
| | 2nd | Trophy |
| | 3rd | Trophy |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy |

Qualifiers

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Wednesday, 23rdDecember | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 9 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/3' + 2" | | |
| Default Time | 3 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Chess.com | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure | | |
| Schedule | Qualifier 1 | Sunday, 27th December | 1300 |
| | Qualifier 2 | Monday, 28th December | 1300 |
| | Qualifier 3 | Tuesday, 29th December | 1300 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | Immediately after the end of the round | | |

The top 14 players and top 2 non-ENG players from the qualifiers will qualify for the British Blitz Final.

**British Women's Blitz Championship**

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | N/A |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |

| Number of Rounds | 9 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/3' + 2" | | |
| Default Time | 3 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 1900 |
| | Round 2 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 1920 |
| | Round 3 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 1940 |
| | Round 4 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 2000 |
| | Round 5 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 2020 |
| | Round 6 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 2040 |
| | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 2100 |
| | Round 8 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 2120 |
| | Round 9 | Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> December | 2140 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | ASAP after the previous round | | |
| Place Prizes | 1<sup>st</sup> | Trophy | |
| | 2<sup>nd</sup> | Trophy | |
| | 3<sup>rd</sup> | Trophy | |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy | |

Qualifiers

| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 9 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/3' + 2" | | |
| Default Time | 3 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Chess.com | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure | | |
| Schedule | Qualifier 1 | Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> December 1900 | |
| | Qualifier 2 | Monday, 28<sup>th</sup>December 1900 | |
| | Qualifier 3 | Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup>December 1900 | |
| Pairings Published for each Round | Immediately at the end of the round | | |

The top 14 players and top 2 non-ENG players from the qualifiers will qualify for the  Women's Blitz Final.


**British Junior Blitz Championship**

| Entry Deadline | N/A |
|---|---|
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 9 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/3' + 2" |
| Default Time | 3 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |

| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | Yes | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | |
| Sections | Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1900 |
| | Round 2 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1920 |
| | Round 3 | Saturday, 2nd January | 1940 |
| | Round 4 | Saturday, 2nd January | 2000 |
| | Round 5 | Saturday, 2nd January | 2020 |
| | Round 6 | Saturday, 2nd January | 2040 |
| | Round 7 | Saturday, 2nd January | 2100 |
| | Round 8 | Saturday, 2nd January | 2120 |
| | Round 9 | Saturday, 2nd January | 2140 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | ASAP after the previous round | | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy | |

Qualifiers

| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Friday, 18th December | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 9 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/3' + 2" | | |
| Default Time | 3 minutes | | |
| Pairing System | Chess.com | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure | | |
| Sections | Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18 | | |
| Schedule | Qualifier 1 | Monday, 21st December | 1900 |
| | Qualifier 2 | Tuesday, 22nd December | 1900 |
| | Qualifier 3 | Wednesday, 23rd December | 1900 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | Immediately at the end of the round | | |

The top 14 players and top 2 non-ENG players from the qualifiers will qualify for the British Blitz Final.

**British Bullet Championship**

| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Wednesday, 30th December | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | |
| Number of Rounds | 15 | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | |
| Time Control | Game/1' + 0" | | |
| Default Time | 1 minute | | |
| Pairing System | Chess.com | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure | | |
| Schedule | Final | Saturday, 2nd January | 1900 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | Immediately at the end of the round | | |
| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy | |

|  | 2nd | Trophy |
|---|---|---|
|  | 3rd | Trophy |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy |

**British Junior Bullet Championship**

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Wednesday, 30th December |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 15 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 |
| Time Control | Game/1' + 0" |
| Default Time | 1 minutes |
| Pairing System | Chess.com |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No |
| Game Start Mechanism | Chess.com Swiss tournament structure |

| Schedule | Final | Saturday, 3rd January | 1300 |
|---|---|---|---|

| | |
|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | Immediately at the end of the round |

| Place Prizes | 1st | Trophy |
|---|---|---|
|  | 2nd | Trophy |
|  | 3rd | Trophy |
| Best Performance Prize | W-We | Trophy |

