



# 2018 Ayr Chess Congress

## A Scottish Chess Tour Event

Friday 25th May to Sunday 27th May, 2018

Venue – Windows on the Ocean, Mercure Hotel, Dalblair Road, Ayr, KA7 1UG



## TOURNAMENTS

<b>A</b>	<b>Over 1750</b>	<b>FIDE Rated</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Under 1900 and Over 1500</b>	<b>FIDE Rated</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Under 1600 and Over 1200</b>	
<b>D</b>	<b>Under 1300</b>	

All Main Events: Five round Swiss tournaments played under the rules of Chess Scotland (CS)

## **SATURDAY NIGHT FUN FIDE OPEN BLITZ** FIDE RATED

Saturday Blitz: 7 Rounds played under the rules of Chess Scotland (CS)

**Enter and Pay on-line at:**

**<http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/33/home>**



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 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 FEES - SECTIONS A to D

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

FREE if entry received before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 otherwise £30

JUNIORS (under 17 at the start of the tournament) - £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](http://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.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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.



## 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.

## PRIZES

1<sup>st</sup> - £150

2<sup>nd</sup> - £100

3<sup>rd</sup> - £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.

## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

All the latest news on the congress and other events at

[www.scotchesstour.co.uk](http://www.scotchesstour.co.uk)

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## 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

## 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 – 9.30pm approx.

FIDE rated.

1 Section. 7 rounds.

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

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

Prizes – 1<sup>st</sup> place and rating prizes.

## 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 and Discounted Room Rates**

The venue for the tournament, the Mercure Hotel in Ayr, is centrally located in the heart of the town. The hotel is conveniently placed for those travelling by bus, car or rail. The beach and promenade are just a short walk away and the sea can be seen from the playing area.

[www.mercureayr.co.uk](http://www.mercureayr.co.uk)



Special room rates for the tournament are available.

All players can book direct with on 0844 815 9005 opt 3 quoting booking ref AYRS250518.

This is the only method which guarantees the special room rates on offer.

**Enter and Pay on-line at:**

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**Or complete the following entry form**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pnum:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB (if under 20):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Half Point Bye Required YES/NO Round** \_\_\_

**Entry Fee:** £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation (Thank You):** £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Deduction Chess Scotland Member/Junior** £ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total:** £ \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed forms to:

David Clayton

5 Riley Close

Leyland

PR25 3FL



Tel – 01772 434060 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 – [ayr@scotchesstour.co.uk](mailto:ayr@scotchesstour.co.uk)

Entries by email **MUST** include a postal address.

Please make cheques payable to Ayrshire and Arran Chess Fellowship