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The ChessFest Rapidplay

Saturday 17th July 2021

10:30am - 5pm

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**Grandmaster participation guaranteed - £2,500 in guaranteed prizes!
Limited to 150 players – book now to guarantee your place**

All games will be ECF Rated and FIDE Rated.

Competitive chess returns! The Manchester Square Gardens Rapidplay is a tournament with a difference... it's outside!

Set in the idyllic Manchester Square Garden, a private enclosed space just a stone's throw from London's West End. The event will be held outside but play will take place under canvas in case of rain or a scorching hot sun!

Organised by Chess in Schools – the people behind the London Chess Classic – the UK's largest chess festival. The Rapidplay is part of ChessFest (www.chess-fest.com), which aims to increase the popularity of chess with the general public and culminates in a day of family-friendly, fun-packed chess activities in Trafalgar Square on Sunday 18th July.

VENUE: Manchester Square, Marylebone, W1U 3AB

DIRECTIONS: Manchester Square is less than a 10-minute walk from Baker Street underground station (Jubilee, Bakerloo, Metropolitan, Hammersmith & City, Circle lines) and Bond Street (Central and Jubilee lines).

TOURNAMENT: A 6-round, 1-section Rapidplay competition, paired using a Swiss system.

TIME CONTROL Both players get 15 minutes each for all their moves with a 10 seconds per move increment from move 1. A 60 move game would last 50 minutes.

Round 1.	10.30am to 11.20am
Round 2.	11.30am to 12.20pm
LUNCH	12:20pm to 1pm
Round 3.	1pm to 1.50pm
Round 4.	2pm to 2.50pm
Round 5.	3pm to 3.50pm
Round 6.	4pm to 4.50pm

PRIZES: 1st £500 2nd £300 3rd £125

RATING PRIZES: U2000 1st - £150, 2nd £100, 3rd £50
 U1800 1st - £150, 2nd £100, 3rd £50
 U1600 1st - £150, 2nd £100, 3rd £50
 U1400 1st - £150, 2nd £100, 3rd £50

AGE PRIZES: U18 1st - £50, 2nd £25
 U16 1st - £50, 2nd £25
 U14 1st - £50, 2nd £25
 U12 1st - £50, 2nd £25
 U10 1st - £50, 2nd £25

All prizes will be paid by bank transfer.

ENTRY FEE: Adults £20 – if entering on or before 9th July
 Adults £30 – if entering after 10th July
 Women FREE
 Under 25* FREE
 GM/IM FREE

* (born on or after 18/7/1996)

BYES: Players may request up to one ½ point bye in any round except the last round. Byes in the final round will score 0 points.

RATINGS: All games will be ECF Rated and FIDE Rated. The July 2021 ECF Rapidplay Ratings will be used for pairings and rating prizes. Where the player has no ECF Rapidplay Rating, the July 2021 FIDE Rapidplay Ratings will be used instead. Players without ratings will have an estimate of their rating assigned by the Chief Arbiter based on the latest available information.

LAWS OF CHESS: FIDE Laws of Chess Apply. The decision of the Chief Arbiter of the Festival is final in all matters

TO ENTER: You must be a current member of the English Chess Federation at SILVER level or above and quote your ECF membership number when entering. You can check your membership status here - <https://ecf.azolve.com/MemberFinder.htm>.

Call 01424 775222 (9:30am - 4:30pm Monday to Friday) to join the ECF or visit their website: www.englishchess.org.uk

Non-English players who belong to a FIDE Federation other than England (e.g. Scotland or USA) don't need to belong to the ECF. However, you do need to quote a FIN (FIDE Identification Number) with your entry.

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