**AM Tournaments (Major Open and U1700)**

| | |
|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Friday, 18th December |
| Entry Fee | See entry form |
| Number of Rounds | 7 |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 2 |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" |
| Default Time | 45 minutes |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually |
| Sections | Open, Under 1700 |

| Schedule | Round 1 | Monday, 21st December | 1000 |
|---|---|---|---|
|  | Round 2 | Tuesday, 22nd December | 1000 |
|  | Round 3 | Wednesday, 23rd December | 1000 |
|  | Round 4 | Sunday, 27th December | 1000 |
|  | Round 5 | Monday, 28th December | 1000 |
|  | Round 6 | Tuesday, 29th December | 1000 |
|  | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1000 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1300 (the day before) |

| Place Prizes (per section) | 1st | Trophy |
|---|---|---|
|  | 2nd | Trophy |
|  | 3rd | Trophy |
| Best Performance Prize (per section) | W-We | Trophy |

**PM Tournaments (U2000 and U1400)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Friday, 18th December | | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | | |
| Number of Rounds | 7 | | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 2 | | | |
| Time Control | Game/45' + 15" | | | |
| Default Time | 45 minutes | | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | | |
| Sections | Under 2000, Under 1400 | | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Monday, 21st December | 1600 | |
| | Round 2 | Tuesday, 22nd December | 1600 | |
| | Round 3 | Wednesday, 23rd December | 1600 | |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 27th December | 1600 | |
| | Round 5 | Monday, 28th December | | 1600 |
| | Round 6 | Tuesday, 29th December | | 1600 |
| | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1600 | |
| Pairings Published for each Round | 1900 (the day before) | | | |
| Place Prizes (per section) | 1st | Trophy | | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | | |
| Best Performance Prize (per section) | W-We | Trophy | | |

**Evening Tournaments (Major Open and Rating Limited Rapidplay Finals)**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Entry Deadline | 1900 on Friday, 18th December | | | |
| Entry Fee | See entry form | | | |
| Number of Rounds | 7 | | | |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 0 | | | |
| Time Control | Game/10' + 5" | | | |
| Default Time | 10 minutes | | | |
| Pairing System | Swiss-Manager | | | |
| Zoom (webcam/screenshare required) | No | | | |
| Game Start Mechanism | Arbiters start individually | | | |
| Sections | Open, Under 2000, Under 1700, Under 1400 | | | |
| Schedule | Round 1 | Monday, 21st December | 1900 | |
| | Round 2 | Tuesday, 22nd December | 1900 | |
| | Round 3 | Wednesday, 23rd December | 1900 | |
| | Round 4 | Sunday, 27th December | 1900 | |
| | Round 5 | Monday, 28th December | | 1900 |
| | Round 6 | Tuesday, 29th December | | 1900 |
| | Round 7 | Wednesday, 30th December | 1900 | |
| Pairings Published for each Round | 2200 (the day before) | | | |
| Place Prizes (per section) | 1st | Trophy | | |
| | 2nd | Trophy | | |
| | 3rd | Trophy | | |
| Best Performance Prize (per section) | W-We | Trophy | | |

# Section E: Summary of Qualification Paths

The table below shows the qualification paths for the finals. Please note these are still provisional and subject to amendment dependant on entry levels.

| 38 | Championship |
|---|---|
| 10 | Direct entries |
| 12 | Championship Qualifier |
| 2 | Women Qualifier |
| 2 | Senior Qualifier (Over 65 and Over 50) |
| 4 | Winners of U18, U16, U14, U12 Junior Rapidplay Finals |
| 8 | ENG, IRL, UCU, SCO, WLS, GCI, JCI, or IOM Nomination |

| 14 | Senior Championship |
|---|---|
| 12 | Senior Qualifier |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifiers |

| 14 | Women Championship |
|---|---|
| 12 | Women Qualifier |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifiers |

| 14 | Junior Championship |
|---|---|
| 3 | Rapid Qualifier 1 |
| 3 | Rapid Qualifier 2 |
| 3 | Rapid Qualifier 3 |
| 3 | Qualifier Points * |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifiers |

