



# **2018 Inverness Chess Congress**

**Friday 7th September to Sunday 9th September, 2018**  
**Venue – Chieftain Hotel, 2 Millburn Road, Inverness, IV2 3PS.**

**Plus a Saturday Evening FIDE Blitz Tournament.**



## **TOURNAMENTS**

**BALNUARAN – PREMIER - Under 2200 FIDE**

**TOMNAHURICH MAJOR - Under 1850 FIDE**

**CLACH NA CUDAINN MINOR - Under 1450 CS (ECF Under 127)**

**All Events: Five round Swiss tournaments played under the rules of Chess Scotland.**

## PREMIER, MAJOR and MINOR

Entries should be received by Friday August 31st, (entry limited to 50 players). If the entry limit is reached, further applicants will be notified & placed on a reserve list if they wish. Please note, last year we reached our maximum entry before the closing date, so please book early to ensure your place at the event.

**Premier** - Open to those with a FIDE rating, or CS grading if no FIDE rating, of less than 2200 at the time of entry. Standard ratings/grades take preference over rapid and blitz rating/gradings.

**Major** - Open to those with a FIDE rating, or CS grading if no FIDE rating, of less than 1850 at the time of entry. Standard ratings/grades take preference over rapid and blitz rating/gradings.

**Minor** - Open to those with a CS grading at the time of entry of less than 1450, or under 127 ECF. Players who have yet to obtain a grade, must provide written confirmation of their playing strength acceptable to the organisers.

## Saturday Evening FIDE Blitz

A new event open to all, including those not participating in the main congress events. Start time is 8pm, entry fee is £5 with all entry fees, less CS registration fee, returned as prizes.

## ENTRY FEES

JUNIORS (under 17 on the Friday of the congress) Chess Scotland Members - £20, Others £22

ADULTS Chess Scotland Members - £32, Others £34

## 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) .

## PLANNED PLAYING SESSIONS

Round 1 - Friday 7:30pm to 10.45pm

Round 2 - Saturday 10.15am to 1.30pm

Round 3 – Saturday 2.30pm to 5.45pm

Round 4 – Sunday 10.15am to 1.30pm

Round 5 – Sunday 2.30pm to 5.45pm

Please note, times may vary slightly during the event in order for us to be accommodate into the hotel.

Rate of play: Incremental Time Control. All moves in 1 hour with 30 second increments from move 1. There will be no quickplay finishes.

Players without opponents will be repaired after 15 minutes where possible. A ½ point bye may be taken in any round, provided it is done so before the congress starts.

## WEBSITE

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

A list of current entries will be provided [here](#).

## GRAND PRIX EVENTS

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

## PRIZES: All Sections

1<sup>st</sup> - £120

2<sup>nd</sup> - £80

Grading Prize - £25

Prize Giving will begin as soon as possible after the completion of round 5.

Advertised prizes are based on a total entry of 48 players and will be adjusted accordingly to reflect actual entry numbers.

## 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 venue for the tournament is the Chieftain Hotel, home of Inverness Chess Club. The hotel has given fantastic support to chess in Inverness and the north-east of Scotland for several years. [www.chieftainhotelinverness.com](http://www.chieftainhotelinverness.com)

### **Saturday Evening FIDE Blitz**

We are hosting a separate FIDE Blitz event on Saturday evening. 8pm to 10pm. £5 per entry with all entry fees, less CS registration fee, returned as prizes.

### **Entry**

Please use our on-line entry and payment web site, you can use credit and debit cards as well as PayPal. Using this method you will be automatically be added to the list of entrants which you can view [here](#).

If you are unable to use the on-line entry system, please:

- Telephone 01772 434060. If no answer, please leave a message on answer machine and I'll return your call.
- or
- e-mail – [inverness@scotchesstour.co.uk](mailto:inverness@scotchesstour.co.uk) giving your details

Arbiter:- John McNicoll contact Tel.0784 763 922. For contact only during the event days.