

Qualifiers for the British Championship 2025

(last updated 3rd June 2025)

Section A: Qualification from the British Championship

A1 - British OTB Champions 2024

GM Gawain Jones

A2. British OTB Women's Champions 2024

WGM Lan Yao, WIM Trisha Kanyamarala

A3. Top 20 players and ties in the 2024 British Championship

GM David Howell, IM Matthew Wadsworth, GM Luke McShane, FM Maciej Czopor, IM Shreyas Royal, IM Ameet Ghasi, GM Stuart C Conquest, IM Tarun Kanyamarala, IM Svyatoslav Bazakutsa, GM Michael Adams, IM Artem Lutsko, IM Yichen Han, GM Peter K Wells, IM Richard Palliser, FM Aaravamudhan Balaji, GM Simon K Williams, GM Mark L Hebden, IM Alan Merry, IM Andrew Ledger, FM Li Wu, GM Paul Motwani,

A4. Top 10 players and ties in the 2024 Major Open

Lorenzo Fava, Robin Angst, Gwilym T Price, Jack Liu, Sheng Liang Bernard Chan, WFM Audrey Kueh, George Zhao, Mate Ther, Balahari Bharat Kumar, FM Robert Eames, Ali Reza Jaunooby, Jacob D Yoon, Savas Marin Stoica, Matthew J Harborne, Max P Pert, Michael J Ashworth, Rock Yu, Henry Adams, Roman Kovalskyi, Adithya Vaidyanathan, WCM Nina P Pert

A5. 2024 British Under 21 Champion

Already qualified (FM Maciej Czopor (A3))

A6. 2024 British Under 18 Champions

Already qualified (IM Shreyas Royal, IM Svyatoslav Bazakutsa, IM Artem Lutsko, FM Yichen Han (A3))

A7. 2024 British Under 16 Champion

Already qualified (Max P Pert (A4))

A8. 2024 British OTB Over 50 Champion

GM Keith Arkell

Section B: Qualification by FIDE Title on 1 May 2025

Note – As at February 2025

B1. Grandmasters

Jacob Aagaard, Michael Adams, Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant, Keith C Arkell, Alexander Baburin, Alexander Cherniaev, Stuart C Conquest, Nigel R Davies, John M Emms, Daniel Howard Fernandez, Glenn C Flear, Ameet K Ghazi, Stephen J Gordon, Daniel W Gormally, Ravi Haria, Stewart G Haslinger, Jonathan Hawkins, Mark L Hebden, Julian M Hodgson, David WL Howell, James C Howell, Gawain CB Jones, Raymond D Keene, Daniel J King, Anthony Kosten, Dharshan Kumaran, Jonathan P Levitt, Neil McDonald, Colin A McNab, Luke J McShane, A Jonathan Mestel, Paul Motwani, John DM Nunn, Jonathan F Parker, Nicholas Pert, H James Plaskett, Jonathan Rowson, Shreyas Royal, Matthew D Sadler, John Shaw, Nigel D Short, Jon S Speelman, Michael F Stean, Aaron P Summerscale, Matthew J Turner, Nikita Vitiugov, Chris G Ward, William N Watson, Peter K Wells, Simon K Williams

B2. Women's Grandmasters

Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant, Jana M Bellin, Anya Corke, Dagne Ciuksyte, Jovanka Houska, Harriet Hunt, Sheila Jackson, Susan Lalic, Elmira Mirzoeva, Katarzyna Toma, Lan Yao

