British Online Championship Summer 2021

Tournament Regulations, Terms and Conditions

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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 July, 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:
Standardplay: Ratings – ECF Online; *National Online; National OTB; FIDE OTB

Rapidplay Tournaments:
Rapidplay Ratings - ECF Online; *National Online; National OTB; FIDE OTB

Blitz Tournaments:
Blitz Ratings - ECF Online; *National Online; National OTB; FIDE OTB

NB: For Scotland: *National Online refers to Live Allegro Rating

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.
Note: The most recent lists (excluding August 2021) will be used for eligibility and pairings. Players whose rating increases between entry and the event will be moved to the appropriate section. Players whose rating decreases making them eligible for a lower rated section will be offered the opportunity to move.

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 standardplay qualifier 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 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/ecf-privacy-notice/

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	Friday, 30th July	1900
	Round 2	Saturday, 31st July	1900
	Round 3	Sunday, 1st August	1900
	Round 4	Monday, 2nd August	1900
	Round 5	Tuesday, 3rd August	1900
	Round 6	Wednesday, 4th August	1900
	Round 7	Thursday, 5th August	1900
	Round 8	Friday, 6th August	1900
	Round 9	Saturday, 7th August	1900
	Playoffs	Sunday, 8th August	1600
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

British Championship – Open Qualifier

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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	Saturday, 24th July	1900
	Round 2	Sunday, 25th July	1900
	Round 3	Monday, 26th July	1900
	Round 4	Tuesday, 27th July	1900
	Round 5	Wednesday, 28th July	1900
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		

The top 12 players, plus ties, 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 4 finishers

Senior Qualifier (See British Seniors Championship Section) – 4 players (top 2 finisher in each of the 50+ and 65+)

Junior Qualifiers: (See British Juniors Championships Section) – 4 players from Junior Standardplay Qualifiers (top finisher in each of U18, U16, U14, U12)

Players rated 2300 or more plus women rated 2150 or more together with a nomination from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Ulster, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Mann will qualify automatically for final and do not need to play in a qualifier

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		
Zoom (webcam/screenshare required)	Yes		
Game Start Mechanism	Arbiters start individually		
Sections	Over 50, Over 65		
Schedule	Round 1	Monday, 2nd August	1000
	Round 2	Tuesday, 3rd August	1000
	Round 3	Wednesday, 4th August	1000
	Round 4	Thursday, 5th August	1000
	Round 5	Friday, 6th August	1000
	Round 6	Saturday, 7th August	1000
	Round 7	Sunday, 8th August	1000
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	

Best Performance Prize   W-We   Trophy

British Championship – Senior Qualifier
Entry Deadline   Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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   Saturday, 24th July   1000
                                                Round 2   Sunday, 25th July   1000
                                                Round 3   Monday, 26th July   1000
                                                Round 4   Tuesday, 27th July   1000
                                                Round 5   Wednesday, 28th July   1000
Pairings Published for each Round   2230 (the night before)

In each section, the top 14 players, plus ties, will qualify for the British Seniors' final.

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, 2nd August   1300
                                                Round 2   Tuesday, 3rd August   1300
                                                Round 3   Wednesday, 4th August   1300
                                                Round 4   Thursday, 5th August   1300
                                                Round 5   Friday, 6th August   1300
                                                Round 6   Saturday, 7th August   1300
                                                Round 7   Sunday, 8th August   1300
Pairings Published for each Round   2230 (the night before)
Place Prizes   1st   Trophy
                                                2nd   Trophy
                                                3rd   Trophy
Best Performance Prize   W-We   Trophy

British Championship – Women's Qualifier
Entry Deadline   Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021

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	Saturday, 24th July	1300
	Round 2	Sunday, 25th July	1300
	Round 3	Monday, 26th July	1300
	Round 4	Tuesday, 27th July	1300
	Round 5	Wednesday, 28th July	1300
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		

The top 14 players, plus ties, will qualify for the British Women's final.

British Junior Championships (Standardplay: U18, U16, U14, U12, U10, U8)

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		
Schedule	Round 1	Monday, 2nd August	1000
	Round 2	Tuesday, 3rd August	1000
	Round 3	Wednesday, 4th August	1000
	Round 4	Thursday, 5th August	1000
	Round 5	Friday, 6th August	1000
	Round 6	Saturday, 7th August	1000
	Round 7	Sunday, 8th August	1000
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

British Junior Championship –Qualifier

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021

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	Saturday, 24th July	1000
	Round 2	Sunday, 25th July	1000
	Round 3	Monday, 26th July	1000
	Round 4	Tuesday, 27th July	1000
	Round 5	Wednesday, 28th July	1000
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		

In each age group, the top 14 players, plus ties, will qualify for the British Junior Championship final.

