

Congress Schedule

Venue - Hornty Park, Bohemia Road, Hastings TN34 1EX

Dates & playing times

	MASTERS (start time)	OTHER EVENTS (start time)
Saturday 28th December	Round 1 – 14:15	Christmas Round 1 – 9:30 Round 2 – 14:15 Round 3 – 19:00
Sunday 29th December	Round 2 – 14:15	Christmas Round 4 – 9:30 Round 5 – 14:15
Monday 30th December	Round 3 – 14:15	New Year Morning Round 1 – 9:30 New Year Afternoon Round 1 – 14:15
Tuesday 31st December	Round 4 – 14:15	New Year Morning Round 2 – 9:30 New Year Afternoon Round 2 – 14:15
Wednesday 1st January	Round 5 – 14:15	New Year Morning Round 3 – 9:30 New Year Afternoon Round 3 – 14:15
Thursday 2nd January	Round 6 – 14:15	New Year Morning Round 4 – 9:30 New Year Afternoon Round 4 – 14:15
Friday 3rd January	Round 7 – 14:15	New Year Morning Round 5 – 9:30 New Year Afternoon Round 5 – 14:15 Weekend Open/Int/U130 Round 1 – 19:00
Saturday 4th January	Round 8 – 14:15	Weekend Open/Int/U130 Round 2 – 09:30 Round 3 – 14:15
Sunday 5th January	Round 9 – 14:15	Weekend Open/Int/U130 Round 4 – 09:30 Round 5 – 14:15

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95th Hastings International Chess Congress

Co-sponsors – Hastings Borough Council
Saturday 28th December 2019
to Sunday 5th January 2020
Tournaments for all strengths!



Organised with the support of the English Chess Federation
Congress website – www.hastingschess.com

Horntye Park Sports Complex
Bohemia Road, Hastings TN34 1EX



Entry Form

Please confirm your agreement in the three tick boxes below, as required by the Data Protection regulations affecting all organisations (further information can be found on the Congress website)

I agree that games played by me at the 2019/20 Congress may be used for publicity purposes during the event and in the future. For norm events games must be sent to FIDE and will appear on its website.

I agree that data contained on the Hastings Congress entry form is retained securely by the Congress officers and not distributed to any other person(s) without my consent. Photographs/video taken of me may be used.

I agree that information be provided to ECF or FIDE for grading/rating/norm purposes only.

Photographs/video of players will be taken during the Congress for use as publicity material at the 2019/20 event and in the future. They may appear on the Congress website or in other published material. Personal data included on the entry form is not for publication and is for use by the officers of the Congress only.

Name (forename, surname)			
Address (incl. postcode)			
Email address			
Telephone number			
Date of birth			
ECF membership number and level (e.g. ME000001 Gold) if applicable			
ECF grading code and current grade*	FIDE ID and rating	Elo (National)	Federation
Chess club(s)			

* If you have no current grade you must indicate your playing strength, quoting your most recent grade and tournament results.

Event	Bye?	Entry fee £
Masters		
Christmas		
New Year Morning		
New Year Afternoon		
Weekend Open		
Weekend Intermediate		
Weekend Under 130		
Late entry fee		
Donation (thank you!)		
£10.50 levy if applicable		
TOTAL		

For the Christmas / New Year events, do you wish to play in a stronger section than that appropriate to your grade, subject to the arbiter's approval?

YES / NO

If you require a bye, please indicate the ROUND NUMBER in the table on the left, in the 'Bye?' column. Please confirm byes after arrival with your arbiter.

Entries to - Congress Chairman, Hastings Chess Club, 2 Cornwallis Terrace, Hastings TN34 1EB

Congress Conditions

Cheques should be made payable to 'Hastings International Chess Congress'. Entries should be sent to the Congress Chairman.

Congress Chairman

The Hastings Chess Club

2 Cornwallis Terrace

Hastings

TN34 1EB

Tel: 01424 436313

Email: HICCchairman@hastingschess.club

Congress website - www.hastingschess.com

Entries can also be made online via the website.