| 16 | Rapid Championship |
|---|---|
| 3 | Qualifier 1 |
| 3 | Qualifier 2 |
| 3 | Qualifier 3 |
| 3 | Qualifier Points * |
| 2 | Women Championship |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifiers |

| 16 | Senior Rapid Championships |
|---|---|
| 12 | Senior Rapid Qualifier |
| 2 | Senior Championships |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifiers |
| TBC | Seniors qualifying for Rapid Ch |

| 16 | Women Rapid Championship |
|---|---|
| 12 | Women Rapid Qualifier |
| 2 | Women Championship |
| 2 | Non-ENG Qualifier Points * |
| TBC | Women qualifying for Rapid Ch |

| 14 | Junior Rapid Championship |
|---|---|
| 3 | Qualifier 1 |
| 3 | Qualifier 2 |
| 3 | Qualifier 3 |
| 3 | Qualifier Points * |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifier points * |

| 14 | Blitz Championship |
|---|---|
| 3 | Qualifier 1 |
| 3 | Qualifier 2 |
| 3 | Qualifier 3 |
| 3 | Qualifier Points * |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifiers (if applicable) |

| 14 | Women's Blitz Championship |
|---|---|
| 3 | Qualifier 1 |
| 3 | Qualifier 2 |
| 3 | Qualifier 3 |
| 3 | Qualifier Points * |
| 2 | Non-ENG Qualifier Points * |

| 14 | Junior Blitz Championship |
|---|---|
| 3 | Qualifier 1 |
| 3 | Qualifier 2 |
| 3 | Qualifier 3 |
| 3 | Qualifier Points * |
| 2 | Non-ENG qualifiers (if applicable) |
| ENG | |

| | Notes |
|---|---|
| 1 | * Qualifier points are based on total aggregate points across qualifiers played in for the relevant event, not including the lowest score where a player takes part in all three qualifiers (i.e. top 2 scores count) |

## Wildcards

The tournament organisers reserve the right to award wildcards to certain players into the Final for competitions for any reason. Reasons may include, but are not limited to:
- Replace a withdrawal
- Ensure an even number of players and avoid a pairing-allocated bye
- Increase the diversity of the Final (e.g. if all players are English, or all of one sex)

## Section F: Prize Calculation & Tie-Breaks

## Place Prizes

The place prizes in all tournaments will be awarded to the player scoring the most points. The tie-breaks will vary depending on the tournament.

In tournaments conducted via Chess.com's tournament structure, the platform's inbuilt tie-break (Sonneborn-Berger) will be used to determine the final ranking.

In tournaments conducted using Swiss-Manager and Chess-Results, except for the British Championship, the tie-breaks will be:
- Direct Encounter
- Median-Buchholz
- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz

### Rating Prizes

The rating prizes will be calculated on W-We, where W is the number of points scored, We is the expected number of points based on the difference between the ratings of the players in the game. A player is only eligible for a rating prize if:
- The player has not defaulted any games in the tournament, and
- The player had not withdrawn from the tournament (see the section on Byes below)

Players allocated a rating of 0 (see Allocation of Ratings in All Sections above) are not eligible for rating prizes.

Where there is a tie for a rating prize, the prize shall be won by the lowest-rated player involved in the tie.

Players who win a place prize are not eligible to win a rating prize.

### Prize lists

Full prize lists for each tournament will be published online as soon as possible at the end of the tournaments, once any necessary Fair Play checks have been done. The event organisers will contact all prize winners as soon as possible to arrange for the trophies to be posted.

### Section G: Defaults

### Defaults in Finals (except Bullet)

A player who defaults a game will not be included in the pairings for the next round of the tournament, or any subsequent round, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise. Should this be decided, the Chief Arbiter reserves the right to apply a bond of £50, which will be returned at the end of the tournament if the player takes part in all remaining rounds. A player who defaults a second game in the tournament will be expelled from it, and shall not have the bond returned to him.

### Defaults in Other Events

In events conducted via Chess.com, the defaults will be handled by the platform rather than by the process outlined above.

