

2026 British Chess Championships

Invitation to Tender – February 2025

The English Chess Federation ('ECF') invites tenders for provision of a venue and supporting services for the 2026 British Chess Championships.

We expect that the 2026 British Chess Championships will be held over 10 days, either between Thursday 23rd July and Sunday 2nd August 2026 or a week later between Thursday 30th July and Sunday 9th August 2026.

The requirements for the British Chess Championships are set out in the accompanying document. Any questions in relation to the requirements should be addressed to the British Championships Manager at - manager.british@englishchess.org.uk.

Any bids should be in the form of an e-mail marked clearly "2026 British Championship Bid" with supporting tender response document sent to The British Championships Manager using the email address above, with a copy to office@englishchess.org.uk and should arrive no later than Friday 14th March 2025.

The bid should include:

- An outline of the venue being proposed including floor plans and dimensions for (a) playing areas, and (b) supporting areas (including parents waiting, office, commentary, coaching, bookstall and catering);
- Tables/ seating, IT support and operational arrangements;
- Catering provisions;
- Terms of venue hire, including hire costs (if any);
- Other costs (if any);
- Availability of accommodation for organisers and players either at the venue or locally;
- Potential support for the British Championships festival/ social programme;
- Any other comments/conditions;
- Contact address for questions on the proposal;
- Whether the bidder would like to be considered for the 2027 event if not successful in 2026, and if so on what terms.

Your response should be no longer than 20 pages of A4 in Word or PowerPoint format.

Any bids not received by the specified date may be rejected.

An ECF assessment subcommittee will consider the bids received, which will be assessed on:

- Suitability of the venue, supporting arrangements and hire terms;
- Location and transport links (local and national);
- Availability of accommodation;
- Ability to support a wider festival/ social programme;
- Cost of hire and any other costs.

The subcommittee will aim to select the preferred bidder(s) for further discussions by 28th March 2025, with a single preferred bidder agreed by 11th April 2025 to allow final contract negotiation and agreement.

The bidding procedure is confidential. The ECF may accept/reject any bid without assigning a reason, and will not enter into any correspondence relating to the bidding procedure.

Yours faithfully

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