

2016 BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



BOURNEMOUTH PAVILION

23rd JULY – 6th AUGUST

PROGRAMME AND INFORMATION

BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016
SATURDAY, 23rd JULY – SATURDAY, 6th AUGUST

BOURNEMOUTH PAVILION

OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY – MONDAY, 25th JULY at 2 pm

MAIN PRIZE GIVING AND CLOSING CEREMONY
– SATURDAY, 6th AUGUST at 9.30 am

Trophy winners who have attended an earlier prize giving should indicate if they want to have their trophies presented again at the Main Prize giving. Failure to attend without the prior permission of the Congress Manager and/or a Principal Arbiter will result in the forfeiting of the prize concerned.

CONTROL TEAM

Congress Manager	Kevin Staveley
Congress Treasurer	John Philpott
Chief Arbiter	Peter Purland
Principal Arbiters	David Eustace, Dave Thomas, David Welch
Arbiters	Matt Carr, Russell Dodington, Geoff Gammon, Alex Holowczak, Tony Tatam, John Wickham
DGT Boards	David Clayton
Games Inputters	Arnold Lutton and team
Commentary at Pavilion	IM Andrew Martin
On Line Commentary	Chess24
Coaching	Tim Kett
Website	Andrew Walker
Administrative Support	Gary Willson
Technical Team	Matthew Carr, Alex Holowczak, Dave Thomas
Front of House	Jane Kremer, Traci Whitfield

Please see the British Chess Championships website www.britishchesschampionships.co.uk for much more information.

WELCOME TO THE 103rd BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016

A Message from Dominic Lawson, President, English Chess Federation

Welcome, all, to the 103rd British Chess Championship. It was 80 years ago that Bournemouth last hosted the Championship: an all-play-all of 12 players, more than half of whom came from London. This year's event is so much bigger and so much more diverse. It contains many sections for children of different ages, in which we hope to see some of the brightest stars of the future. Last year I met one such player, Michael Uriely, and presented him with his prize for second place in the Under 9 championship. Barely a month later, while competing in the Mind Sports Olympiad, Michael fell ill and died after an acute asthma attack. I am sure his contemporaries here in Bournemouth — and their parents attending -- will be thinking of him.

I wish all this year's players a wonderful competition.

A joint message from Martin Simons, Chairman, Bournemouth & District Chess League Ian Clark, President, Dorset County Chess Association

The Bournemouth & District Chess League & Dorset County Chess Association are delighted to welcome the British Chess Championships back to Bournemouth. These were last held here 80 years ago in 1936 and we are proud and privileged that Bournemouth has been chosen by the English Chess Federation to celebrate this anniversary.

The town has a lot to offer for a number of reasons, not least its free attractions for people of all ages ranging from its 7 miles of golden sandy beaches, evening live bands and Friday night fireworks on the Bournemouth seafront to candlelight nights in the lower gardens, all within close proximity to the Pavilion.

We wish the best of luck to Dorset's local players competing across all events, especially the juniors playing in their first national event.

This could be the last year when there is a two week format in place, so we are pleased to say that, at the time of writing (30th June), the entry number would suggest that we will be close to or could even better last year's record entry and it is fantastic to have such strong support from most of the top British players in the Championships this year.

All that remains is for us to wish all entrants to the 103rd British Chess Championships an enjoyable and successful time, and hope those who are attending but not competing enjoy their time here in Bournemouth and all its attractions.

A Message from Kevin Staveley, Championships Manager

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Bournemouth for this year's Championships. Last year's Championships took place in the centre of the country at the University of Warwick and attracted a record entry. At the time of writing the number of entries this year is well on the way to equalling last year's numbers.

This year's event takes place in a Grade 2 listed building located on the sea front and within beautiful gardens. There is plenty to see in the area.

I would like to especially thank both the Bournemouth and District Chess League and the Dorset Chess Association for their help and support towards this year's championships in so many ways. I would also like to extend my thanks to the team of workers who give freely of their time to ensure the success of the Championships and also support me in so many ways.