If a written acknowledgement of an entry is required, a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.

The Congress reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Refunds - a deduction of up to 20% will be made from any refund to cover any costs, and refunds will only be made if notification of withdrawal is received by the **Chairman** no later than 22 December 2019.

Late entries will invoke a late entry fee of £10 (the Masters) and £6 (other tournaments) for entries postmarked after 10 December 2019 (or 27 December 2019 for the Weekend Tournaments)

Eligibility to play in an event will be determined by the Grading and Rating lists as of 1 September 2019. The actual grade or rating used for all other purposes will be the most up-to-date value available on the first day of each event.

Visas

Players needing visas should apply by 19 November 2019. For a formal invitation, contact Pam Thomas Tel: 01424 445348
Email: pae123@aol.com

Information for overseas players

It is better to fly to Gatwick, as there is a direct rail link to Hastings. Those arriving at Heathrow or Stansted airports should travel to Charing Cross Station and those coming from Luton airport should travel via St. Pancras International and then to Hastings via the Ashford high speed service. Players from London should travel on the direct trains from Charing Cross, Waterloo East or London Bridge stations.

National Express Coaches also have daily service between London and Hastings. Further information can be found on their website at www.national.express.com.

Players are advised that they should expect to pay a minimum of £40 per person per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in Hastings.

Please note that players are responsible for their own insurance against damage or loss to personal property.

The Hastings Borough Council website at www.visit1066country.com gives information on all aspects of the town, including accommodation and travel.

Players should check the Congress website for the latest announcements and information.

A GM will provide commentary on the games in progress starting at 14.45 each afternoon.

Hastings Masters games will be shown on this website daily. Names of entrants to this and all other tournaments will appear from October. The final cross-tables of all tournaments will be displayed

John Robinson Youth Chess Trust

Hastings International Chess Congresses gratefully acknowledges the support given by the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust. The congress would also like to thank those who have made donations.

Hastings Masters

A nine-round accelerated* Swiss Pairing tournament from 28 December 2019 to 5 January 2020

This event will provide opportunities to qualify for titles and for the FIDE Rating List.

Rate of play - 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by all remaining moves in 50 minutes, with the addition of 30 seconds for each move from the start

Entry Fees -

GM, IM, WGM, WIM – Free

For conditions contact Alex McFarlane
HICCconditions@hastingschess.club

FM, WFM - £36

Players with FIDE ratings -

2125 and above - £76

Below 2125 - £116

Players without FIDE ratings -

ECF 190 (ELO 2125) and above - £126

Below ECF 190 (ELO 2125) - £146

The entry fee for this Masters event only is reduced by 50% for any one of the following: players under 18 or over 65 on 1 January 2020; registered disabled players; members of Hastings Chess Club; and players residing in the Borough of Hastings. Those registered as ENG who are not Gold or Platinum ECF members must pay an additional Game Fee of £11.00

Non-English entrants are required to have a FIDE identification number. If they do not, they must obtain one in advance from their International Rating Officer.

Thanks to the John Robinson Youth Chess Trust, some assistance may be available for suitable players under 21 on 1 January 2020. Details will appear on the website.

The Masters winner will hold the Golombek Trophy in name for one year
Prizes - £2000, £1200, £750, £500, £350, £250, £200.

There will also be prizes of £200 each for: the highest placed female player; the highest placed player who is neither a GM nor IM; the best relative FIDE rating performance by a player aged 65 or over on 28 December 2019; and the CON POWER Prize for the best relative FIDE rating performance by a player aged under 18 years old on 28 December 2019. Other prizes depending on entry.

Prizes for those not already holding three norms, achieving GM/WGM or IM/WIM FIDE title norms which will be valid towards titles, GM/WGM norms - £200; and IM/WIM norms - £100.

Horntye will present a prize of £100 and a trophy for the winner of the Best Game.

The highest placed eligible player not already qualified will be entitled to play in the 2020 British Championship.

