

Adult Tournaments - 5 round Swiss

Open No grade limit *Entry Fee £25*

Prizes: £300, £150, £100

180-195 Grading Prize: £75

U180 Grading Prize: £75

Slow starter prize (0/2) £50

☞ Highest-placed player, not already qualified, who is able and willing to play, wins entry to the 2009 British Championship at their own expense.

☞ Highest-placed eligible player will be SCCU champion

Challengers (under 170) *Entry Fee £18*

Prizes: £180, £90, £50

145-155 Grading Prize £45

U145 Grading Prize: £45

Slow starter prize(0/2)£40

Major (under 140) *Entry Fee £18*

Prizes: £180, £90, £50

115-125 Grading prize £45

U115 Grading Prize: £45

Slow starter prize(0/2)£40

Minor (under 110) *Entry Fee £18*

Prizes: £160, £80, £45

80-95 Grading Prize: £40

U80 Grading Prize: £40

Slow starter prize(0/2)£35

Best aged 15-18 £35

Best aged 14 or under £35

Rate of Play – Adult Tournaments

36 moves in 90 minutes, then 15-minute quickplay finish.

Round Times – Adult Tournaments

Sat 9.30 am, 2.00 pm, 6.30 pm

Sun 9.30 am, 2.00 pm

Prizegiving: Sunday 6.00pm approx.

Junior Tournaments - 6 Round Swiss

Saturday 29th November

Under 12 *Entry Fee £6*

Prizes £40 , £10; **London Junior qualifying event**

Under 10 *Entry Fee £6*

Prizes £40, £10; **London Junior qualifying event**

Rate of Play – Junior Tournaments

All moves in 30 minutes.

Round Times – Junior Tournaments

Sat 10.00am, 11.15am, 12.30pm, 2.00pm, 3.15pm, 4.30pm.

Prizegiving: as soon as possible after the end of the last round!

All ages are calculated at 31.08.08

Trophies

The best Herts player in each section will hold the appropriate trophy for one year.

The Glynne Jones Trophy is awarded to the junior (under 18) resident or attending a school or chess club in Herts, Cambs, Norfolk or Suffolk with the best score in one of the adult tournaments.

The SCCU trophy will be awarded to the highest-placed eligible player in the Open section.

Entry Form

Name		
Address		
e-mail (if any)		
Telephone		
Date of birth (all entrants)	ECF Grade*	
Club / School		
Section entered		
Half-point bye in round no. (no byes in junior tournaments)		
Entry Fee	£	
Late Fee £2 (postmark after 24.11.08)	£	
Additional late fee on the day £2 (including telephone entries)	£	
Donation (thank you)	£	
ECF Direct Members - £2	ECF No.	- £
Total Amount Due	£	

Cheques payable to "Herts Chess Association"

Tick as required (SAE required for post!):-

	Post	e-mail
Acknowledgement		
Accommodation list		

* the official 2008 slow-play grade published by the ECF. (Any other grades, please specify if rapidplay, converted, or estimated, etc).

General

- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries, transfer entries to a different section, or re-arrange sections according to circumstances.
- The Controller's decision in all matters is final.
- We regret that entry fees cannot be refunded in the event of non-appearance.
- All games graded.
- Light refreshments will be available at reasonable prices.
- Further copies of this entry form and the accommodation list may found at www.hertschess.com

Mobile Phones

If your mobile phone rings during play you will lose your game!

Grading limits – adult tournaments

The grading limits for entry to adult tournaments, grading prizes etc, are based on the official 2008 slow-play grades published by the ECF.

Players who only have international ratings should use the following conversion:

$$ECF = (Elo - 600) / 8.$$

Ungraded players – adult tournaments

Ungraded players **must** provide adequate written evidence of playing strength before Monday 24th November. They cannot win grading prizes and, except in the Open, may not win more than £45 in the section in which they play.

Late Arrival

Players arriving more than 30 minutes after the start of the round in adult tournaments will be deemed to have lost by default.

Byes (adult tournaments only)

Players may request a ½ point bye in one of rounds 1-4.

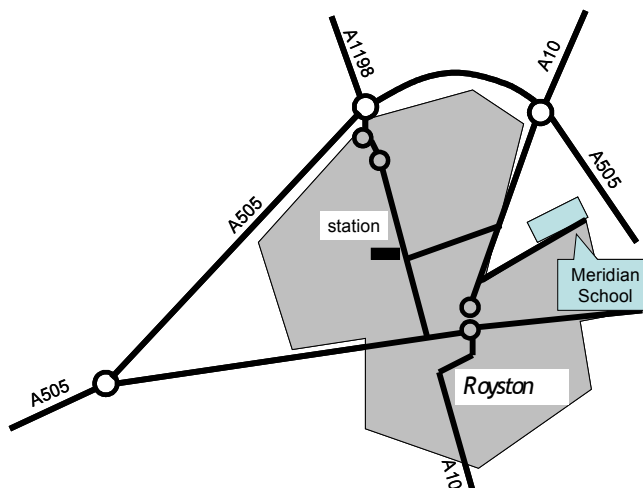
Players *given* a bye because a section has an odd no. of players, or because their opponent has failed to arrive in time, will receive a 1 point bye. In addition, every effort will be made to provide players with a graded game (although this will not count towards the tournament score).

Rate of play will be 30 moves in 75 minutes for re-paired games), then 15-minute QP finish.

Enquiries and Entries to:

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Map of Venue



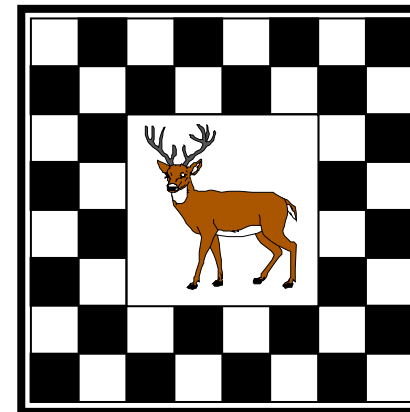
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55th Annual Congress

incorporating

**SCCU Championship
British Championship Qualifier
London Junior Championship Qualifier**



**An English Chess Federation
Grand Prix Event**

(Grand Prix Congress Merit Awards 1985, 1990, 2001)

Hertfordshire Grand Prix Qualifying Event

**Saturday 29th – Sunday 30th
November 2008**

at
**The Meridian School,
Garden Walk, Royston, Herts,
SG8 7JH**

The Meridian School is a no-smoking venue