

Second Online County Championships

ECF Online Fair Play and Anti-Cheating [Rules](#) v2.2 apply to all events.

All games will be played on the Chess.com platform as rated individual challenge games and subject to the platform's anti-cheating measures. Games will also be subject to independent analysis in accordance with the above OFPAC Rules.

All players must be either an ECF 2020/21 member or Supporter and use the same chess.com playing account for the duration of the competition (unless excepted under the OFPAC Rules).

All events ECF Online Standard Rated

Registrations, Team entry, pairings and results will be through the ECF LMS only.

Championships - inter county G60/15 - £20 per team*

6:30pm Saturdays between 12 June and 18 September inclusive

Three championships (with trophy prize) – 12 board matches

- **Open**
- **Minor Open 1900** (team average competition rating not exceeding 1900)
- **U1800** (players with competition rating below 1800)

Qualifying competition (where required) – 12 June to 21 August

Team Swiss over 5 rounds maximum according to entry. A bye will apply in the event of an uneven number of entries. In the event of less than 8 entries the format of the qualifying competition shall be determined by the Controller.

R1 12 June; R2 19 June; R3 3 July; R4 17 July; R5 21 August

Standings hierarchy: Total Match Points, Total Game Points, Match Points between those tied, Game Points between those tied, lowest Board Count between those tied, Game Points remaining after elimination of the top board or boards.

The highest placed teams in the Standings will progress to the Knockout Finals stage, with seeded semi-finals being held where more than 7 competing teams pairing 1 v 4 and 2 v 3. In the event of less than 8 entries the top two placed teams will contest the Final.

Knockout Finals Stage – mid September

Semi-Finals **11 September** and Finals 18 September. In the event that the ECF pre-season regional competition is not held the Semi-Finals will be played on 4 September.

Participating counties should assume that players for the Finals Stage of the Championships will be played live in a Zoom Video conference with screen sharing of task manager (or equivalent) on devices restricted to PCs & laptops (i.e. not on tablets or mobile phones). Fair play arrangements for the Finals Stage will be confirmed at the conclusion of Round 5.

Entry, Registration and Team Entry deadlines

Team entries Close at 6pm on Friday 11 June.

Initial Player Registration on LMS for R1 closes at 8pm on Friday 11 June

(NB additional player registrations will be permitted after the conclusion of R1)

Veiled LMS Team entry in competition rating order required by 2pm on match day

(for Round 1 this is Saturday 12 June)

Pairings will be published 1 hour before match start

Results

Result entry/confirmation by Team Captains save where match arbiter is assigned

Teams

ECF Counties Championships eligibility rules apply

Combined county teams permitted at the discretion of the Controller

In each of the three Championships second teams are permitted at the discretion of the Controller. A player can only play for one team in any one Championship but subject to eligibility can play in more than one Championship for the same County. A player can only play for one County in the Championships.

Competition Rating assigned in order of priority

(for purposes of eligibility, team averaging & board order)

- ECF OL Standard (ECF May 2021 rating list v1.0)
- ECF OTB Standard (ECF Monthly Official 1st June 2021 list)
- ECF OL Rapid (ECF May rating list v1.0)
- ECF OTB Rapid (ECF Monthly Official 1st June 2021 list)
- ECF OL Blitz (ECF May rating list v1.0)
- Controller's Estimate

Entry Fees

*Participating counties will be invoiced directly by the ECF Office.

National 1400 – inter region G45/15 – free entry

6:30pm Saturdays over 3 rounds on 21 August, 11 & 18 September

For players with a competition rating (as above) with chess.com rapid rating ahead of controller's estimate.

2021 North v South Blackburn Challenge Match – free entry

To be held on a new date, to be announced at a later date.