

ENTRY FORM (Please write clearly.)

Name _____
Address _____

E-mail _____
Telephone (Home) _____ (Mobile) _____
Club _____
Grade** _____ Source** _____
Date of Birth (needed only for juniors) _____
ECF Rating Code (if known) _____
ECF Membership Number (if applicable) _____
One half-point bye if required (Round No. 1-4 only, state which) _____

TOURNAMENT	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:	Tick the tournament you wish to enter
OPEN	Open to all	
MAJOR	Open to those rated 1950 or below	
INTERMEDIATE	Open to those rated 1750 or below	
MINOR	Open to those rated 1550 or below	
FOUNDATION	Open to those rated 1350 or below	

**Other systems' grades will be converted to an ECF grade using standard formulae.

I declare that the information above is correct. Signed: _____

Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope if acknowledgement of entry and/or venue location plan required. (Please indicate which.)

FEES ENCLOSED

- Entry Fee £ 30
- Late Fee (see Payment section for details) £
- Additional (£9 for both adults and juniors) if ECF platinum, gold or silver membership is not already held. £
- Optional Donation (Thank you) £
- £6 deduction for Juniors: must be U18 on 1st Sept. 2023 -£

TOTAL: £

We aim to ensure hot drinks and light snacks are available during the event.

The Inaugural Derbyshire
Chess Congress

**Venue: Trent College, Derby Road, Long Eaton,
Nottingham NG10 4AD
23rd to 24th September 2023**



ECF rated

Results submitted for ECF rating & Chessable Grand Prix

For all tournaments - Entry Fee: £30.

Prizes for the Open: £300, £200, £100, & £30 rating prize.

Prizes for all the other sections: £150, £100, £50 & £30 rating prize.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Saturday	23rd September	Round 1 10:00
		Round 2 14:15
		Round 3 18:30
Sunday	24th September	Round 4 10:00
		Round 5 14:15

There will not be a prize-giving ceremony at the end. Prizes will be paid by bank transfer where possible.

Bookstall by Chess Essentials (07914 885976)

Congress website: <https://dcc23.co.uk>

RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

All tournaments will be five-round Swiss, and all entrants will be expected to play each round. Players may claim a half-point bye for any one round at the time of entry, rounds 1-4 only. Pairings will be made using Swiss Manager. The default time will be 30 minutes after the start of the round.

Depending on entries, it is hoped that the highest placed Derbyshire player in the Open section will be entitled to a special prize of £30.

The ECF Sept. 2023 OTB ratings will be used to determine eligibility for rating-restricted sections, and for pairings and rating prize purposes. Players entering before 1st Sept. 2023 will be moved up a section(s) if their Sept. 2023 rating is above the upper limit for the section they originally entered.

Unrated players must give an indication of their playing strength where possible at the time of entry (e.g. recent congress results). Unrated players will not be eligible for rating prizes unless they provide acceptable evidence of their playing strength. Organisers reserve the right to transfer any entrant from one tournament to another.

Phones are *allowed* in the venue, but *must be switched off during play*. Phones and other electronic devices must not be on one's person while a game is in progress. Anyone wearing an electronic device for medical reasons should inform the arbiters before play.

Smoking is not allowed in the school building or grounds. There is plenty of free car parking on site. It is a condition of entry that players agree that they participate at their own risk.

In all matters the organisers' decision is final. The organisers exercise their right to reduce the prize fund in the event of insufficient entries.

There will be a LIMIT of 200 entries. Players must adhere to COVID regulations in force at the time of the event, and any required by the venue.

The organisers would like to take photographs during the congress for publicity purposes, e.g. for use on its website. If you object to this, please inform the entries secretary in writing or by email before the event.

Parents or guardians are responsible for their children during the tournament. The organisers and helpers are not able to act "in loco parentis" and are not able to take responsibility for any child's actions, or for the actions of anyone that may affect your child.

RATE OF PLAY

The time each player will have to complete the game will be 1 hour and 30 minutes with a 10-second increment added after each move from move 1.

PAYMENT and ENTRIES

POSTAL ENTRIES

Completed entry forms, with cheques payable to
DERBYSHIRE CHESS CONGRESS,
should be sent to the entries secretary marked "congress entry"
28 Sycamore Way, Brailsford, ASHBOURNE, DE6 3GX
Postal entries postmarked after 18th September 2023, will be deemed "late".

E-MAIL ENTRIES

Full entry details may be sent by e-mail to contact@belperchess.club
E-mail entries will be acknowledged to confirm receipt.
A following online payment by BACS, is preferred; alternatively, payment may be made by cheque as above. The BACS details are as follows:
Acc. Name: Derbyshire Chess Congress Acc. No. 69194378 Sort Code: 60 02 18
N.B. Please make sure that you include your first and last name as the reference when making a payment.
E-mail entries received after 20th September 2023 will be deemed "late".

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries received prior to 23rd September 2023 will be subject to a surcharge of £4. NO ENTRIES will be accepted on the day the tournament starts.

ECF MEMBERSHIP

This is an ECF-rated event. Players who are not current ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the date of the congress (e.g. Bronze Members) must add £9 to the basic entry fee of £30.

DISABLED and ENQUIRIES

Access in and around the site is wheelchair-friendly. Please contact the Entries Secretary if you have any special requirements. Any other enquiries should also be directed to the Entries Secretary at the address above, or on 07976 701995.
(Also see the congress website: <https://dcc23.co.uk>)

For overnight accommodation there are 3 hotels nearby: Best Western Hotel
NG10 4EP•0115 946 0000, Bennetts Hotel NG10 1LW•0115 97208481,
Holiday Inn NG10 5NJ•0333 3209327.