

Times and Rates of Play

Saturday 7 March 2020

Round 1 – start 9.30am

Round 2 – start 2.00pm

Round 3 – start 6.30pm

Sunday 8 March 2020

Round 4 – start 10.00am

Round 5 – start 2.30pm

Prizegiving – 6.30pm (approx)

Rate of play: 36 moves in 80 minutes, followed by 15 minutes to finish the game, with an increment of 15 seconds per move from move 1.

All events are Swiss competitions, not knockouts. The venue, Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford, Cambridgeshire, CB22 4NE, has a car park, and there is on-street parking close by. It's about a mile from Whittlesford Parkway railway station. There are two hotels close to the station, and a number of pubs and B&Bs in and near the village, but limited other shopping outlets. Free tea coffee and biscuits will be available during the Congress.

If you have any questions, or have any impairment that may require special circumstances, please contact the Chief Organiser.

ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Only EACU players are eligible to play in any section of this congress. An EACU player is one who (i) currently lives in, or (ii) has for a consecutive 5 year period lived in, or (iii) is currently a student at a school, college or university in, or (iv) was born in, or (v) is currently a member of a club in or affiliated to, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk or Suffolk.

In all matters, the Chief Controller's decision shall be final.

It is a condition of entry that players agree to their grading information being published on the English Chess Federation (ECF) Website.

The Organisers reserve the right to transfer players from one section to another or to refuse entry to any player without giving any reason, and to merge sections and/or to increase or reduce the prize fund and its distribution depending upon entries.

A junior is a player born on or after 1 September 2001.

Any player arriving more than 30 minutes later than the scheduled start time for any round will be defaulted that game, and their opponent re-paired if possible.

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area, and must not be on a player's person or moved by them at any time during their game. Any player whose mobile phone makes any sound during play, or who is found to be consulting or using any device capable of suggesting chess moves, will be defaulted that game.

THE EAST ANGLIAN CHESS UNION



CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2019-20

Incorporating the EACU Junior Championships

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th March 2020

at

**Whittlesford Memorial Hall, Mill Lane, Whittlesford,
Cambridgeshire, CB22 4NE (near Duxford)**

**A Five-Round Swiss Tournament with three Championship
Sections – Open, Under-170 and Under-130.**

Part of the EACU Marcus Misson Memorial Grand Prix

Enquiries and Entries to the Chief Organiser:
Richard Freeman, 44 Kelling Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes,
MK10 9NW, or richard@fcasolutions.co.uk.
Telephone enquiries: 01908-234014 or 07961-121010

Chief Controller – John Wickham, ECF Arbiter

ENTRY FORM

Full Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Club Date of birth (juniors)

ECF Membership Number Level

ECF Grade (Jan 2020) Grading Ref Number.....

If you have no current ECF grade, please give FIDE rating or any other grade you may have. If you have no current grade or rating, please give most recent grade and year it was achieved. If you have never been graded, please provide an indication of your approximate current playing strength on a separate piece of paper.

I wish to enter the Open/U-170/U-130 *	Entry fee	£	
	Early Entry Discount	£ ()	
Half-point bye required in round	Surcharge (see below)	£	
[Rounds 1 to 4 only]	Donation (thank you)	£	
*delete as appropriate	Total	£	

For payment details, and how to enter, please see ‘Sections, Prizes and Entry Fees’

All entries postmarked on or before 22 February 2020, or received electronically on or before that date, will be entitled to a £3.00 Early Entry Discount. All ECF Bronze Members or non-ECF Members have to pay a £9.00 surcharge. This upgrades Bronze membership to Silver membership, and for non-members represents the ECF’s ‘pay to play’ fee. All juniors who are not ECF members are encouraged to take out Silver ECF membership for £6.00 (or free for their first year). Junior Bronze members should upgrade to Silver membership free of charge prior to entry via the ECF website.

A half-point bye may be claimed in one of rounds 1-4, if requested at the time of entry.

A bookstall will be provided by Francis Bowers, trading as Premier Engraving and Sports Goods, 1037 Lincoln Road, Walton, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, PE4 6AH, 01733 575544, website: www.premierengravinguk.com, email: chessbower@aol.com

Sections, Prizes and Entry Fees

Championship Section	First prize	Second prize	Third prize	Junior prize	Entry fee
Open	£160	£110	£80	£50	£30
Under-170	£100	£70	£50	£40	£25
Under-130	£80	£55	£40	£30	£22

Entry may be made online via www.eacu.org.uk, by post to Richard Freeman at 44 Kelling Way, Broughton, Milton Keynes, MK10 9NW, or by email to him at richard@fcasolutions.co.uk. If entering by email, please either attach a completed entry form, or include all the information requested on the entry form.

If enclosing payment with a posted entry form, please make cheques payable to ‘East Anglian Chess Union’.

If entering online or by email, please make payment through online banking using the EACU bank account number 80334499 and sort code 20-17-19. If using this method, please quote your name as the payment reference.

Subject to entries, other prizes may be added, and will be announced prior to the start of the second round. No player may win more than one monetary prize. Ungraded players may not win a grading prize or become Under-170 or Under-130 champions, and any monetary prize won by an ungraded player in the Under-170 or Under-130 sections will be subject to a 50% deduction. Grades used will be those at January 2020.

The highest-placed junior in each section will be the EACU Junior Champion for that section.

In the event of ties, all monetary prizes will be shared equally, but the Championship Titles will be determined by sums of progressive scores, and if that is equal, average opponents’ grade, and if that is then equal the toss of a coin. Each Champion will receive a permanent trophy in addition to their monetary prize.

The EACU Open Champion will qualify for a place in the 2020 British Championship, to be held in Torquay from 18 to 26 July 2020. They will enter the British Championship at their own expense.

Anyone wishing to take photographs at the event should agree this in advance with the Chief Organiser. Photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes by the EACU. Personal information provided on the entry form will be used for the purposes of running and administering the Congress, and for notification of future EACU events. Some game scores may also be published on the EACU and other websites.