

2018 Perth Chess Congress

A Scottish Chess Tour Event

Friday 23rd to Sunday 25th February 2018

Venue – Salutation Hotel, 34 South Street, Perth, PH2 8PH



TOURNAMENTS

A – Over 1800 FIDE RATED

B – Under 1900 and Over 1500 FIDE RATED

C – Under 1600 and Over 1200 NOT FIDE RATED

D – Under 1300 NOT FIDE RATED

SATURDAY NIGHT FUN FIDE OPEN BLITZ FIDE RATED

All Main Events: Five round Swiss tournaments played under the rules of Chess Scotland (CS).
Saturday Blitz: 9 Rounds played under the rules of Chess Scotland (CS).

Sections A to D

Ratings

In determining which section to enter, players should use their start of season Chess Scotland grading, as published in the CS grading list, July 2017. Players wishing to play in a higher section and who have a live CS grade or FIDE grade at the 31st December 2017 which would be high enough to qualify may do so but should state the section they wish to play in at the time of entry. Players cannot play down a section based on live grades. Latest FIDE or national ratings will be used for non-CS rated players.

Seedings for Sections A and B will be determined by FIDE ratings. Where a player does not have a FIDE rating their national rating will be used.

For ECF rated players the conversion that will be applied is as per the CS Chief Grading Officers recommendation. $ECF *10+180 = CS$, so an ECF player rated 100 will convert to 1180 CS.

Entry Deadline

We can accept entries up to the start of play on Friday but it would assist us greatly if entries were received by Friday February 16th, 2018. We are unable to take telephone entries on the Friday that the congress starts and any postal entries should be posted to arrive by the Thursday.





ENTRY FEES - SECTIONS A to D

TITLED (GM, IM, WGM, FM, WIM, WFM)

FREE if entry received before 31st January 2018 otherwise £30

JUNIORS (under 17 at 17/02/17) - £22

ADULTS - £30

DISCOUNTS

Chess Scotland (CS) Members – Chess Scotland members may deduct £2. Details of Chess Scotland membership and Chess Scotland fees can be found on the Chess Scotland website.

www.chessscotland.com

Family Discount – £2 discount for each player, in addition to CS discount.

For example:

A: adult & junior (both CS members) – Adult £30 less £2 CS discount, less £2 family discount = £26. Junior £22 less £2 discount, less £2 family discount = £18. Total for family = £44.

B: three juniors (two CS members, one not) – Juniors 3 x £22 = £66 less 2 x CS discount = £4, less 3 x family discount = £6. Total for family = £56.

PLAYING SESSIONS – SECTIONS A to D

- Round 1 - Friday 6.30pm to 10.30pm
- Round 2 - Saturday 9.30am to 1.30pm
- Round 3 - Saturday 2.30pm to 6.30pm
- Round 4 - Sunday 9.30am to 1.30pm
- Round 5 - Sunday 2.30pm to 6.30pm

Rate of play: Incremental Time Control. 40 moves in 75 minutes followed by 15 minutes for the remaining moves, with 30 second increments from move 1. There will be no quickplay finishes.

Players involved in matches which run over the scheduled finish time in rounds 2 or 4 by over 30 minutes will be allowed a minimum of 30 minutes for lunch before commencing the next round, should they wish to take it. Their opponents will be informed and their understanding will be appreciated.

Players without opponents will be repaired after 30 minutes where possible. A ½ point bye may be taken in any round, provided it is done so before the congress starts.

GRAND PRIX EVENTS

Events will form part of the ChessBase Grand Prix and (where appropriate) the Walter Munn Junior Grand Prix organised by Chess Scotland.



PRIZES

1st - £150

2nd - £100

3rd - £50

Grading Prizes - £30

Additional prizes may be added depending on entries.

Where places are tied for the prizes will be shared.

There will be no official prize giving immediately after the congress. **All** prizes will be mailed by cheque or paid by bank transfer in the week following the congress. It is therefore important that all entrants provide a home address or a contact e-mail to ensure that all prize winners receive their prize. This saves players who finish early in round 5 from waiting around to receive prizes and allows the organising team to clear down the event and travel home at a reasonable hour.



SATURDAY NIGHT FUN FIDE OPEN BLITZ

The Saturday Night Fun FIDE Open Blitz is open to all. You don't have to be participating in the weekend congress to take part. Entry Fee for all players is £5 payable at the event.

Start time – 7.30pm. Finish time – 10.00pm approx.

FIDE rated.

1 Section. 9 rounds.

£5 entry fee, enter beforehand or at the congress.

All entry fees returned as prizes, less CS admin fee for FIDE rating.

Prizes – 1st place and rating prizes.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

All the latest news on the congress and other events at www.scotchesstour.co.uk
Follow us on twitter @scotchesstour Find us on Facebook – Scottish Chess Tour.

CONDITIONS

The organisers reserve the right to:

- Increase or decrease prize money.
- Transfer entrants between events.
- Split or merge events depending on numbers.
- Withhold prizes from ungraded players if they play in events below their known strength.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without assigning a reason.
- Take any other measures deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the congress.



The Venue

The Salutation Hotel is situated in the heart of the city of Perth. An ideal venue for the 2018 Chess Congress or a city shopping break for accompanying visitors, and for accessing all the wonderful attractions Perthshire has to offer.

The Salutation Hotel, Perth, has been welcoming guests through its doors since 1699. The hotel is full of character and thought to be one of the oldest hotels in Scotland.

84 comfortable en-suite bedrooms with hospitality tray, telephone, hairdryer, and remote control colour televisions.

Ideally placed for shops and theatre and only a short distance from bus and railway stations.

Free Wi-Fi in public areas

Parking nearby

The Adam Restaurant offers an extensive hot and cold buffet breakfast and three course carvery dinner, featuring prime Scottish fayre and is complimented by an a la carte menu and a comprehensive wine list. The informal restaurant is the ideal place to relax and enjoy your meal.

Reid's Bar serves delicious lunches and bar suppers to suit all types of dining.

The hotel also boasts superb conference and function facilities for up to 300 people with all the latest in Audio Visual with built in screens, PA System, Induction Loop, Air Conditioning, Light Control Mood and Built in Disabled Ramp.

ENTRY FORM – 2018 Perth Chess Congress

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Grade: _____ Pnum: _____

DOB (if under 20): _____

Event: _____

Half Point Bye Required YES/NO Round __

Saturday Night Fun FIDE Blitz – YES/NO/MAYBE

Entry Fee: £ _____

Saturday Night Fun FIDE Blitz £ _____

Donation (Thank You): £ _____

Deduction Chess Scotland Member/Junior £ _____

Total: £ _____

Please return completed forms to:

David Congalton

12F Townhead

Irvine

Ayrshire

KA12 0BE



Tel - 01294 673140 between 6pm and 9pm

weekdays and 10am to 9pm at weekends. If no answer, please leave a message on answer machine and I'll return your call. No calls after 9pm please.

E-Mail – perth@scotchesstour.co.uk

Entries by email MUST include a postal address. Please make cheques payable to Ayrshire and Arran Chess Fellowship.