



48th
**Scarborough
Chess Congress**

24th - 26th October 2025

At the Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough. YO11 2HD



5 round Swiss tournament

All sections ECF rated | Open & Challengers FIDE rated

Open | U2050 | U1900 | U1750 | U1600 | U1450

TOTAL PRIZE POOL OVER £7000

£1000 OPEN 1ST PLACE PRIZE

Sections

Open	
Challengers	(U2050)
Major	(U1900)
Intermediate	(U1750)
Minor	(U1600)
Foundation	(U1450)

	<i>Prizes</i>	<i>Entry fee</i>	
1 st £1000	2 nd £400	3 rd £200	£45
1 st £600	2 nd £300	3 rd £100	£40
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1 st £400	2 nd £200	3 rd £100	£35

£100 rating prizes will be awarded in each section subject to the number of entries
No tie breaks used - prizes will be shared equally
Players eligible to win both a main prize and a rating prize will only receive the highest prize

Timetable

Opening ceremony	Fri 24 th October	18:50
Round 1	Fri 24 th October	19:00
Round 2	Sat 25 th October	09:30
Round 3	Sat 25 th October	14:30
Round 4	Sun 26 th October	09:30
Round 5	Sun 26 th October	14:30

Games defaulted after 30 minutes

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Chess & Bridge

The London Chess Centre
44, Baker Street,
London. W1U 7RT
Tel. 020 7486 7015
www.chess.co.uk

Ratings

All games will be ECF rated so all players **must** be Gold members or above otherwise the 'pay to play' fee is payable. Bronze members would be upgraded to Gold after paying this fee.

Players without a rating must provide evidence of their playing ability. Online accounts with chess.com or lichess.com would suffice but your username would be required.

The published 'July 2025' ratings will be used to determine the section to be played in but the 'October 2025' ratings will be used for pairing. At the organised discretion, players may be moved to a higher section if their October rating takes them into a higher section.

FIDE

The Open & Challengers sections are FIDE rated. Players with both a FIDE and ECF rating, the highest will be used. **Non ENG players must have a FIN.**

The Team

Director & Organiser

Nigel Hepworth (tel.no. 07903 548675)
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Arbiters

Lara Barnes(chief), Matthew Carr,
Nigel Hepworth, Peter Ackley,
Jim Burnett, Neil Lowther

Website



www.scarboroughchess.uk

This will be kept up to date with all entries received and any news relating to the congress.

An on-line entry form will be available which is the preferred method of entry.

Facilities

The Spa offers a good selection of food and beverages including a bar but eating whilst playing will **not be permitted**

Fees

Entry fees

Open - £45, Challengers / Major / Intermediate / Minor - £40, Foundation - £35
Free entry for GM's and WGM's

Discounts

- Juniors (under 18 on 1/9/25) & Seniors (over 65 on 1/9/25) -£5

Additional fees

- Bronze and non ECF members - 'pay to play' fee +£15 for adults, +£6 for juniors
- Late entry fee for entries received after Wednesday 22nd October 2025 +£10

Entries only accepted upon receipt of payment.

Withdrawals

All entries received before 1st July 2025 will receive a full refund, otherwise a £5 admin fee will be deducted from the fee paid.

Rate of play

110 minutes with a **10 second** increment for all moves.

All moves must be recorded on the provided score sheets until your clock goes under 5 minutes remaining.



Entry Form - 2025

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Open | <input type="checkbox"/> Intermediate (U1750) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Challengers (U2050) | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor (U1600) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Major (U1900) | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundation (U1450) |

First name			
Surname			
Date of birth (dd/mm/yy)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Telephone number			
Address			
Postcode			
Email			
Chess Club			
Any special needs			

Byes	<input type="checkbox"/> Round 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Round 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Round 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Round 4
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Current rating		Source (eg ECF)	
ECF Rating code		FIDE ID code	
Username (if online rating)			

ECF membership	<input type="checkbox"/> None	<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold	<input type="checkbox"/> Platinum
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Entry Fee	Open £45, Foundation £35, Others £40 Free entry for GM's and WGM's	+ £
Late Entry Fee	Entries received after Wednesday 22 nd October 2025 +£10	+ £
Pay to play	Players below Gold ECF membership Adults +£15, Juniors +£6	+ £
Discounts	Juniors (aged under 18 on 1/9/25) - £5 Seniors (over 65 on 1/9/25) - £5	- £
Donations	Will go towards 2026 event & received with thanks	+ £
TOTAL		= £

Entries only accepted with full payment

Cheques - payable to 'Scarborough Chess Congress' and posted to Nigel Hepworth, 71 Fixby Road, Huddersfield. HD2 2JB

Bank Transfer - Sort Code 30-96-15, Account no. 02531526
Please provide your full name as reference.

Thank you