



**Mercure**

# 2019 Ayr Chess Congress

**A Scottish Chess Tour Event**

Friday 24th May to Sunday 26th May 2019

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



## TOURNAMENTS

**Open** NOT FIDE RATED

**Major – Under 1800** NOT FIDE RATED

**Minor – Under 1400** NOT FIDE RATED

**Junior Saturday – Under 1000** 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).

**Junior Saturday:** Round 1 begins 11am on Saturday with following rounds starting as soon as possible after the previous round finishes.

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

Enter and Pay on-line at: <http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/41/home>

**FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, WE HAVE DECIDED NOT TO FIDE RATE  
ANY OF THE MAIN SECTIONS OF THE 2019 AYR CHESS CONGRESS**



## ENTRY FEES – MAIN EVENTS

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

FREE if entry received before 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 otherwise £32

JUNIORS (under 17 at the start of the tournament) - £17

ADULTS - £32

## 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)

In determining which section to enter, players should use their start of season Chess Scotland grading, as published in the CS grading list, July 2018.

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 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019. 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 – MAIN EVENTS

Round 1	Friday	6.30pm to 10.30pm
Round 2	Saturday	10.00am to 2.00pm
Round 3	Saturday	3.00pm 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.

## PRIZES - Open, Major, Minor

1<sup>st</sup> - £200

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.

## 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.

## Junior Saturday

Round 1 begins at 11am on Saturday morning with the following rounds starting as soon as possible after the previous round finishes. Lunch break is approximately 1pm to 2pm. We aim to finish before 5.30pm

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.

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

**<http://congress.popmalc.org.uk/congress/42/home>**



## 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, 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)

## **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](#).

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 contact Tel.0784 763 922. For contact only during the event days.