

Worcestershire

Closed Chess Congress

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th August 2018



THE KING'S SCHOOL WORCESTER

Castle Place, Worcester WR1 2NB

Directions to Venue: The school premises are adjacent to the Cathedral and details of how to find the school are linked from the web page at: http://www.raycollett.net/worcs/ksw_location.pdf

Parking: There is city centre parking in King Street, Clare Street, Tallow Hill or the multi-storey St Martin's Gate municipal car parks or the NCP Cathedral multi-storey car park. Information about municipal car parks is on the web at: <https://www.worcester.gov.uk/parking>

Refreshments: There will be facilities for making tea and coffee and biscuits available for a donation.

Mobile Phones: Phones and other electronic devices should be switched off during play. A player whose mobile phone sounds during a game will be defaulted.

Tournament controller: The event will be controlled by Andrew Farthing. ECF Arbiter Kevin Markey has kindly agreed to be available by telephone in the event of a matter requiring referral

No smoking: The school grounds are a non-smoking area and smoking is banned inside the Keyes Building.

Photography and publication of results: Names of players, their club affiliation and any title gained will be published on a website for Worcestershire Chess Association and reports will be sent to local news media and the ECF. Photographs will be taken during play and at prize-giving.

Terms and conditions: Players entering the tournament agree to abide by the FIDE Laws of Chess and decisions of the controllers. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries.

A large selection of second-hand chess books will be on sale at the event at very reasonable prices. All sale proceeds will be donated to St Richard's Hospice, Worcester. **Cash sales only.** A list of the titles available will be posted on the Worcestershire Chess Association website.

Schedule

Round 1	Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Round 2	Saturday	2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Round 3	Saturday	7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Round 4	Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Round 5	Sunday	2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Prize-giving	Sunday	6:30 p.m. approx

Late arrivals: Players not arriving within 30 minutes of the start time of any round will be defaulted and their opponents re-paired if possible.

Byes: You may take a half-point bye in any one of the first 4 rounds. If a bye is required, please request it on the entry form.

Grading: Ungraded players must supply details of their playing strength with their entry form. Ungraded players are not eligible for the Minor Championship title.

Tournament format: There will be one section played as a Swiss tournament and all results will be submitted for ECF grading. Titles will not be shared, but decided by tie-break according to the procedure published at the tournament.

Rate of Play: 35 moves in 75 minutes, followed by an additional 30 minutes per player to complete the game.

Worcestershire individual titles and prizes: Winning players will gain a Worcestershire individual champion's title and a trophy. A player may gain one title only: there are no cash prizes. It is planned to award the following titles: **Worcestershire Individual Champion**, **Worcestershire Women's Individual Champion** for female players, **Worcestershire Veteran Champion** for players born before 1948, and **Worcestershire Senior Champion** for players born in the years 1948 to 1958, **Worcestershire Minor Champion** (graded under 130 in the July 2018 ECF grading list), **Worcestershire Junior Champion** for players under the age of sixteen on 18 August 2017 and **best ungraded player**. Ungraded players are not eligible for the Minor Championship. Any additional prizes will be announced at the event.

Entry date: Entries must be received by 12 noon, on Friday, 17th August.
Please note: No entries will be accepted on the day of the tournament.

Withdrawals: If withdrawing during the tournament, please notify a controller or note it on your result slip. If you withdraw before the first round, your entry fee will be refunded, less a £1 administration fee.

ENTRY FEES:
Adults **£10**, Juniors under the age of sixteen **£5**. Games at this event will be graded and entrants **must be either** English Chess Federation bronze (or higher category) members for the 2017-8 season **or** pay ECF fees. An entrants who is not an ECF member should contact Ray Collett who will advise options and cost.

Enquiries and entry forms to: Ray Collett, 7 Ogilvy Square, Worcester WR3 7LU

E-mail: collett (AT) clara.co.uk [Replace (AT) with @]

Telephone : Worcester 454 754.

---ENTRY FORM: last time for receipt of entries 12 noon, Friday 17 August---

I wish to enter and accept the entry conditions.

Date of birth for players under the age of 16 :

Year of birth for players born 1958 or earlier:

Name: Club:

Address:

..... Post code:

Tel. no.: State round for bye, if required:

E-mail address:

Latest Grade: ECF Grading Code:

ECF Membership no.: ECF Membership level:

Signed:

Date:

Entry fee (*Adults £10 / Juniors £5*) £

Non-ECF-member supplement (*Contact Ray*) £

Donation to Worcs CA (*optional*) – Thank you! £

Remittance enclosed for total: £

Please make cheques payable to "Worcestershire Chess Association"