

Organisers

Giant Chess

John Chapman, Ian Hunnoble, Norman Went

Arbiters Adam Raof (Chief Arbiter), Mike Flatt and others.

The Congress organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry without assigning a reason.

Entries and enquiries

Website for online entry

www.southendchesscongress.org

Early online entry is advised. Pairings, results and games will be published here and at chess-results.com

Postal Entries (form overleaf) to

Ian Hunnoble, 3 Ewanrigg Terrace, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 7QJ. Email: ianhunnoble@outlook.com

Enquiries

Adam Raof (International Arbiter)

Email: adamraof@gmail.com Tel: 07855 036 537

Donations: Expenses rise, so donations are welcome, to help cover expenses and maintain standards.

Accommodation

Click: [Hotels near Southend East Station](#)

ECF Membership: Visit www.englishchess.org.uk

Travel Information: By road postcode SS1 2UN (for sat nav). There is a large free car park on site. By rail: 137 metres from Southend East station (c2c Line).

Entry Fees all sections

- Rapid £31 GBP
- Congress 7-Round sections £47 GBP

Coupons for 5% discount with entry

se24early = Enter by 5 January 2024 (inclusive)

se24u16 = Junior (U16 at 31 Aug 2023)

se2460+ = Senior (60+)

One *only* coupon per Fee. Coupons do NOT apply to Donations, nor to the ECF Pay to Play Fee.

ECF Bronze/non-Members in the Rapid or U1600 or U1300 **Add £9 ECF 'Pay to Play' fee.**

Refreshments

Light refreshments will be on sale during the congress kindly provided by yElena Went.

Ratings

Eligible ratings for entry and pairings, all tournaments, will be those published at **1st March 2024.**

Late Arrival and Re-Pairing

Default time will be 30 minutes for all games. Players without an opponent will be re-paired if possible.

Prizes

The **Prize Fund** for the Congress is a guaranteed minimum of **£2,700**. The minimum Prize Fund may be increased as finances allow.

No player can win more than one prize per section. In the event that a player qualifies for more than one prize, the higher amount will be paid.

Where ties occur, prize money will be shared. Ties for any trophies will be resolved by the Sum of Progressive Scores and, if necessary, the Sum of Opponents' Scores.

There will be no Prize-Giving; prizes will be paid by bank transfer after the Congress.

David Wood Junior Prize

In addition to other prizes the sum of £75 will be provided by the **David Wood Memorial Trust**, for the best performances by Essex Juniors (U18 on 31 Aug 2023).

Schedule ALL TOURNAMENTS ex FIDE Rapid

Round 1: Friday 29th March, 11:00 am

Round 2: Friday 29th March, 4:00 pm

Round 3: Saturday 30th March, 11:00 am

Round 4: Saturday 30th March, 4:00 pm

Round 5: Sunday 31st March, 11:00 am

Round 6: Sunday 31st March, 4:00 pm

Round 7: Monday 1st April, 11:00 am



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Southend Easter Chess Festival

28 Mar-1 April 2024

Including

66th Southend Easter Chess Congress

4th Southend Easter FIDE Rapid

Southend Adult Community College
Ambleside Drive
Southend-on-Sea
Essex SS1 2UN

Online entry:

<https://southendchesscongress.org>

£2,700 minimum Prize Fund!

*Generously supported by the
Essex Chess Association*

*Open, U1900 and Rapid will be FIDE rated
all sections will be ECF rated*

FIDE-rated Sections

Two sections: Open and U1900

7 rounds FIDE and ECF rated, Swiss pairing

Rate of play: G90+30 - All moves in 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds a move from the start. *Equates to four hours for 60 moves.*

(Note: for increments of 30 seconds or more, *all* moves must be recorded, even in your last five minutes.)

Southend Open

Minimum Prizes:

£450 / £250 / £150; Rating £110

British Championship Qualifying

See British Championship Qualification regulations on the ECF Website.

“Leigh-on-Sea” FIDE and ECF Under 1900*

* *Entrants must meet the rating limit in both lists.*

Minimum Prizes: £300 / £200 / £100; Rating £70

FIDE ID Number

All non-ENG players MUST supply a FIDE ID number with entry from ratings.fide.com

4th Southend FIDE Rapid

Thursday, 28 March 2024

Six rounds R1 at 10:30 am, finish by 6:00 pm.

Three sections Open, U1700, U1400.

Rate of play

25 mins + 5 seconds per move. (G25+5)

Minimum Prizes each section: £80 / £40 / £20

Entry Fees

See overleaf.

ECF Tournaments

Two sections: U1600, U1300

7 rounds ECF-rated, Swiss pairing

Rate of play: G90+30 - All moves in 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds a move from the start. *Equates to four hours for 60 moves.* (Note: *All* moves need to be recorded, even in your last five minutes.)

- “Westcliff” U1600
- “Thorpe Bay” U1300

Minimum Prizes each section:

£145 / £100 / £50; Rating £30

TWO Byes Available (all 7-Round Sections)

TWO half point byes are available in any of round(s) 1-6, **provided this is requested at time of entry.**

Prize Giving

All prizes will be awarded by bank transfer. There will not be a prize giving ceremony.

Analysis

No analysis is allowed in the playing areas. Separate rooms will be provided for analysis.

Essex Championships

The highest placed eligible competitor in the FIDE Open will be awarded the title of **Essex Champion** for 2023-24 and in the U1900 **Essex Minor Champion** 2023-24.

ECF Membership

All English entrants in the **Open and U1900** **must** be at least **Gold** members of the English Chess Federation.

In the **ECF sections** (U1600 and U1300), **Silver** membership or better is required.

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FORM FOR POSTAL ENTRY

Send to: Ian Hunnable, 3 Ewanrigg Terrace, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 7QJ. E: ianhunnable@outlook.com

Please make cheques payable to: Giant Chess

Online entry is available – see overleaf.

SECTION ENTERED: _____

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Date of Birth: _____

ECF Rating: _____ FIDE Rating: _____

If not FIDE or ECF rated, give below details of playing strength:

ECF Member No: _____

FIDE ID Number: _____

English players in the Southend Open and U1900 must be Gold ECF members or higher. Non-ENG must supply a FIDE ID No. above.

Rounds for up to two ½ pt Byes (or leave blank) _____

I enclose entry for (tick boxes applicable):

4th Southend FIDE Rapid (£31) £ _____

66th Southend Congress (£47) £ _____

ECF ‘Pay to Play’ fee (£9)* *see below* £ _____

Donation (Thank you) £ _____

TOTAL £ _____

Coupons, for 5% discount see overleaf. One discount only per Entry Fee. NOT Pay to Play; NOT Donations.

*ECF Bronze or non-members, in Rapid or U1600 or U1300.