

# Menchik Memorial 2025 – Tournament Regulations

## 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 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
Laws of Chess	In accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess.
Starting Position	Standard

## 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

**Sofia Rules** are in effect. Therefore:

- 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.

## 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.

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## Schedule

Round	Day	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.

## Ranking and Tie-Breaks

The winner is the player that scores the most points. If the points are equal, tie-breaks for ranking purpose are (in the order of application):

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

## 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.

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## Anti-Cheating Measures

Players should not bring mobile phones, watches or electronic devices to the Venue. If nevertheless brought or worn to the Venue, they must be completely switched off and placed at the Arbiters' table. The organiser will provide a clock in the playing hall.

Players may be electronically scanned before or after games to demonstrate that they are or were not carrying any electronic device on their person. Players may request to be scanned by a person of the same gender.

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

There will be 15 minutes delay on the Live broadcast.

## 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.

## Parental Responsibility

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

## Liability

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

## Contact Details

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