

Dear All,

We are delighted to announce the schedule for the 2018-19 2020 Chess Season as follows:

Saturday October 20th Midlands Qualifier, Birmingham University Underground Dance Studio

Saturday December 2nd, Southern Qualifier, London University of Law Moorgate

Saturday January 26th, Scotland Qualifier, Edinburgh University Taviot Row House

Saturday January 26th, Yorkshire Qualifier, Leeds University

GRAND FINAL, Saturday February 2nd Birmingham University

We've made a few alterations for this season based on feedback and how we'd like to move things forward:

- The Grand Final will be ECF Rapid-play graded, this is free unless you have already played graded games elsewhere and you are not an ECF member.
 - To qualify your team will need to score 9 points out of 15 (rather than finish in the top four like previous years, this is more straightforward and fairer making it clear what teams need to do). For the final however it will be 1 point for a win, ½ for a draw and 0 for a loss.
 - The entry prices will be slightly increased to £8 per student player. However, 100% of this increase will go straight into prizes making prize money guaranteed at each event. This reflects the fact that most team's fees are paid for by their respective universities, and also we will this time distribute the winnings evenly across all regions so the prizes will be given after the final qualifier.
 - The entry forms have been updated and require full completion for participation; this makes it much easier for us to contact relevant people regarding prizes and arrangements.
 - For the Leeds Qualifier Alex Taylor will be taking the lead as I will be in Scotland, his number is 07974325880.
 - We need to state that we have contacted you as you have previously participated at our events, if you wish to be removed from this email list please email director@2020chess.com
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20/20 Chess Rules and Regulations for the 2018-19 Season

There will be clear explanations at the start of each tournament but concerning the 'Laws of the Game' please refer to the latest FIDE rules which 2020 Chess adheres to align itself to. It is the arbiter's job, to exercise these rules and all rules at their discretion and their decision is final. Should you not accept this you will have the option of withdrawing from the tournament with no refund.

As for the format in the qualifiers, each team has four players ordered from 1-4 in terms of strength, if its apparent that this is not the case the arbiter has the right to intervene and re-order accordingly. Each team will play five matches in a Swiss system, with 3 points for win 1 for a draw and 0 for a loss (for individual results its 1 for a win ½ for a draw and 0 for a loss).

The teams that score 9 match points will qualify for to the Grand Final. Upon the organiser's and arbiter's discretion wildcard's may be awarded in addition in exceptional circumstances.

Remember, each team can enter as many qualifiers as they like so the more you enter the better chance you have of going through!

By partaking in relation to these tournaments or 2020 Chess you give us permission to add your contact details, whether on social media email etc to our database which will be used to advertise future events and passed onto third parties. You also may be added to Facebook in chat groups through the director's Facebook personal account; note these are not formal methods of communication rather something for your convenience and 2020 Chess takes no responsibility for what occurs on the chatroom. In addition, 2020 Chess reserves the rights to take photos/comments at these events and distribute them as it wishes.

Only after transferring the entry fee is the entry fully confirmed.

In addition, students (or those under the age of 18) must bring their student card/campus ID for inspection on the day at registration at 11am, failure to do so will result in them having to pay the normal adult rate or face disqualification with no refund. Under 18's will be allowed to take part if they and their parent's/guardians take full legal responsibility for their wellbeing. All lead organisers at tournaments have enhanced DBS's.

Should there be less than five teams entering for a qualifier, the event may be cancelled at short notice with 2020 Chess taking no responsibility for costs endured. The same number of teams will qualify from the event to the super final, but with no prize money. Prizes can be found elsewhere on this website, please note that they are dependent on the number of the teams. If an event is listed as 'graded' by either the ECF or Scottish Chess Federation, this is subject to number of entries, with a confirmation made either way 7 days before the tournament.

The prize money (which may be scaled down/withdrawn subject to entries) will be transferred to the bank account of the designated team captain within 5 working days after the tournament, who is then responsible for distributing it amongst his/her team. If it, or any other prizes, are not claimed after this point the prize is declared void and may not be issued.

The Director, or arbiter, has the authority and reserves the right to alter the rules to adapt to situations. Also, each team must have a 'genuine' and 'respectful' name which reflects its origin. For example, you can't call yourselves '.... Chess Club' if only one of your players is a member of '....' Chess Club, common sense will apply!

If there is an accident or loss of any property at any of these events 20/20 Chess cannot and will not be held responsible or liable. Anything not covered by these rules will be subject to the director or arbiter's decision, which is final. By entering the tournament, you are engaging legally with these conditions as a binding contract.

If there is a tie, the teams shall be separated by:

1. Match points
2. Game points
3. Head to head
4. Sum of progressive scores
5. Sum of opponents scores
6. Either a two-minute 'Wimbledon style' sudden death play-off or prize shared at the arbiter's discretion.

This tournament is open to all on a first come first served basis with the director reserving the rights to accept/reject entries.

Typical day structure unless stated otherwise:

11.00 registration

11.30-12.10 Round One

12.25-13.05 Round Two

13.05-13.50 Lunch

13.50- 14.30 Round Three

14.45-15.25 Round Four

15.40-16.20 Round Five

16.45-17.00 Prize giving

17.00 Social and dinner

Prizes for 2020 Qualifiers:

1st placed team: £100 *Guaranteed* + ICC Membership

2nd placed team: Chess Lessons DVD + One free entry for a future qualifier

3rd placed team: One free entry for a qualifier

5/5 Individuals: Gold Medal + Chess Openings Wizard Professional Version

4.5/5 Individuals: Silver Medal + Chess Openings Wizard Express Version

4/5 Individuals: Bronze Medal + Chess and Bridge Magazine
