

CRABB SHIELD 2023 – Saturday July 15th

Sheffield Chess Centre, 329A Coleford Road, Sheffield S9 5NF



What is the Crabb Shield? One of the oldest traditions of the Sheffield & District Chess Association. This competition hasn't been held since 2019. In its current form it was first contested in 1981, but its roots go back to a tournament first held in 1927-1928.

Time control and schedule: 6 rounds (byes excepted, all players play in all rounds), with 15 minutes each on the clock for the game plus a 10-second increment from move 1.

Round 1: 12pm

Round 2: 1pm

Round 3: 2pm

Round 4: 3pm (Break after Round 4)

Round 5: 4.30pm

Round 6: 5.30pm

Who is eligible to play? Anyone who is a member of a club in the Sheffield & District Chess Association, or who lives in Sheffield and the surrounding area, or who has played in the Sheffield league this season.

Prizes: The winner of the competition will hold the Crabb Shield for one year. Other/cash/rating prizes dependent on the number of entries, presented as soon as possible following the final round.

Refreshments will be available for purchase at the venue – tea, coffee, cold drinks and snacks. Hot food to be confirmed. There is a McDonalds 300 metres away.

ECF rating: Games will be submitted for ECF Rapidplay rating.

Entry fee: £10 (ECF bronze members and above). If you are not a current member of the ECF, you will need to pay an additional £9 for the ECF's Pay to Play fee. If possible, please pay by bank transfer using your full name as a reference to South Yorkshire Chess, 08-92-99 67282861. Payments on the day can be accepted, provided we have your entry in advance. In this case please arrive at least 15 minutes early.

Additional rules: Any player whose mobile phone is found to be switched on during a game will lose the game. Players may request a half-point bye in any one of rounds 1-4 at the time of entry. Play will be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess. The Chief Arbiter will be Phill Beckett. It is a condition of entry that the Arbiter's decision is final in all matters.

Travel: Parking is available on-street or in the Furniture warehouse next door. The closest bus stop is Greenland Road / Coleford Road, which is a 5-minute walk from the venue, and served by route number 18.

Tiebreak: In the event of a tie, non-trophy prizes will be shared. The following means will be used to determine the trophy winner: a) Sum of progressive scores, b) Blitz playoff (if only 2 players tied), c) Sum of opponent's scores.

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Please send the details from this entry form to Jonathan Arnott by email: jwauk02@aol.com, or you can send this form by post to Jonathan Arnott, 9 Ravenscroft Close, Sheffield, S13 8PN

Name: _____ ECF rating*: _____ ½-point bye (if any) Round: ____

ECF membership number: _____ Telephone or email: _____

Entry fee: £10 (ECF) or £19 (non-ECF): _____ Payment: Bank transfer / cash on day (please select)

By submitting this entry form, I confirm that I accept the tournament's terms and conditions. The Organisers accept no responsibility for any damage, theft or accident to the person or property of anyone attending this event.

* - rapidplay rating. If no rapidplay, enter your Standardplay rating.