

Entry Form – BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE

Name

Address

..... Post Code

Phone Club

ECF Membership Number.....

Grade Source

N.B. Ungraded players MUST give evidence of their playing strength.

Date of Birth (juniors).....

EVENT	TICK	
1. Open	<input type="checkbox"/>	£.....
2. Major (U171)	<input type="checkbox"/>	£.....
3. Intermediate (U146)	<input type="checkbox"/>	£.....
4. Minor (U121)	<input type="checkbox"/>	£.....
Late* entry surcharge £2	<input type="checkbox"/>	£.....
Optional Donation		£.....
½pt bye required in round number		(but NOT Round 5)
ECF Silver or higher members subtract £6 (£4 Jnrs)		£.....
TOTAL ENCLOSED		£.....

Completed entry forms should be sent to **Brian Stephenson, Congress Secretary, 9 Roydfield Drive, Sheffield, S20 7ND**. Cheques/POs should be payable to **Sheffield Chess Congress**. E-mail entries should be sent to **bstephen@gmx.co.uk**, and payment made before the start of play.

* Entries postmarked or e-mailed on or after Friday 19th June, and any entries accepted on the day, are subject to a £2 late fee. All e-mail entries will be confirmed and e-mail entrants should not assume receipt and acceptance until they receive such confirmation. Postal entries enclosing a stamped addressed envelope will also be confirmed.

Timetable for All Sections

Friday June 26th

OPENING CEREMONY 6.45pm
Round 1 7.00pm – 11.00pm

Saturday June 27th

Round 2 9.30 am – 1.30pm
Round 3 2.15pm – 6.15pm

Sunday June 28th

Round 4 9.30am – 1.30pm
Round 5 2.15pm – 6.15pm
PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONY 6.45pm approx.

Rate of Play, Pairings, Lateness, Rules

Each player has 1hr 40 minutes to complete their first 40 moves, followed by a further 20 minutes to complete the game.

Pairings are to be according to the ECF (grade-controlled) Swiss System.

Re-pairings will be made 30 minutes after the start of the round. Players not present at this time will be defaulted.

Each re-paired players will have 1hr 25 minutes to complete their first 34 moves, followed by 20 minutes to complete the game.

The **FIDE Laws of Chess** which come into force on 1st July 2014 shall apply, **except** that mobile phones *are allowed* in the venue but *must be switched off in the playing rooms during playing sessions*. Penalties for phones sounding, up to loss of the game, will be determined by controllers, according to circumstances.

SHEFFIELD CHESS CONGRESS 2015

Incorporating the 2015
**NCCU Open, Senior (over-60*) and
Junior (under-18*) Championships**
(* as at 31/08/2014)

British Championship Qualifier
(1 NCCU-only place, 1 open place)

King Edward VII Upper School
Glossop Road, Sheffield, S10 2PW

Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June 2015
Sections: Open

Major (U171)
Intermediate (U146)
and Minor (U121)

Chief Controller:
David Welch (ECF Chief Arbiter)

SECTIONS

1. OPEN

Open to all players

Prizes - £200, £100, £60 plus grading prizes

2. MAJOR

Open to all players graded below 171

Prizes - £200, £100, £60 plus grading prizes

3. INTERMEDIATE

Open to all players graded below 146

Prizes - £200, £100, £60 plus grading prizes

4. MINOR

Open to all players graded below 121

Prizes - £200, £100, £60 plus grading prizes

Players with no grade MUST give a detailed estimate of their strength. N.B. Ungraded players will not be eligible for grading prizes. Details of grading prizes will be announced during the event.

Entry fee (all sections) - £28 (£10 for Juniors*)

*Players born after 31st August 1996 qualify as Juniors.

NCCU CHAMPIONSHIPS

Each of the three NCCU Championships is to be awarded to the highest-placed eligible player (in the highest section in which there are eligible entrants, most probably the Open Section).

In all three NCCU Championships, in the event of a tie, cash prizes shall be divided equally, but tenure of the title and trophy shall be awarded to the player with the highest Sum of Progressive Scores, failing that Sum of Opponent's Scores, failing that Sonneborn-Berger scores.

Qualification for 2015 British Championships

Two NCCU nominations for the 2015 British Championships are to be awarded to players in the Open section (subject to relevant ECF rules).

- 1) The winner of the NCCU Individual Championship will qualify for a place in the 2015 British Championship as NCCU nominee. Should the winner already hold a qualification for that event, the next-highest placed eligible player shall receive the nomination. (A free place is available only to the NCCU Champion).
- 2) The other NCCU British Championship qualification is open both to NCCU and non-NCCU players.

VENUE – LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS



The school is 250 yards west of the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and 500 yards west of the junction between the A57 and the A61 (Sheffield's inner ring road)

Buses

From Sheffield City Centre

120 about every 8 minutes from Flat Street

30 about every 30 minutes from Church Street

51 and 52 from High Street. Get off in Broomhill and the school is a short walk down the hill.

Accommodation

The Rutland Hotel (opposite the venue).....0114 266 4411
Westbourne House Hotel (5 minute walk).....0114 266 0109
Premier Inn.....0871 527 8972
Kenwood Hall.....0114 258 3811

Bookstall

Provided by Chess Direct Ltd, tel. 01709 890 565,
web site: www.chessdirect.co.uk
e-mail office@chessdirect.co.uk

Refreshments

Hot and cold refreshments will be available at the venue.

Parking

There is parking at the venue, also Friday after 6.30 pm on surrounding streets, Saturday on Clarkehouse Road and the streets down the hill, Sunday no restrictions

Grades

ECF Jan 2015 standard-play grades A to D will normally take precedence. However, International, National and Local Gradings may be considered at the organisers' discretion. All games will be submitted for ECF grading.

For ECF grades see:

<http://www.ecfgrading.org.uk/new/menu.php>

Special Notes

The organisers reserve the right to decline any entry without liability, or allocate a player to a different section from that requested.

SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE VENUE AND
MOBILE PHONES MUST BE SWITCHED OFF DURING PLAY.

The Chief Controller's decision is final in all matters.

See also website:

<http://www.sjmann.supanet.com/SheffCong15.htm>
(IF it can be set up!)