My team and I look forward to meeting you through the fortnight as we enjoy the many attractions, both at the venue and also in the wider locality.

As has been stated on the website, this is likely to be the final British Championships held over two weeks with the 2017 Championships curtailed to 10 days. A full schedule for 2017 will appear shortly on the website.

I would like to thank all players who make the annual pilgrimage to the Championships, regardless of where they are held and I look forward to meeting you during the fortnight.

Junior Chess Coaching

Thanks to a contribution from the John Robinson Trust the British Championships are again able to offer free training sessions to junior competitors.

Experienced coach Tim Kett will be on hand to offer advice, assisted for part of the time by Steven Jones and Sam Walker

A BOOKSTALL SUPPLIED BY "CHESS AND BRIDGE"

www.chess.co.uk/

will be open throughout the fortnight

THE PAVILION

Please note there is NO PUBLIC WI-FI IN THE BUILDING. The Terrace Bistro Café does have wi-fi. Customer will receive the codes upon purchasing catering.

Also please note any item which need electricity must have been PAT tested and has an up to date sticker on the plugs before being plugged into any sockets in the Pavilion.

CAR PARKING

The Pavilion Car Park is pay and display. You can find full details of charges and location of various local car parks at

<http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/Parking/FindaCarPark/FindaCarPark.aspx>

BUSES

There are frequent buses to the Pavilion

PLAYING CONDITIONS & RULES

The playing area is the ballroom, bar, toilets, designated smoking area and any corridors leading to the above.

The playing venue is the Pavilion Theatre building plus the designated outside smoking area.

ANTI CHEATING LAWS

Portable scanning “wands” may be used during play to scan adults to ensure that there are no electronic devices on their person.

Any allegations of cheating must be made in writing and given personally to either the Chief Arbiter (Peter Purland), Championships Manager (Kevin Staveley), or handed in at the Championships Office to John Philpott.

Discussion of games - The Laws of Chess specifically prohibit discussion of games in play. This includes what may seem like a harmless question like, ‘How are you doing in your game?’ While you are playing please do not visit the Bookstall, the Commentary Room, or the Analysis Area, nor analyse or play through someone else’s game.

Mobile Phones must be switched off and placed either face down on the table, in a bag or in a coat on the back of a chair. Under no circumstances is any coat with a phone in the pocket to be taken from the playing hall during play. Any player found with a mobile phone on their person during the game will be defaulted.

Refreshments - Only food and drink purchased in the playing venue is allowed to be consumed within the venue. There are ample places to purchase food and drink – The Theatre Bar, The Bistro

and the Pavilion Café will all be open during the Championships. Players and spectators who wish to consume their own drinks must do so outside the venue. This is a standard clause when booking conference facilities. In the past certain players have ignored this. The Federation respectfully reminds players that as part of their entry they have signed a declaration that they have read and understood this condition and hopes and expects that all players will adhere to this rule. In particular no food is to be brought into the playing area.

Smoking – This is not permitted anywhere in the venue.

Conduct of players – The dress code is smart, casual.

Defaults & withdrawals - Players who default or withdraw from any event without good cause may be barred from future events. They will anyway be liable to pay a full entry fee at any future event organised by the Federation together with a bond returnable on satisfactory conduct during such events.

Should a player default a game he/she may be asked to pay a bond before being allowed back into the event. This bond will be returned if the competitor plays in all further rounds.

If for any reason you have to withdraw please tell your arbiter promptly, certainly before the pairings for the next round are made.

Reporting of results - The top copy of the score sheet must be handed in as soon as the game has finished to the arbiting point attached to your playing section. The bottom copy is for your use.

Recording of games - The official Championship score sheets must be used by all players to record their games. Use of scorebooks/pads is not allowed. If you wish to use these please copy your game afterwards, not during the game, nor in the playing hall.

In games where a 30 second increment is used, players must keep score AT ALL TIMES.

Under 9 and Under 8 Championships – Recording of games

In the Under 8 Championship, players do not need to keep score of their games.