B3. International Masters

James Adair, Simon Ansell, Alex Astaneh Lopez, Chris Baker, Aaravamudhan Balaji, Richard Bates, Chris Beaumont, Robert Bellin, George Botterill, Neil Bradbury, Douglas Bryson, Graeme Buckley, Dagne Ciuksyte, Brandon Clarke, Jose Camacho Collados, Charles Cobb, James Cobb, Sam Collins, Jose Comacho Collados, Mark Condie, John Cooper, Lawrence Cooper, John Cox, Gavin Crawley, Lorin d'Costa, Eddie Dearing, Angus Dunnington, David Eggleston, Mark Ferguson, David Fitzsimons, David Goodman, Harry Grieve, Andrew Greet, Craig Hanley, William Hartston, John Hawksworth, Marcus R Harvey, Mark Heidenfeld, Michael Hennigan, Jeff Horner, Andrew Horton, Jovanka Houska, Miroslav Houska, Harriet Hunt, James Jackson, Byron Jacobs, Richard Jones, Tarun Kanyamarala, Brian Kelly, Callum Kilpatrick, Andrew Kinsman, Ezra Kirk, Simon Knott, Dietmar Kolbus, Susan Lalic, Peter Large, Geoff Lawton, Andrew Ledger, David Levy, Paul Littlewood, Karl Mah, Stephen Mannion, Andrew Martin, Roderick McKay, Joseph McPhillips, Alan Merry, Philip Morris, Ali Mortavazi, Andrew Muir, Conor Murphy, Mark Orr, Richard Palliser, Malcolm Pein, Richard Pert, John Pigott, Nigel Povah, Craig Pritchett, Gary Quillan, Mark Quinn, Thomas Rendle, Peter Roberson, Jack Rudd, Sean Taulbut, Adam C Taylor, Ian Thomas, Richard Tozer, Lawrence Trent, Matthew Wadsworth, Gavin Wall, Andrew Webster, Leighton Williams, Jonah Willow, Yang-Fan Zhou

B4. Women's International Masters

Rita Atkins, Sabrina Chevannes, Cathy Forbes, Trisha Kanyamarala, Ingrid Lauterbach, Teresa Needham, Natasha Regan, Gulnara Sachs, Zivile Sarakauskiene, Ruth Sheldon, Lan Yao

B5. FIDE Masters rated 2250 or higher on any FIDE rating list published on 1st January or later (*list to be confirmed*)

Murad Abdulla (SCO), James B Adams (ENG), Jonathan J Ady (ENG), Adam Ashton (ENG), Sergey Babenko (ENG), Stanley Badacsonyi (ENG), Supratit Banerjee (ENG), Peter J Batchelor (ENG), Gerald H Bennett (ENG), Neil Berry (SCO), Daniel L Bisby (ENG), Karl Bowden (ENG), Matthew P Broomfield (ENG), Simon D Brown (ENG), Graham K Burgess (ENG), Mark R Burgess (SCO), James Cavendish (ENG), Terry P D Chapman (ENG), William Claridge Hansen (ENG), Samuel Chow (AUS), Gary M Clark (ENG), Adam R Collinson (ENG), Anthony Corkett (ENG), Stephen J Cullip (ENG), Rhys Cumming (ENG), Killan Delaney (IRL), Paul Delaney (IRL), Borna Derakhshani (ENG), Stephen Dishman (ENG), David Dunne (IRL), Richard G Eales (ENG), Tom Eckersley-Waites (ENG), Michael C Forster (ENG), Samuel G A Franklin (ENG), Alex Golding (ENG), Iain Gourlay (SCO), Ryan Rhys Griffiths (IRL), Alan E Hanreck (ENG), David Haydon (ENG), Owen M Hindle (ENG), Kenneth Hobson (ENG), Donald A Holmes (SCO), Stuart J Hutchings (WLS), Stephen Jessel (IRL), Andrew Jones (WLS), Koby Kalavannan (ENG), Ankush Khandelwal (ENG), Andrew J Krauss (ENG), Peter Lee (ENG), Andrew Lewis (ENG), Henry Li (IRL), Vladimir Li (ENG), Daniel Kozusek (WLS), Sohumi Lohia (ENG), Ian D MacKay (SCO), Paul Macklin (ENG), Peter R Markland (ENG), Boyd McCamon (SCO), James Moreby (ENG), David Moskovic (ENG), Zalan Nemeth (IRL), Alan J Norris (SCO), Kevin J O'Connell (IRL), Conor O'Donnell (IRL), Tom O'Gorman (IRL), Hamish Olson (SCO), Ethan Pang (ENG), Jonathan Pein (ENG), Max Pert (ENG), Emmanuel Rayner (WLS), Joseph Redpath (SCO), Ioan Rees (WLS), John R Richardson (ENG), Jonathan Rogers (ENG), Philip J Rossiter (ENG), Keith Ruxton (SCO), Isaac Sanders (ENG), Ben D M Savage (ENG), Kenneth Shovel (ENG), Indy Southcott-Moyers, (ENG), Clement Sreeves (SCO), Ian Swain (SCO), Desmond T N Tan (ENG), Brian Tarhon (ENG), Alan Tate (SCO), Martin Taylor (ENG), James Vigus (ENG), Rishi Vijayakumar (SCO), Graham A Waddington (ENG), Frederick Waldhausen Gordon (SCO), Laurence E Webb (ENG), Kevin J Wicker (ENG), Jonathan G Wilson (ENG), David A Wood (ENG), Timothy D M Woodward (ENG), Richard York-Weaving (ENG)

