

# Shropshire Chess Congress

**4-6 January 2019**

Open - FIDE-rated with first prize of £1,000

Major - Under 170 ECF

Intermediate - Under 135 ECF

Minor - Under 100 ECF

Fri 4 to Sun 6 January 2019

The Wrekin Housing Trust, Colliers Way,  
Old Park, Telford TF3 4AW

**Live transmission of up to 10 boards**

**An ECF Grand Prix event**

**Controller: David Thomas, ECF arbiter**

## **Playing Schedule**

Round 1 - Fri 4 Jan 2019 - 7pm - 11pm

Round 2 - Sat 5 Jan 2019 - 9.30am - 1.30pm

Round 3 - Sat 5 Jan 2017 - 2.30pm - 6.30pm

Round 4 - Sun 6 Jan 2019 - 9.30am - 1.30pm

Round 5 - Sun 6 Jan 2019 - 2.30pm - 6.30pm

## **Prizes:**

### **Open**

First £1,000, Second £300, Third £150

Trophy for highest placed Shropshire-based player in the Open, plus Grading prize.

### **Major, Intermediate and Minor**

First £300, Second £150, Third £75 plus Grading prizes.

If ties occur, prize money will be shared.

## **Rate of Play**

All moves in 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds per move from move one.

## **Entry fees:**

Open: Adult £35; Junior (U18) £25

Major, Intermediate, Minor: Adult £25; Junior (U18) £20

Additional late entry fee if received after 21/12/18 - £5

ECF congress fee if not Silver/Gold/Platinum ECF member - £10.50

English players in the FIDE-rated Open are required to be Gold or Platinum ECF members.

Non English players must provide their FIDE Identification Number (FIN) at the time of entry.

If you do not have an FIN, you must apply to your own federation for an FIN.

For Major, Intermediate and Minor section, ECF congress fee for entrants who are not Silver/Gold/Platinum ECF member - £7.50

Prizegiving will take place as soon as possible after round 5. Players may request a half-point bye in any one of the first three rounds at the time of entry.

**Total prize fund over £3,000 - FIDE-rated Open with £1,000 first prize, Fri to Sun format and incremental time controls ...**

# Entry form

**It is much easier for us if you enter online - [www.shropshirechesscongress.org.uk](http://www.shropshirechesscongress.org.uk)**

If this is not possible, you can complete the form below and return by post but please email or telephone to let us know you have sent an entry.

## Venue & Refreshments

We are very grateful to the Wrekin Housing Trust who have allowed us the use of their excellent training suite and catering facilities for the event. Only refreshments purchased at the venue may be consumed on site and we ask all participants to support this policy. Smoking is not permitted at all on the site. The venue is just a few minutes from the M54 and Telford rail station.

## Late Arrival

Players arriving more than 30 minutes after the scheduled start of any round will record a loss by default, unless a suitable pairing can be arranged. Players whose opponents have not arrived 30 minutes after the start of a round, and players having a bye, will be re-paired if possible.

## Organisation

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry or transfer an entry to another section without giving a reason. Players accept as a condition of entry that the Organisers' and Controller's decision on any aspect of the congress is final, and that the information provided on the entry form may be recorded and used for congress administration, mailing lists and grading purposes. Under exceptional circumstances, at the organisers' discretion, prize fund can be reduced. Adverse weather conditions may force either cancellation of the congress, or your withdrawal from it. While we can make no guarantee, we will try to refund at least part of the entry fee. Mobile phones and other portable communication devices must be switched off for the duration of play with the penalty for non-compliance being a default for that game.

Section:		Half-point bye Rd	
Name			
Address			
Telephone		Postcode	
Email		FIDE rating	
Club		FIDE FIN	
ECF Membership No. **		ECF Grade	
Date of Birth if Junior		ECF Grading Ref	
Entry Fee	£		
Late entry fee	£		
Donation (gratefully received!)	£		
Total	£		

\* If you don't have a current FIDE or ECF grade, please give as much information as possible of congress, league results or former grades. Failure to do so may mean reduction of, or ineligibility for a prize.

\*\* For Major and Minor sections, entrants who do not have ECF membership at Silver level or above will have to pay a congress fee of £7.50. If you are a Bronze member, this fee will convert your ECF membership to Silver for the current year. Open entrants who are registered with England must be Gold or Platinum members.

Please make cheques payable to: Shropshire Chess Association. Confirmation of entries will be sent by email.  
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