HOW TO ENTER

For further details and book online go to:
www.dhchessclub.co.uk/index.php/rapidplay/rapidplay-info

Alternatively, complete the entry form on this leaflet. Cheques payable to **Darnall & Handsworth Chess Club**.

Please send completed form and cheque to:
Geoff Brown
6 Shoreham Road, Moorgate, Rotherham, S60 3EF

Tel: 07931 563787 Email: secretary01@dhchessclub.co.uk

ENTRY FEE

All entrants are required to be members of the English Chess Federation (ECF) at Gold level. Bronze or non-members will pay a surcharge of £15.00 on top of the basic entry fee of £20.00 (£17.00 juniors).

FURTHER INFORMATION ON ECF MEMBERSHIP
Telephone: 01424 775222 Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm.
https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-rates-and-joining-details/

Non-ENG PLAYERS who belong to a FIDE nation other than ENG (e.g. SCO or USA) don't need to belong to the ECF but it will cost them more to play. HOWEVER you do need to quote a FIN (FIDE Identification Number) with your entry. Non-English players will have to obtain a FIN from their national federation in good time prior to the tournament otherwise you cannot enter.

LATE ENTRIES

Space at the playing venue is limited. Please enter early to avoid disappointment and to aid administration. Entries submitted after 15 March 2025 will only be accepted at the Organiser's discretion and will be subject to a £5.00 surcharge.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SECTIONS

Eligibility for sections will be based on the highest rating a player has from the following options:

FIDE RAPIDPLAY RATING (MARCH 2025)
ECF RAPIDPLAY RATING (MARCH 2025) — A or K categories only

For players without any of these ratings, section eligibility and the rating allocated for pairings will be determined by the Organiser on a case-by-case basis. Seedings and pairings within Sections will be based on the most up-to-date ratings available.

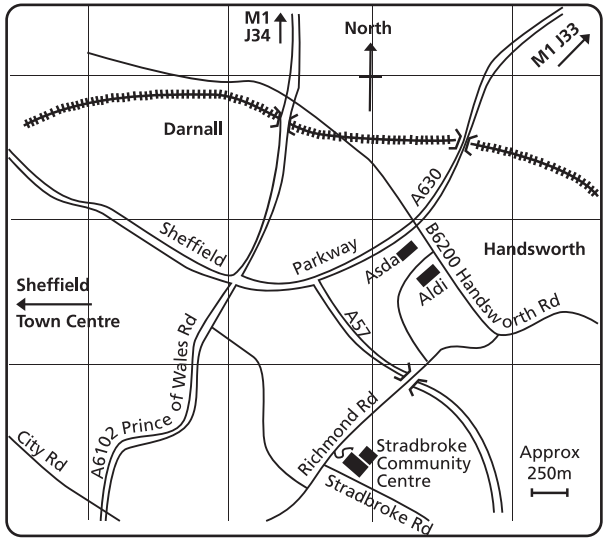
ACCESSIBILITY

The playing area at the venue is wheelchair accessible and the venue has a disabled toilet. Disabled competitors should contact the Organiser (details above) about any special requirements they may have. Such requirements will be catered for wherever possible.

STRADBROKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Grounds of Stradbroke Primary School)

Richmond Road, Stradbroke, Sheffield S13 8LT



HOW TO FIND US

BY CAR
FROM M1 — At junction 33 head towards Sheffield along the A630. Take the second turn-off and turn left at the roundabout onto the B6200 to Handsworth. Asda supermarket will be on your right. Turn right at the lights after Asda (before Aldi) onto Richmond Park Road. Travel to the end and turn right again onto Richmond Road. After 500 metres the road rises slightly. The left turn into Stradbroke Primary School and Community Centre is immediately prior to a pelican crossing halfway up the rise.

FROM SHEFFIELD CITY CENTRE — Head for M1 motorway along the A57 / A630 Sheffield Parkway. Turn right towards Handsworth on the B6200 and follow the above directions.

BY BUS
Services 24 (First) and 25 (Stagecoach) leave Arundel Gate in Sheffield approximately every ten minutes. Both services stop about 200 metres from the playing venue.