In the Under 9 Championship, players must keep score of their games, but a player may stop scoring after his/her clock has shown less than 5 minutes left.

In both the Under 9 and Under 8 Championships the second completed illegal move shall lose the game.

Under 8 - Competitors for this Championship are asked to meet the event controllers in the Pavilion Ballroom at 10.15 am on Saturday, 23rd July

Byes (in non Championship events) – First round byes must be claimed on the entry form. Byes in subsequent rounds must be requested in the Championships Office at least 24 hours before the

relevant round. Entrants to Junior Championships and the Major Open will take byes in the Major Open unless obtaining the permission of the Chief Arbiter at least 24 hours in advance. Before making a decision the Chief Arbiter will consult with the relevant Principal Arbiters as to the overall effect on both events

Adjournments - Games will not normally be adjourned. If exceptional circumstances require an adjournment, an arbiter will explain the procedure.

Appeals - Appeals may be made against a controller's decision on matters of the Laws of Chess or of administration. Appeals should be made to one of the following: David Eustace, Peter Purland or Dave Thomas. If a player is dissatisfied with the decision he may appeal to an Appeals' Committee. An appeal to the Appeals' Committee must be lodged with the Congress Manager in writing, stating the grounds for the appeal, and accompanied by a £50 deposit which is returnable if the appeal is successful. The intention to appeal must be declared within one hour of the end of the game. The Appeals' Committee will be: a Principal Arbiter in the chair, not connected with the dispute, two other qualified Arbiters not connected with the dispute, two players' representatives. The decision of the Appeals' Committee will be final.

Grading - Players without a current grade are not eligible for any grading prize. All standard play tournaments will be ECF graded, using the July 2016 Grading List as the basis for the calculations. Rapidplays will use the January 2016 list.

Notice of pairings - Arbiters will endeavour to ensure that pairings for all events are posted as soon as possible on the Championships web site: www.britishchesschampionships.co.uk and also on chess-results.com

Afternoon events - Pairings should be displayed by 9:00 a.m.

Morning events - Pairings should be displayed by 4 p.m., excluding the Under 10 Championships on double round days.

Announcements – It is hoped that any announcements will be made 5 minutes BEFORE the PUBLISHED start times of rounds.

Publication of Games – All games (including Under 8 and Under 9 Championship games if available) will be published on the Championship website as soon as possible after the completion of the rounds.

Major Open Change-Over - After 6 rounds, players with poor scores may transfer to a junior championship or a 5-day tournament. A fee of £27.50 is payable, which is the equivalent to 50% of the normal entry fee.

British Championship Play-off – Should this be necessary it will take place immediately after the main prize giving on Saturday, 6th August

Other Championships - In the event of any other championship being tied, the title and any prize money will be shared.

TROPHIES & TITLES

Trophies - A trophy will be awarded to each Champion, as a permanent memento of the event. In addition certificates will be presented to the younger junior championship entrants (older juniors or any player may have a certificate of participation on request).

The Roy Clues Trophy will be awarded annually for the most meritorious performance by a Welsh player in the Congress.

The City of Dundee Trophy will be awarded annually to the winner of the Major Open.

The Boxall Plate will be awarded to the person adjudged to have made a significant contribution to the congress.

Titles - The highest placed competitor in each of the Junior Championships will be awarded the title of Overall British Champion for that age group. In addition the highest placed boy or girl will be awarded the appropriate title so that the best result by a boy and the best result by a girl will each be rewarded with a title.

ENGLISH CHAMPION

The highest placed English player in the British Championship will be declared English Champion, hold the Tony Miles Trophy for one year and receive £1500.

Tradewise Grand Prix - All events are part of the Grand Prix.

Blitz - Playing five-minute or speed chess with tournament clocks is forbidden. No chess games of any kind other than tournament games are permitted in the tournament hall. Clocks must not be removed from the playing hall.

Analysis Areas - Rooms have been reserved for post-match analysis after games. When other events take place in these rooms, some analysis areas will be closed.

Charts - These may be downloaded from the website.