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	Friday, 30th July	1000
	Round 2	Friday, 30th July	1045
	Round 3	Friday, 30th July	1130
	Round 4	Friday, 30th July	1215
	Round 5	Friday, 30th July	1300
	Round 6	Friday, 30th July	1345
	Round 7	Friday, 30th July	1430
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

Qualifier

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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	Qualifiers 27th, 28th and 29th July 1000
Pairings Published for each Round	Immediately after the end of the previous round

There will be at least 14 qualifiers for the final. Initially, players scoring 5.5 points or more in any qualifier will qualify for the final. Should the total number of qualifiers not be 14 or greater, then players on the next score group down will qualify.

Players rated 2300 or more plus women rated 2150 or more together with a nomination from England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Ulster, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Mann will qualify automatically for final and do not need to play in a qualifier

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, 1st August 1000
	Round 2 Sunday, 1st August 1045
	Round 3 Sunday, 1st August 1130
	Round 4 Sunday, 1st August 1215
	Round 5 Sunday, 1st August 1300
	Round 6 Sunday, 1st August 1345
	Round 7 Sunday, 1st August 1430
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round
Place Prizes	1st Trophy
	2nd Trophy
	3rd Trophy
Best Performance Prize	W-We Trophy

Qualifier

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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, 31st July 1000

Pairings Published for each Round   Immediately after the end of the previous round

The top 14 players, plus ties, will qualify for the British Seniors' Rapidplay final.

British Women's 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	Sunday, 1st August	1300
	Round 2	Sunday, 1st August	1345
	Round 3	Sunday, 1st August	1430
	Round 4	Sunday, 1st August	1515
	Round 5	Sunday, 1st August	1600
	Round 6	Sunday, 1st August	1645
	Round 7	Sunday, 1st August	1730
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

Qualifier

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021		
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	Friday, 30th July	1300
Pairings Published for each Round	Immediately after the end of the previous round		

The top 14 players, plus ties, will qualify for the British Women's Rapidplay final.

Women rated 2150 of over together with a nomination from each of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Ulster, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Mann are qualified for the final and do not need to play in a qualifier.

British Junior 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	Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18		
Schedule	Round 1	Tuesday, 27th July	1600
	Round 2	Tuesday, 27th July	1645
	Round 3	Tuesday, 27th July	1730
	Round 4	Tuesday, 27th July	1815
	Round 5	Tuesday, 27th July	1900
	Round 6	Tuesday, 27th July	1945
	Round 7	Tuesday, 27th July	2030
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

Qualifiers

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021		
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, 24th July	1600
	Qualifier 2	Sunday, 25th July	1600
	Qualifier 3	Monday, 26th July	1600
Pairings Published for each Round	Immediately after the end of the previous round		

In each age group there will be at least 14 qualifiers for the final. Initially, players scoring 5.5 points or more in any qualifier will qualify for the final. Should the total number of qualifiers not be 14 or greater, then players on the next score group down will qualify.

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	Thursday, 29th July	1900
	Round 2	Thursday, 29th July	1920
	Round 3	Thursday, 29th July	1940
	Round 4	Thursday, 29th July	2000
	Round 5	Thursday, 29th July	2020
	Round 6	Thursday, 29th July	2040
	Round 7	Thursday, 29th July	2100
	Round 8	Thursday, 29th July	2120
	Round 9	Thursday, 29th July	2140
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

Qualifiers

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021		
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	Saturday, 24th July	1300
	Qualifier 2	Sunday, 25th July	1300
	Qualifier 3	Monday, 26th July	1300
Pairings Published for each Round	Immediately after the end of the previous round		

There will be at least 14 qualifiers for the final. Initially, players scoring 5.5 points or more in any qualifier will qualify for the final. Should the total number of qualifiers not be 14 or greater, then players on the next score group down will qualify.

British Senior Blitz Championship (Over 65 and Over 50)

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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	Thursday, 29th July	1600
	Round 2	Thursday, 29th July	1620
	Round 3	Thursday, 29th July	1640
	Round 4	Thursday, 29th July	1700
	Round 5	Thursday, 29th July	1720
	Round 6	Thursday, 29th July	1740
	Round 7	Thursday, 29th July	1800
	Round 8	Thursday, 29th July	1820
	Round 9	Thursday, 29th July	1840
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

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	Saturday, 31st July	1300
	Round 2	Saturday, 31st July	1320
	Round 3	Saturday, 31st July	1340
	Round 4	Saturday, 31st July	1400
	Round 5	Saturday, 31st July	1420
	Round 6	Saturday, 31st July	1440
	Round 7	Saturday, 31st July	1500
	Round 8	Saturday, 31st July	1520
	Round 9	Saturday, 31st July	1540
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

Qualifiers

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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 | Thursday, 29th July | 1300 |
| Pairings Published for each Round | | Immediately after the end of the previous round | |

The top 14 players, plus ties, will qualify for the British Women's Blitz final.