### Section H: Appeals Procedure

### Process

Decisions of an arbiter may be appealed to the Appeals Committee provided that
- Such an appeal is received in writing within 15 minutes of the arbiter's decision, and
- Such an appeal is accompanied by an appeal fee of £50 which will be returned if the appeal is successful.

## Appeals Committee
The Committee ruling on an appeal will be composed of:
- One arbiter, appointed by the Chief Organiser, who was not connected with the dispute; who will Chair the Committee, plus
- Two members of the Players' Panel, appointed by the Chair

The Appeals Committee's decision is final and binding in all matters.

## Players' Panel
A minimum of five players will be appointed to the Players' Panel by the Chief Organiser. Players who are willing to serve on this Panel may do so by informing the Organisers at the time of entry, or by speaking to the Organisers at the event itself.

## Publishing the Appeals Committee
A list of arbiters, and a list of members of the Players' Panel, will be published before the start of the Championships.

## Powers of the Appeals Committee
Please note that this Committee will be restricted to matters regarding the Tournament Rules provided in this document. Its powers will not extend to other areas, such as:
- Fair Play Matters, which are handled separately by process outlined in the Fair Play rules
- Disconnection, about which the decision of the Chief Arbiter is final
- Cards awarded due to a Zoom infraction, about which the decision of the Chief Arbiter is final

## Section I: British Championship Playoff Rules
In the event of a tie at the end of the British Championship only, there will be a playoff, held as soon as possible at the end of the final round.

The n tied players will seeded, from 1 to n, based on their ranking on tie-break (see Section D: Prize Calculation & Tie-Breaks) for the tournament. In the event of a tie on all tie-breaks, then lots will be drawn to determine the seeding of the tied players.

Where n > 8, only the top 8 players will qualify for the playoffs.

Playoff Match Formats
The playoffs will be run on a knockout basis, and matches within this format will be played in one of the following formats:

Format 1 – Two players are tied
Round 1          Two games, G/10 + 5'.
Round 2          If still tied, two games, G/3 + 2'.
Round 3          If still tied, an Armageddon game, white G/5, black G/4 with no increment.

Format 2 – More than two players are tied
Round 1          Two games, G/10 + 5'.
Round 2          If still tied, an Armageddon game, white G/5, black G/4, with no increment.

A coin toss will be performed before each round. The winner of the toss can choose to have white in the first or second game of that round. The player will have black in the other game. In the case of the Armageddon game, the winner of the toss can choose to have white or black in that game.

In the Armageddon game, the black player shall need only to draw the game to win the match.

The playoff match will end on the first occasion that a player is winning the match at the end of a round.

Players are entitled to a 10-minute break between each game within a match, and a 20-minute break between each match.

Pairings for the Playoff Matches
The pairings for the playoffs will be determined by the seeding established above.

| 3-player | SF: | 2 v 3 | | |
| | Final: | 1 v Winner SF | | |
| | | | | |
| 4-player | SF: | (1) 1 v 4 | (2) 2 v 3 | |
| | Final: | Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 | | |
| | | | | |
| 5-player | QF: | 4 v 5 | | |
| | SF: | (1) 1 v Winner QF | (2) 2 v 3 | |
| | Final: | Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 | | |
| | | | | |
| 6-player | QF: | (1) 3 v 6 | (2) 4 v 5 | |
| | SF: | (1) 1 v Winner QF2 | (2) 2 v Winner QF1 | |
| | Final: | Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 | | |
| | | | | |
| 7-player | QF: | (1) 2 v 7 | (2) 3 v 6 | (3) 4 v 5 |
| | SF: | (1) 1 v Winner QF3 | (2) Winner QF1 v Winner QF2 | |
| | Final: | Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 | | |
| | | | | |
| 8-player | QF: | (1) 1 v 8 (2) 2 v 7 | (3) 3 v 6 (4) 4 v 5 | |
| | SF: | (1) Winner QF1 v Winner QF4 | (2) Winner QF2 v Winner QF3 | |
| | Final: | Winner SF1 v Winner SF2 | | |

Elimination from the Playoffs
All players who lose in the playoffs will be deemed to have finished in equal 2nd place and will all receive 2nd place trophies.