

**16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

**STAFFORDSHIRE  
CHESS CONGRESS**



**(With the Staffordshire Individual  
and Under 21 Championships)**

**At St Edwards Academy, Westwood  
Road, Leek, ST13 8DN**

**Three Tournaments**

<b>Premier</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>Major</b>	<b>Under 160</b>
<b>Minor</b>	<b>Under 120</b>

*Part of the ECF Grand Prix and the MCCU Grand Prix*

Chief Arbiter: ????

Deputy Arbiter: ????

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## VENUE

St Edwards Academy, Westwood Road, Leek, ST13 8DN

**By Car** – From Junction 15 of the M6 take the Second exit onto the A500. Follow the A500 until you see a sign for Leek (A53). Take this exit to the roundabout and take the third exit. Upon entering Leek, stay on this road until you go past Westwood Golf Club, take the left turn into Wallbridge Drive. At the end of the road turn right and take the next right to enter the academy

**Rail:** Stoke-on-Trent Station

**Bus:** from Stoke on Trent Station take the 42 bus to Hanley Bus Station, from there take the 18 bus to Leek.

## Playing Schedule

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Round 1	10.00 am - 1.30 pm
	Round 2	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm
	Round 3	6.00 pm - 9.30 pm
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2017	Round 4	10.00 am - 1.30 pm
	Round 5	2.00 pm - 5.30 pm

Players may request a half-point bye in any one of the first 4 rounds at the time of entry.

## Rate of Play

All moves in 90 minutes plus 10 seconds added per move.

If a player does not arrive within 30 minutes of start of play, their opponent will be re-paired if possible.

## Prizes for each Tournament

Open First £250, Second £120, Third £80; Grading Under 200 £50. Major and Minor First £120, Second £80 and Third £50

In the event of a tie for prizes, the associated prize fund will be shared between the winners. Depending on the number of entries and circumstances, the prize fund may be increased or (exceptionally) decreased. Additional grading and/or junior/senior (over 60) prizes may also be made available. Ungraded players will not be eligible to win more than £80.

**Enquiries to: Matthew Carr 07578 163901 (Between 6pm and 10 pm please) or email: [mattcarr2700@gmail.com](mailto:mattcarr2700@gmail.com)**

## **Entry Fees**

**Open Adult £30 Major & Minor £26**

**All Juniors £20** (Must be Under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017)

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are current ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the dates of the congress may deduct £6 (£4 for Juniors) from their entry fee.

**A late fee of £4 for entries received after 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017. The late fee for entries on the day will be £7.**

## **Staffordshire Closed Championship**

The highest placed eligible Staffordshire player(s) in the Premier will hold the Advertiser Trophy for one year (or part of a year in the event of a tie).

## **Staffordshire Under 21 Championship**

The Staffordshire Under 21 title and trophy will be awarded to the highest placed eligible player(s) in the premier tournament.(or part of a year in the event of a tie).

## **Accommodation**

There are hotels in and around Leek. Information on Leek hotels can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre 01538 483741

## **Refreshments**

Light refreshments will be available.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry or transfer an entry to another section. If necessary, sections or prizes may be amalgamated. The organisers' decision on any aspect of the congress is final. The arbiter's decision is binding on all parties. The information given on the entry form may be recorded and used for congress administration, mailing lists for future congresses and grading purposes. Publicity photographs may be taken during the event, and may appear on the website and other media. Players are not allowed to have a mobile phone on in the playing hall; a player should expect their game to be defaulted if their mobile phone is on in the playing hall. Any player absent 30 minutes after the start of the round will be deemed to have defaulted the game. Entry to the congress is deemed as acceptance of these conditions.

# STAFFORDSHIRE CONGRESS 2015 - ENTRY FORM

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Post Code.....

Telephone.....Club.....

Email.....

Date of birth.....

ECF GRADE Jan 2015.....Grading Code No.....

ECF Membership No.....Level of membership.....

Tournament..... half point bye requested in round.....

Tick if Under 21 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and eligible to play in  
Staffordshire Under 21 Championship (eligibility as per

Staffordshire CA website)

Tick if eligible to play in the Staffordshire Closed Championship  
(eligibility as per Staffordshire CA website)

I enclose: Entry fee....£

Late fee ...£ (£4 after 8.9.17/ £7 on the day)

Donation ...£

TOTAL..... £

Please make Cheques payable to: "Staffordshire Chess Congress"

Please return to:- Matthew Carr, 23 Rochester Avenue, Burntwood,  
Staffordshire, WS7 2EN mattcarr2700@gmail.com

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**Ungraded players**

Please use the space below to give details of any congress and league results or former grades. Failure to do so may render a player ineligible for a prize. Ungraded players are not entitled to a grading prize.