Women rated 2150 of over together with a nomination from each of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Ulster, Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Mann are qualified for the final and do not need to play in a qualifier.

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, 31st July	1600
	Round 2	Saturday, 31st July	1620
	Round 3	Saturday, 31st July	1640
	Round 4	Saturday, 31st July	1700
	Round 5	Saturday, 31st July	1720
	Round 6	Saturday, 31st July	1740
	Round 7	Saturday, 31st July	1800
	Round 8	Saturday, 31st July	1820
	Round 9	Saturday, 31st July	1840
Pairings Published for each Round	As soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize	W-We	Trophy	

Qualifiers

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021		
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	Wednesday, 28th July	1600
	Qualifier 2	Thursday, 29th July	1600
	Qualifier 3	Friday, 30th July	1600
Pairings Published for each Round	Immediately after the end of the previous round		

There will be at least 14 qualifiers for the final. Initially players scoring 5.5 points or more in any qualifier will qualify for the final. Should the total number of qualifiers not be 14 or greater, then players on the next score group down will qualify.

British Bullet Championship

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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, 31st July 1000
Pairings Published for each Round	Immediately after the end of the previous round
Place Prizes	1st Trophy
	2nd Trophy
	3rd Trophy
Best Performance Prize	W-We Trophy

British Junior Bullet Championship

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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 Sunday, 1st August 1000
Pairings Published for each Round	Immediately after the end of the previous round
Place Prizes	1st Trophy
	2nd Trophy
	3rd Trophy
Best Performance Prize	W-We Trophy

6 Round Rated Events

Under 2000 and Under 1400 Standardplay

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
Entry Fee	See entry form

Number of Rounds	6		
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	Saturday, 24th July	1900
	Round 2	Sunday, 25th July	1900
	Round 3	Monday, 26th July	1900
	Round 4	Tuesday, 27th July	1900
	Round 5	Wednesday, 28th July	1900
	Round 6	Thursday, 29th July	1900
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		
Place Prizes (per section)	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize (per section)	W-We	Trophy	

Major Open, Under 1700, Under 1100 Standardplay

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021		
Entry Fee	See entry form		
Number of Rounds	6		
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	Major Open, Under 1700, Under 1100		
Schedule	Round 1	Monday, 2nd August	1900
	Round 2	Tuesday, 3rd August	1900
	Round 3	Wednesday, 4th August	1900
	Round 4	Thursday, 5th August	1900
	Round 5	Friday, 6th August	1900
	Round 6	Saturday, 7th August	1900
Pairings Published for each Round	2230 (the night before)		
Place Prizes (per section)	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize (per section)	W-We	Trophy	

Weekend Standardplay Tournaments: Open, Under 1800, Under 1500

Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
Entry Fee	See entry form
Number of Rounds	6
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 1800, Under 1500		
Schedule	Round 1	Friday, 30th July	1900
	Round 2	Saturday, 31st July	1000
	Round 3	Saturday, 31st July	1600
	Round 4	Sunday, 1st August	1000
	Round 5	Sunday, 1st August	1600
Pairings Published for each Round	Rd 1: 1800; Rds 2 and 4: 2230 (the day before); Rds 3 and 5: 1400		
Place Prizes (per section)	1st	Trophy	
	2nd	Trophy	
	3rd	Trophy	
Best Performance Prize (per section)	W-We	Trophy	

Rated Rapidplay (7 rounds)

Open, Under 1700, Under 1100 :	1600 on Sunday, 1st August	
Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021	
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	
Schedule	Round 1	1600
	Round 2	1645
	Round 3	1730
	Round 4	1815
	Round 5	1900
	Round 6	1945
	Round 7	2030
Pairings Published for each Round	1500 and then as soon as possible after completion of the previous round	
Place Prizes (per section)	1st	Trophy
	2nd	Trophy
	3rd	Trophy
Best Performance Prize (per section)	W-We	Trophy

Under 2000, Under 1400 :	1000 on Saturday, 24th July
Entry Deadline	Late fee payable from Friday, 9th July 2021
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		
Schedule	Round 1	1000	
	Round 2	1045	
	Round 3	1130	
	Round 4	1215	
	Round 5	1300	
	Round 6	1345	
	Round 7	1430	
Pairings Published for each Round	0900 and then as soon as possible after completion of the previous round		
Place Prizes (per section)	1st		Trophy
	2nd		Trophy
	3rd		Trophy
Best Performance Prize (per section)	W-We		Trophy

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

Section E: 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 F: 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 G: Appeals Procedure (General Appeals)

Process
Decisions of an arbiter may be appealed to the Appeals Committee provided that
-     Such an appeal is sent by email to the tournament Manager within 1 hour of the end of the game, 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 three people:
-     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 Players' Panel will be appoint by the Tournament to support the appeals process.

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:
-     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

Appeals against Fair Play sanctions will follow a separate appeals process as set out in the Fair Play regulations

Section H: 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.