

2nd Cornwall Autumn Congress 2023

Rules

It is a condition of entry that players agree to abide by the following Congress rules.

1. The organisers reserve the right, without giving a reason, to transfer or refuse an entry.
2. All fees must be paid before play starts. Late entries at the venue are at the discretion of the organisers and subject to a compulsory first round bye.
3. ECF Standard play Grading Lists (August 2023) will be used to determine tournament and seeding.
4. Conversions from other rating systems and estimates for un-graded players will be decided by the organisers.
5. Seeded Swiss pairings will be made by Controllers using ECF rules or computer programs based on ECF or comparable rules.
6. Rate of play is all moves in 75 minutes per player with increments of 30 seconds from move 1.
7. Players arriving more than 30 minutes late for a round may be deemed to have lost by default unless the Controller can re-pair them satisfactorily. Players present whose opponents have not arrived must expect to be re-paired 30 minutes after the start of the round, where possible.
8. An ungraded player may not win a grading prize or any trophy in any section, nor a sum of money higher than the third prize in the Major or Minor.
9. If a player qualifies for more than one cash prize, he/she shall be paid the higher amount and the Congress Director will decide how most fairly any balance shall be re-distributed. Money prizes will be sent after the congress.
10. Congress equipment may not be removed from the playing or analysis areas.
11. Smoking and vaping are not permitted inside the venue.
12. Mobiles and PDA's must be switched off. Failure to do so, or if it makes a sound, will result in the loss of the game.
13. Players agree to abide by the decisions of the Controllers and accept that in all matters relating to the Congress the decisions of the organisers are final.
15. Any photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes. Any entrant who objects to this must inform the Congress Organiser.
16. Players' details will be held electronically for the purposes of administering and marketing the Cornwall Spring and Autumn Chess Congresses; their entries will be published on the Cornwall Chess website. Congress games and results will be made available to the English Chess Federation (ECF) for grading purposes and may be published online. Players not wishing to have their details published on the ECF Website should contact the ECF Office directly.
17. All personal entry information is required for either player identification or communication purposes and will be either safely removed if no longer required or securely retained for the purpose of this and future Cornwall Spring and Autumn Chess Congresses only.
18. We will not share your details with third parties other than the ECF.

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