Mail (for use in an emergency only) – British Chess Championships, C/O Pavilion Theatre, Westover Rd, Bournemouth, BH1 2BU. ***There is always a danger of such mail being lost thus valuable items should not be sent by mail to this address.***

Photographs - Please note that photographs will be taken at the event which may be used for publicity purposes. These may appear in chess publications or on the website. Any objection by an individual to the same being published should be notified to the event organisers. The ECF Data Controller is Gary Willson.

Programme – This programme is available to download on line.

Telephones – Emergency contact Kevin Staveley 07885 226743

Email: manager.british@englishchess.org.uk

Rates of Play

Rate of play: 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by 30 minutes to finish the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move one.	British Championship Seniors Championships Major Open
All moves in 90 minutes with 30 seconds per move added from move one.	Graded Championships (U180, U160, U140, U120) 50+ U150; 65+ U150 Junior Champs: U16, U15, U14, U13, U12, U11, U10 5 Day Open AM / PM: Weekenders: Atkins, Soanes, Yates
All moves in 50 minutes with 10 seconds per move added from move one.	Junior Champs: U9
All moves in 20 minutes with 10 seconds per move added from move one.	Junior Champs: U8 Rapidplays: Open, Under 150, Under 125
All moves in 3 minutes with 2 seconds per move added from move one.	Blitz

BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2017:

How to Qualify – See regulations on Website

PLEASE NOTE: THE 2017 CHAMPIONSHIP WILL BE A 9 ROUND EVENT

Commentary

Andrew Martin will be commentating on selected boards of the Championship during each round from 3pm until 6 pm approx. at the Pavilion.

An On-line commentary will be conducted by chess24

The website address will be displayed on britishchesschampionship.co.uk

Likely commentators will be

R1-4 (Lawrence Trent & Niclas Huschenbeth): R5-6 (Lawrence Trent & Jan Gustafsson)

R7 (Lawrence Trent & Niclas Huschenbeth): R8-11 (Niclas Huschenbeth & Fiona Steil-Antoni)

Live Games on the Internet

To watch the games being transmitted go to the Championship website and follow the links. britishchesschampionships.co.uk

OFFICIAL PRIZE GIVINGS

Saturday, 23rd July 7.30 pm, Pavilion Ballroom: Under 8 Championship

Sunday, 24th July 6.45 pm Venue will be announced at the Championships:
Rapidplay Championships

Monday, 25th July 2 pm – (As part of Opening Ceremony) : Under 9 Championship

Friday 29th July 3:00 pm - The Commentary Area

Events - Under 180/2050; Under 140/1750 Championships; 5 Day Week 1 Morning.

Friday 29th July 7 pm - Venue will be announced at the Championships

5 Day Week 1 Afternoon, 50+ Under 150 Championship (if finished).

Saturday 30th July 3:00 pm The Commentary Area

Events – Under 11, Under 13; Under 15 Championships.

Sunday 31st July 7:30 pm - Venue will be announced at the Championships

Events - Weekender Tournaments, Blitz

OTHER EVENTS AT THE 103rd BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Times may be changed – Please check at the venue and on the web for any changes.

Day	date	time	Activity	Cost	Comments
Sunday	24.7	2.30 pm	Meri's Simultaneous Chess Exhibition	Donations	To take place in the Lower Gardens
Sunday	24.7	7.30 pm	Problem Solving Competition	Free	Venue: The Pavilion £100 to be awarded in prizes
Sunday	31.7	7.45-9.45pm	General Knowledge Quiz. Teams.	£1 per person	Venue will be announced at the Championships and on the web
Monday	1.8	2.45 pm	Guided Walk around Bournemouth	£6 per person £5 – Students and Seniors	Meet at Pavilion entrance Check for details on the web and on notice boards in the Pavilion

Meri's Simultaneous Chess Exhibition will take place in the Lower Gardens, Bournemouth on Sunday 24th July at 2.30pm – the event is fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support, a most worthy cause. Meri's 'Just Giving' page is here – <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/merrypoppies>
We give our sincere thanks to Meri Grigoryan and the British Chess Problem Society for their support of these Championships.