Darnall & Handsworth CHESS CLUB (SHEFFIELD)

9TH FIDE RATED RAPIDPLAY

English Chess Federation
6-round Swiss Tournament

Saturday 22 March 2025

FOUR SECTIONS

All FIDE and ECF Rated

OPEN
No upper limit

MAJOR
Rated below 1900

INTERMEDIATE
Rated below 1700

MINOR
Rated below 1500

Chief Arbiter: IA Adam Raoof
Chief Organiser: Geoffrey D Brown

TOTAL PRIZE FUND £1000

PRIZES

	Open	Other Sections
First	£140	£125
Second	£90	£60
Third	£30	£30
Rating	£25	£25

Prizes may be changed (increased or decreased) subject to the numbers of entries received.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Round 1	10.15 am	**Round 4**	2.15 pm
Round 2	11.30 am	**Round 5**	3.30 pm
Round 3	12.45 pm	**Round 6**	4.45 pm

Prize Giving
No formal prize giving. Prizes will be paid by bank transfer.

RATE OF PLAY

Each player will have 25 minutes per game plus an increment of 5 seconds per move from move 1. There is no requirement to record the moves.

LATE ARRIVAL FOR ANY ROUND

Players will be defaulted if they have not arrived at their board within 10 minutes of the start of the round.
Re-pairing will take place if possible.

HALF POINT BYE IN ROUND 1

Players may request a half point bye in Round 1 only if they do so at the time of submitting their entry.

A half-point bye will not be allowed in the final round and will only be allowed in other rounds at the Organiser's discretion.

PAIRINGS

Pairings will be made according to FIDE Pairing Rules using the Swiss Manager program.

FIDE LAWS OF CHESS

All sections will be played under the FIDE Laws of Chess and in particular Appendix Article A.5 relating to Rapidplay events. You are strongly advised to make yourself familiar with these laws — ***https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023***

PHOTOGRAPHS

Darnall & Handsworth Chess Club would like to take photographs on the day for publicity purposes, e.g. for use on its website; or in a press release. If you object to this then please inform the Organiser, Geoff Brown, in writing before the tournament.

CAR PARKING

Car parking for about 50 vehicles is available at the playing venue. Otherwise please use surrounding streets.

REFRESHMENTS

Sandwiches, drinks and biscuits will be available.
Shops, café and fast food outlets are about 500 metres away.

MOBILE PHONES / ELECTRONIC DEVICES

During a game, a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves on their person in the playing venue. Such devices may be stored in a bag as long as the device is completely switched off.

If you are found with a device in your possession when away from the board during your game, e.g. in the toilets, then you will lose your game and may be banned from the rest of the tournament and / or future events.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

The Organiser reserves the right to refuse an entry, or transfer an entry to another section, without explanation.

Unrated players cannot win a rating prize and, with the exception of the Open, may only win 50% of any other prize.

Competitors can only win one prize and prizes will be allocated as the Organiser sees fit.

The advertised prizes may be changed subject to the number of entries received.

In the event of a dispute, the decisions of the Organiser and/or Chief Arbiter will be final in all matters.
Players must agree to their rating information being published on the ECF and FIDE websites.

The submission of an entry form and payment of the entry fee denotes acceptance of the tournament's terms and conditions.

PRIVACY POLICY

Information on how we use the data you provide us is included in the 'Privacy' section which can be accessed via our website at ***www.dhchessclub.co.uk/index.php/information/privacy*** (a paper copy of which is available on request), as is other information for competitors, including conditions of entry and tournament rules. Entry to the Rapidplay is deemed to be acceptance of the conditions shown on the site.

DISCLAIMER

The Organiser, along with Darnall & Handsworth Chess Club, accept no responsibility for any damage, theft or accident to the person or property of anyone attending this event.

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ECF

FIDE

ENTRY FORM

Section Entered (please circle)

OPEN U1900 U1700 U1500

First Name(s) _____

Surname _____

Address _____

_____ **Post Code** _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Club (if any) _____

ECF Membership No. _____

ECF Rating Code _____

ECF Rapidplay Rating _____

FIDE ID Code _____ **Federation** _____

FIDE Rapidplay Rating _____

OTHER RATING INFO _____
(if no ECF or FIDE details)

Date of Birth _____
(only required if you have not provided your FIDE ID Code)

Half-Point Bye in Round 1 YES NO

ENTRY FEE	**£ 20.00**
SURCHARGE (£15.00) (Bronze or non ECF member)	£ _____
LATE FEE (£5.00) (Entry after 15 March 2025)	£ _____
DONATION	£ _____
JUNIOR DISCOUNT (£3.00) (Anyone born 2007 or later)	£ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED	£ _____

Form & cheque (payable to **Darnall & Handsworth Chess Club**) to:
Geoff Brown, 6 Shoreham Road, Moorgate, Rotherham, S60 3EF