

41st Bury St Edmunds Congress

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We would like you to enter and pay online at www.bsecongress.org, but understand that not everyone will want or be able to do that. Early entry is encouraged for all, but especially if using this form as we are likely to reach capacity well before the event.

Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October 2024

Moreton Hall Community Centre, Symonds Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 7EE



£350
First Prize
(Open)

Junior
Prizes in all
sections

Women's
Prizes in all
sections

Over
£2,000
in Prizes

A five-round Swiss Tournament

Four sections: Open, Major (u1900), Inter (u1700) and Minor (u1500)

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Round Times and Rate of Play

Saturday 19th October

(Doors open 08:30)

Round 1: 09:30

Round 2: 14:00

Round 3: 18:30

Sunday 20th October

(Doors open 08:30)

Round 4: 09:30

Round 5: 14:00

Prize Giving: 18:00 approx.

Rate of Play

All moves in 90 minutes plus 15 second increment per move from move 1.

Late Arrivals

Players arriving more than 30 minutes after the scheduled round start time will be defaulted.

An English Chess Federation Grand Prix Event

An East Anglia Grand Prix Event

Total Prize Fund of More Than £2,000

The planned prize schedule is available in full on the tournament website. Junior prizes and women's prizes will be offered in each section. These are underwritten by the **Patrick Ribbards Legacy Fund** and are guaranteed regardless of the number of entries. The other prizes are guaranteed if entries reach 80. Additional rating and junior prizes will be awarded if finances permit.

Refreshments

Free, self-service, tea and coffee facilities will be available. The bar at the event will be open from around noon on both days. They do not serve food (except bar snacks), but there is a Tesco Express within a two minute walk and other facilities also close at hand.

Bookstall

A bookstall will be provided by Chess & Bridge.

Tournament Capacity

Entries are limited to 118. Enter early to avoid disappointment.

Parking

Free parking is available at the venue if displaying a parking permit. We will email you with details of how to print your own permit as the tournament approaches. Pre-printed permits will also be available at the event.

Online List of Entrants and Results

The full list of confirmed entrants will be visible online at www.bsecongress.org. Once the tournament begins, entries, pairings and results will be available via chess-results.com, which will also be linked from the tournament website.

Accommodation

There are numerous hotels and B&Bs in Bury St Edmunds. For details, consult the congress website.

Tournament Rules

Byes

You may request one half-point bye in any of rounds 1 to 4. All bye requests should be submitted before we begin pairing the relevant round.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones, and other devices capable of suggesting moves, must be switched off in the playing area. This applies to players and spectators unless express permission has been granted by the organisers. Players must not have such a device on their person while their game is in progress. Any player who, during play, is found to be consulting such a device or whose device makes any sound, will immediately forfeit that game.

Tie-Breaks

In the event of a tie for a rating prize, the prize will be awarded to the lowest rated player. No other tie-breaks will be used for monetary prizes, with prize money being shared equally between qualifying players on the same number of points. Tie-breaks for any non-shareable prizes will be published at the event.

No player may be awarded more than one monetary prize. Would this otherwise occur, the player will be awarded the higher value prize. The organisers may vary this arrangement if doing so results in a fairer distribution of prizes. This is most likely to occur where a player would qualify for a share of multiple prizes.

Disputes

In all matters, the Congress Director's decision is final.

Rules related to Players with Estimated Ratings

Ratings other than currently published ECF Standard Play Ratings without a P-suffix (or equivalent FIDE ratings) will be regarded as estimates.

A deduction of 50% may be made from any cash prize won by a player using an estimated rating, unless they are playing in the Open section of the event.

In addition, players using estimated ratings will not be eligible for rating prizes, regardless of tournament section.

Allocation to Sections / Rating Limits

Allocation to tournament sections will be based on original August ECF standard play ratings where available. Players should enter the lowest section for which they are eligible, though players may, if they wish, add 100 points to their rating when calculating this (or 200 for juniors).

Withdrawals

Refunds will be provided at the organisers' discretion, but not for players who simply fail to turn up. We may retain a portion of your fee if you withdraw in the week prior to the event.

Right to refuse entry

The Congress Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without being required to state a reason.

Payment and Postal Address

Please complete and return the form below, together with payment, to the address to the right.

Cheques should be made payable to **Bury St Edmunds Chess Congress**. Alternatively contact us to arrange a bank transfer.

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Anyone providing an email address will receive an acknowledgement and regular updates about the tournament, including future editions. You may unsubscribe at any time.

If written confirmation of receipt is required, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your entry.

Entry Form

Surname					Section	Adult Entry Fee		Junior *	
First Name					Open	£ 31	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
Chess Title (e.g. GM)					Major (u1900++)	£ 28	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 23	<input type="checkbox"/>
Club or Town					Inter (u1700++)	£ 28	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 23	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECF Original Aug Rating	Further information available below				Minor (u1500++)	£ 25	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 19	<input type="checkbox"/>
ECF Membership No † (or Rating Code)					Pay to Play Fee †	£ 15	<input type="checkbox"/>	£ 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Birth (Juniors *)					Donation (Optional)	£			
Email Address					Total Payable	£			
Phone No					Rules Acceptance	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tick to indicate that you have read and agree to the tournament rules.		
Bye Request (1/2-point)	Rnd 1 <input type="checkbox"/>	Rnd 2 <input type="checkbox"/>	Rnd 3 <input type="checkbox"/>	Rnd 4 <input type="checkbox"/>					

Players without an Original August ECF Rating

Where a player does not have an ECF Rating in the original August Standardplay list, or where that rating is P-suffixed, indicating it is a partial rating, an equivalent FIDE rating may be supplied. All other ratings will be regarded as estimates, including rapidplay and online ratings.

If supplying an estimated rating, please include details of how this was reached. For online ratings, username(s) and platform name(s) should be supplied. The organisers may make their own revised estimated based on the same material or other materials available to them.

* Juniors are those aged under 18 on 1st September 2024.

† Anyone not an ECF Silver, Gold or Platinum Member (at the time of the event) is liable for the ECF's Pay to Play Fee.

++ Players will be allocated to sections based on the ECF's original August 2024 rating list where possible. Further details above and left.

Original October 2024 ratings will be used for seeding (and pairing) and for determining eligibility for rating prizes.