Other events may be organised. Please watch for announcements at the venue and also on the website.

Books kindly donated by

Chess and Bridge (www.chess.co.uk) will be used as additional prizes throughout the fortnight. We are very grateful for these donations.

SCHEDULE

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP

Mon 25th July to Fri 5th Aug (Rest Day Sun 31st July). 11 rounds beginning at 2.30 pm each day

BRITISH SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIPS

65+ (Born 1950 or earlier) Sunday 24th July - Saturday 30th July: 7 Rounds, starting 2.30 pm each day

50+ (Born 1965 or earlier) Saturday 30th July - Friday 5th August: 7 Rounds, starting 2.30 pm each day

BRITISH GRADED CHAMPIONSHIPS

5 round events starting 9.15 am each day

Under 180/2050 Championship and Under 140/1750 Championship

Mon 25th July - Fri 29th July

Under 160/1900 Championship and Under 120/1600 Championship

Mon 1st August – Fri 5th August

5 round events starting at 2.30 pm (4 hour sessions)

50+ Under 150/1825* Championship

Mon 25th July - Fri 29th July

65+ Under 150/1825** Championship

Mon 1st August – Fri 5th August

BRITISH JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS:

UNDER 16

Sun 24th July – Sat 30th July 9.15 am

UNDER 15

Sun 31st July – Fri 5th Aug 9.15 am + Sun 31st July 2.30 pm

UNDER 14

Sun 24th July – Sat 30th July 9.15 am

UNDER 13

Sun 31st July – Fri 5th Aug 9.15 am + Sun 31st July 2.30 pm

UNDER 12

Sun 24th July – Sat 30th July 9.15 am

UNDER 11

Sun 31st July – Fri 5th Aug 9.15 am + Sun 31st July 2.30 pm

UNDER 10

Tues 26th July – Sat 31st July 9.15 am + Tues 26th and Thurs 28th July 2.30 pm

UNDER 9 (6 rounds)

Sunday 24th July 9.15 am (briefing)

ROUNDS: 9.30 am 12 noon, 2:30 pm, 5 pm. Monday 25th July 9:15 am, 11.45 am

UNDER 8 (6 rounds) Saturday, 23rd July 10.15 am (briefing), Rounds 10.30 am, 12 noon, 1.30 pm, 3 pm, 4.30 pm, 6 pm

MAJOR OPEN

Mon 25th July to Fri 5th August (except Sun 31st July): **11 rounds, starting 2.30 pm daily,**

5 DAY OPEN MORNING TOURNAMENTS

Week 1 Mon 25th July - Fri 29th July 9.15 am

Week 2 Mon 1st Aug – Fri 5th Aug 9.15 am

5 DAY OPEN AFTERNOON TOURNAMENTS (4 hour sessions)

Week 1 Mon 25th July - Fri 29th July 2.30 pm

Week 2 Mon 1st Aug – Fri 5th Aug 2.30 pm

ENGLISH OPEN RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP - OPEN, Under 150 and Under 125

Sat 23rd July: Rd 1 - 1 pm; Rd 2 – 2.30 pm; Rd 3 – 3.45 pm; Rd 4 – 5 pm; Rd 5 – 6.15 pm

Sun 24th July: Rd 6 - 9.15 am; Rd 7 – 10.30 am; Rd 8 – 11.45 am; Rd 9 – 1 pm; Rd 10 – 2.30 pm; Rd 11 – 3.45 pm

BRITISH BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP (FIDE RATED) - Sunday, 31st July: 11 rounds starting at 1 pm

WEEKENDERS (5 rounds)

Friday 29th July 7 pm, Saturday 30th July 9:15 am & 2.30 pm, Sunday 31st July 9:15 am & 2.30 pm.

2017 BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

will take place at

“VENUE CYMRU”
The Promenade,
Llandudno,
LL30 1BB



28th July – 6th August
(10 DAYS)

The final schedule of events will be confirmed online
at britishchesschampionships.co.uk
by the end of August 2016