

2019 Perth Chess Congress

A Scottish Chess Tour Event

Friday 8th to Sunday 10th February 2018

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



TOURNAMENTS

Open FIDE RATED

Major – Under 1800 FIDE RATED

Minor – Under 1400 NOT FIDE RATED

Junior Saturday – Open to all juniors (under 17 at 09/02/19) NOT FIDE RATED

Saturday night fun FIDE Open blitz FIDE RATED

Enter and Pay on-line at:

Open/Major/Minor/Blitz: <http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/37/home>

Junior Saturday: <http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/39/home>

Open/Major/Minor/Blitz: Five round Swiss tournaments played under the rules of Chess Scotland (CS).

Junior Saturday: Swiss tournaments played under the rules of Chess Scotland (CS).

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

Ratings

The Open and Major are both FIDE Rated. You must have a FIN and be licensed to play over the board chess, or be prepared to be registered with CS if you qualify for CS membership. Please enquire if you are unsure of the registration rules before deciding to enter.

Seedings for the Open and Major 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 1st, 2019. We are unable to take telephone entries on the Friday that the congress begins, and any postal entries should be posted to arrive by the Friday before the congress, February 1st.





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ENTRY FEES – Open, Major, Minor

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

FREE if entry received before 31st January 2019 otherwise £30

JUNIORS (under 17 at 08/02/19) - £15

ADULTS - £30

DISCOUNTS – Open, Major, Minor

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.

Junior Saturday - £5

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www.chessscotland.com

PLAYING SESSIONS – Main Events

Round 1 - Friday	6.30pm to 10.30pm
Round 2 – Saturday	10.00am to 2.00pm
Round 3 - Saturday	3.00.pm to 7.00pm
Round 4 - Sunday	10.00am to 2.00pm
Round 5 - Sunday	3.00pm to 7.00pm

Rate of play: Incremental Time Control. All moves in 90, 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 - Open, Major, Minor

1st - £200

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 – 9.30pm approx.

FIDE rated.

1 Section. 7 rounds (depending on number of entrants).

£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.

Junior Saturday – 10am to 5pm

Round 1 begins 10am on Saturday with following rounds starting as soon as possible after the previous round finishes. Minimum 5 rounds. Lunch break from 1pm to 2pm.

All moves in 25 minutes, with 5 second increments from move 1.

All games will be eligible for Chess Scotland main list grading and qualify for the Chess Scotland Walter Munn Junior Grand Prix.

Books. Medals and chess prizes for prize winners.

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WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

All the latest news on the congress and other events at www.scotchesstour.co.uk
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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 2019 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

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 automatically be added to the list of entrants which you can view [here](#) and [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 – Perth@scotchesstour.co.uk giving your details

Arbiter contact:- John McNicoll
Tel.07484 763 922. For contact **only** during the event days.