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55th Cotswold Chess Congress

Sat 24th Sun 25th & Monday 26th May 2025

at The King's School, Gloucester GL1 2BG

The Open will be FIDE & ECF rated & include the Gloucestershire Individual County Championship. All other sections also FIDE & ECF rated. ECF membership at Gold level or above required for all sections

Timetable

Saturday 24 th May	Round 1: 10.00am	Round 2: 3.00pm
Sunday 25 th May	Round 3: 10.00am	Round 4: 3.00pm
Monday 26 th May	Round 5: 10.00am	Round 6: 3.00pm

Rate of Play: Each player receives 90 minutes plus 30-second increment per move from move one. Digital clocks will be used.

Accommodation: Gloucester Tourist Information is within the Museum Brunswick Road, Gloucester, GL1 1HP; Tel: 01452 396572 or go to visitgloucester.co.uk to book accommodation online.

Refreshments: There are numerous eating and drinking establishments within walking distance

The congress committee is very grateful to The King's School, Gloucester for allowing the use of their school hall for this event. There is ample free parking available in the school grounds.

Disclaimer - The school cannot accept liability for loss or damage arising at the congress.

Smoking or vaping is not permitted anywhere on the school premises. Please do not drop litter.

Personal mains electrical equipment is not permitted to be used on the school premises.

Mobile phones must be switched off in and around the playing area.

The King's School is situated in the heart of the city, GL1 2BG. If you are using SatNav please enter via 'Gouda Way' - this will bring you directly to the main school entrance and car park. Entry on foot is via Pitt Street

Emergency contact number please text 07910240299 Enquiries by email up to Wednesday May 21st email cotswoldchesscongress@gmail.co

The **March 2025** ECF OTB Rating List will be used to determine section allocation, Ungraded players must provide evidence of their playing strength, including recent results, previous grades, prizes won and a reasonable estimate of grading. Prizes for ungraded players will be at the discretion of the congress committee.

Please indicate if you have any impairment which requires special circumstances or remedial actions which need to be taken.

The congress committee reserves the right to refuse entry and to transfer competitors to other sections and to cancel or split any section at their discretion.

If a player has not arrived for their game within 30 minutes of the start time, the player will be defaulted, and the controllers may re-pair games.

Players must abide by the FIDE Laws of Chess and any decisions made by the controllers in interpretation of the Laws are final.

Please enter Online where possible. Entries will be accepted up to MIDDAY on Wednesday 21st May (or when **maximum comfortable capacity has been reached**) only if the entry fee has been paid **on or before Midday as at Thursday 22nd May 2025**

Entrants to All sections must be gold members of the ECF or above

FIDE rated OPEN (Including Glos Individual Championship)

MAJOR (ratings under 1860) & MINOR (ratings under 1635)

Entries are only considered **Completed** only when the entry fee has been **paid by the due date.**

Entry Fee

£40

£34

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I wish to enter the OPEN / MAJOR / MINOR tournament (*circle one*)

Name

Email

Telephone (Mobile Preferred or Home)

Club

Rating

[*OPEN SECTION ONLY*] Eligible for Gloucestershire Individual Championship? YES / NO

Basis of eligibility:

Are you an ECF gold or above or member of an international chess association? Yes/No (not eligible)

Competitors may request a ½-point bye in any one round (except the final round) before the start of the congress. Which Round (1-5) if a half-point bye is requested

Entry Fee (*payable in advance*) _____ £

Under 18s on 23/05/2025 may deduct £4 from entry fee
[Please give Date of Birth required by FIDE all sections] (£.....)

DoB
Game Fee supplement (£15) for Bronze & non-ECF members £

please provide:

ECF Membership No.:

ECF Membership Level:

The congress is not sponsored so donations are gratefully received £.....

Total £ _____

The Congress Secretary is Matthew Hammond 12 Serlo Road, Gloucester GL1 2QW for paper entries and cheques only. **We recommend the use of online system and bank transfer**

Cotswold Chess Congress; Bank code 30-98-29; Account number 00028109 (*Remember to quote your name with the payment.*)

Prize Money - Other prizes may be awarded, at the discretion of the organisers, based on the number of entries to each section

	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
OPEN	£300	£200	£140
MAJOR & MINOR	£240	£160	£110

Information provided on the entry form may be recorded and used for congress administration, mailing lists (no information is provided to third parties) and grading purposes. Photos may be taken for use on the congress Facebook page or website. If you do not want your photo published, please inform the organisers.