

10th Menchik Memorial 2025

Tournament Overview

The English Chess Federation is pleased to host the 10th Menchik Memorial Tournament, which will take place from Thursday, 20th March to Monday, 24th March 2025 at the London Mindsports Centre. This prestigious event is a ten-player round-robin competition with nine rounds, providing participants the opportunity to achieve international title norms.

Venue

London Mindsports Centre, 21 Dalling Rd, London W6 0JD

Tournament Rules

The tournament will be conducted in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.

Tournament Format

- **Format:** Round Robin
- **Number of Rounds:** 9
- **Time Control:** 90 minutes for the entire game with a 30-second increment per move
- **Default Time:** 30 minutes

Drawing of Lots

The drawing of lots to assign player numbers will take place during an online ceremony on **Friday, 7th March 2025**, via Zoom. Player numbers will be assigned randomly using the [online random number generator](#).

Draw Agreement

- Players are not permitted to agree to a draw before Black's 30th move.
- A draw claim before Black's 30th move can only be made through an Arbiter.

Withdrawals

Players may not withdraw from the tournament once they have accepted the invitation.

Ranking and Tie-Breaks

The player with the highest score will be declared the winner. In the case of a tie, the following tie-break criteria will be applied in order:

1. Direct encounter
2. Greater number of victories
3. Most games played with Black
4. Sonneborn-Berger score
5. Koya System

Schedule

Round	Date	Time
Round 1	Thursday 20th March	10:00
Round 2	Thursday 20th March	16:00
Round 3	Friday 21st March	10:00
Round 4	Friday 21st March	16:00
Round 5	Saturday 22nd March	10:00
Round 6	Saturday 22nd March	16:00
Round 7	Sunday 23rd March	10:00
Round 8	Sunday 23rd March	16:00
Round 9	Monday 24th March	10:00

Note: Players will be given at least a 30-minute break between the rounds.

Prize

The winner of the tournament will receive a trophy.

Dress Code

Players are expected to dress smartly.

Rating and GDPR Compliance

The tournament will be submitted for rating to both FIDE and the English Chess Federation (ECF). By entering the tournament, players consent to their data being shared with the ECF and FIDE for rating and norm calculations. The March 2025 FIDE Rating List will be used for these purposes.

Appeals

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the tournament organiser within 30 minutes after the game. An appeal fee of £50 applies, which will be refunded if the appeal is successful. The Appeals Committee will consist of one Chairman and two members, all appointed by the organiser. The decisions made by the Appeals Committee are final and binding.

Anti-Cheating Measures

Players should not bring mobile phones or electronic devices to the venue. If brought, they must be completely switched off and placed at the Arbiters' table.

Players may be scanned before or after games.

Games will be analysed by Professor Ken Regan for anti-cheating screening.

There will be 15 minutes delay on the Live broadcast.

Players are not allowed to wear any type of watch during games. The organiser provides a clock in the playing hall.

Parental Responsibility

Parents or guardians are responsible for their children throughout the tournament. Organisers and helpers cannot act "in loco parentis."

Spectators and Media Access

Spectators: Spectators are not permitted in the playing area unless authorized by an Arbiter.

Press and Media: Official press officers may take photographs and video footage with the Arbiter's permission. Players have the option to opt out of being photographed or filmed.

Liability

The organisers are not responsible for any loss, theft, or accident during the event, including personal belongings left in the venue.

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