

## “SWISS” TOURNAMENTS

### Round starting times

Saturday R1. 10:00 R2. 14:30 R3. 18:30  
 Sunday R4. 10.00 R5. 14:30

### Rate of play

Fischer timing. All moves in 90 minutes, plus 10 seconds per move from first move.

### Five sections

Eligibility determined by rating on 1.3.2025  
 Unrated players (not entering the Open) must provide evidence of playing strength before Sun 30<sup>th</sup> March

Entry Fee £40

Prizes in each section £320 £160 £80  
 Plus rating prizes in each section £80

**Trophy for best Herts player in each section**

**Trophy for best Herts junior overall**

Section	Maximum rating	Rating prizes qualification
Open	-	Under 2150
Challengers	2050	Under 1950
Major	1900	Under 1800
Intermediate	1750	Under 1650
Minor	1600	a) under 1500 b) under 1400 c) under 1300

### Other Prizes

Best score in Congress by a junior under 14 £80  
 Best score in Congress by a veteran 65 or over £80  
 Age on 1.1.2025 determines qualification.

Trophy winners will be determined by tie break(s) if necessary, but monetary prizes will be shared equally among the winners in the event of a tie.

## RULES

### ECF “Pay to Play” Fees

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are not current ECF Members at Gold or Platinum level on the date of entry will have £15.00 (£6 for juniors) added to their entry fee.

Bronze ECF members should note that their membership will be upgraded to Gold by the ECF following processing of the congress results for grading. Upgrading prior to the congress – online or via the ECF office – is recommended.

### General Information

1. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries, transfer entries, and to revise prize money, according to circumstances.
2. If your opponent has not arrived 30 minutes after the start of a round s/he is defaulted and you should report to the Controller’s desk.
3. A ½ point bye may be requested in advance, except in round 5.
4. Refunds will not be granted for non-appearance.
5. Except in the OPEN, no ungraded player may win more than a maximum of £60. However, to be eligible for this prize money they must have provided written evidence of their playing strength, before Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
6. Monetary prizes will be paid by PayPal within 14 days of the end of the congress. The PayPal fees will be covered by the congress (not players)
7. **Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school premises and grounds.**
8. The Arbiter’s decision in all matters is final.
9. To contact the organisers in emergency during the congress, e.g. in case of travel delays before round 1 or round 4, call or text the Control Desk on **07355 694490**

**For full terms and conditions please refer to the congress website ([www.stalbanscongress.com](http://www.stalbanscongress.com))**

## ENTRY FORM

You can enter the Congress online, at [www.stalbanscongress.com](http://www.stalbanscongress.com). Alternatively, fill in the postal entry form below.

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Home Tel. No.....

Email.....

Current ECF Grade.....ECF Code.....

ECF Membership No.....Level.....

Age (years) on 1.1.2025.....

Club/School.....

Tournament entered.....

½ point bye in round? (not in round 5).....

Entry fee (£40) £.....

ECF “pay to play” fee (£15, or £6 for juniors) £.....

Donation, thank you £.....

Total amount due £.....

Please make cheques payable to “St Albans Chess Congress”.

Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if a postal receipt of entry is required.

**ENTRY CLOSES at 9 pm on THURSDAY 3/4/25**

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## This event is organised by St. Albans Chess Club

[www.stalbanschessclub.org.uk](http://www.stalbanschessclub.org.uk)

St Albans Chess Club welcomes players of all ages and playing strength

We meet on Mondays at the County Club, 29 Ridgmont Road, St Albans, AL1 3AG, just a short walk from St Albans City railway station.

Early Knights Juniors from 6.15 to 7.15pm  
Seniors from 7.30pm onwards

For full details contact the secretary Chris Pines:

Email [secretary@stalbanschessclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stalbanschessclub.org.uk)

Website (for information / entry)  
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