B6. Women's FIDE Masters rated 2050 or higher on any FIDE rating list published 1st January or later (*to be confirmed*)

Elaine Bamber (SCO), Shoreh Bayat (ENG), Abigail Cast (WLS), Sarah de Lisle (ENG), Elis Denele Diden (ENG), Ioana Gelip (IRL), Julie A Harwar (ENG), Kamila Hryshenko (ENG), Eugenia Karas (ENG), Lisa Kisteneva (ENG), Akshaya Kalaiyalahan (ENG), Audrey Kueh (ENG), Ruqayyah Rida (ENG), Bodhana Sivandandan (ENG), Olivia Smith (WLS), Katarzyna Starr (ENG), Sophie E Tidman (ENG), Zoe Varney (ENG), Elzbieta Vine (ENG), Abigail Riis Weersing (ENG)

Section C1: Qualification from National Championships (To be confirmed)

2024-25

England

Guernsey

Ireland

Isle of Man

Jersey Paul Carpenter

Scotland Rithvik Deepak Ambattu

Ulster

Wales

Section C2: Qualification from National Women's Championships (To be confirmed)

2024-25

England

Guernsey

Ireland

Jersey Monika Ashbrooke

Scotland

Ulster

Wales Iwan Cave

Section D: Qualification from the English Chess Unions

2024-25

East Anglia Declan Shafi

Midland Senith Gunarathne

Northern Mike Surtees

Southern Ioannis Lentzos

West Roland Bezuidenhout

Section E: Qualification from FIDE title norm tournaments 2024-25 (provisional list)

Northumbria Masters Open

Jacob Yoon

Hastings Masters:

James Golding, Tom Brown, Oleg Verbytski.

Wightlink Isle of Wight International Chess Tournament 2025 – Masters:

Billy Fellowes, Alexandr Pereslavl'tsev, Harry Z. Zheng, Junyi Zhang

2024 XTX Markets London Chess Classic Masters

Michael H Fernandez, Ieysaa Bin-Suhayl

Cambridge International Open

Frankie Badacsonyi, Haroon Majeed, George Adams, Jude Shearsby, Jan Murawski, Lion Lebedev

South Wales International

Section F: Qualification from the British Championship Qualifying Grand Prix (2024-2025)

British Grand Prix Qualifiers (Top ten players not already qualified) – To be confirmed.

BGP Women's qualifier (Highest placed female player not already qualified) -

Section G: Qualification by Nomination – Wildcards

Home Chess Director & Championship Manager (8)

Host Federation

Section H: Deferrals from 2024 to 2025

Mikhail Sedykh – top 10 Major Open 2023

Lewis Turner – top 10 Major Open 2023

Russell James – Grand Prix 2023

Alex Bullen – Grand Prix 2024

Thomas Brown – Hastings 2024

Emily Maton – English Championship 2024

Steven Jones – top 20 British Championship 2023