Players, other than grandmasters, may take a half-point bye in any round of the Masters apart from the last. Notice must be given early on the previous evening. This is particularly suitable on New Year's Day.

*** The Baku Acceleration system will be used only if entry exceeds 100.**

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RATE OF PLAY (applies to all the tournaments on this page) All moves in 110 minutes, with an extra 10 seconds for each move. Each player must keep score until the time remaining on his clock has dropped below five minutes. Once a player has stopped scoring under this rule, they do not need to resume scoring if their time then increases to above five minutes.

Christmas Tournament

5 round Swiss tournaments over two days (see Congress Schedule for start times

Saturday 28 December 2019 to Sunday 29 December 2019

This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (FIDE 2200)

Entry Fee - £39 (Juniors £35)

Prizes (for each section) - £140, £90, £65 plus a grading prize of £30

ECF Female Prize - £75 in each section

New Year Morning & Afternoon Tournaments

5 round Swiss tournaments over five days (see Congress Schedule for start times

Monday 30 December 2019 to Friday 3 January 2020

This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (FIDE 2200)

Entry Fee - £39 (Juniors £35)

Prizes (for each section) - £140, £90, £65 plus a grading prize of £30

ECF Female Prize - £75 in each section

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS

Electronic devices such as mobile phones, Fitbits, etc. must be completely switched off and placed in a bag at the player's table. The bag must not be moved at any time during the game. The devices must remain off until away from the tournament hall.

Hastings Weekend Open Congress

All these tournaments are 5 round events

Friday 3 January 2020 to Sunday 5 January

2020. Open Tournament – FIDE rated. All English entrants must quote their membership number when entering. Other entrants are required to be members of a national federation affiliated to FIDE

Entry Fee - £40 (Juniors £36)

Prizes - £500, £300, £150, plus a rating prize of £70 for those with a published FIDE rating below 1900

ECF Female Prize - £75

Those registered as ENG who are not Gold or Platinum members must pay an additional game fee of £11.00

Intermediate Tournament

Open to players below ECF 160 (FIDE 1900)

Entry Fee - £39 (Juniors £35)

Prizes - £400, £250, £100 plus a grading prize of £50 for players below ECF 140

ECF Female Prize - £75

Under 130 Tournament

For players below ECF 130 (FIDE 1675) or with no previous experience of competitive chess

Entry Fee - £26 (Juniors £23)

Prizes - £200, £150, £100, plus grading prizes of £40 for players graded ECF 99-80 and below ECF 80

ECF Female Prize - £75

Players may take a half point bye in any round except the last. Requests for such byes must be stated on the entry form (this relates to all tournaments on this page)

PLEASE NOTE - ECF Members of at least Silver level may deduct £7.50 for adults and juniors from the entry fee for Christmas, New Year and Weekend Intermediate and U130 events. Members of Hastings Chess Club and players residing in the Borough of Hastings receive a £10 discount from the entry fee for the Christmas, New Year, Weekend Open, and Intermediate events and £5 from the Weekend U130

The **Maureen Charlesworth Trophy** will be awarded for the most meritorious performance by a local player (further details will appear in the programme).

Players should note that under UK law smoking is banned in all inside areas of Horntye Park Sports Complex. This also includes e-cigarettes.

Default time - Players arriving **30 minutes or more** after the start of a session in any tournament shall lose by forfeit, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

The playing venue – Horntye Park Sports Complex, Bohemia Road, Hastings TN34 1EX Tel: 01424 716666 - is a spacious chess venue with excellent lighting. It is just over 1km from the town centre and is shown on the map in this brochure. Bus services run from the town centre to the venue. There is adequate car-parking space.

The playing venue is accessible to players with disabilities. It includes toilet facilities for the disabled and a lift between floors.

Catering will be available during most of the playing times.

Subject to confirmation on the Congress website, the telephone number of the chess office at Horntye Park will be 0758 214 9239 from 28 December 2019.

Refreshments while at the board - players must confine their refreshments to tea, coffee and cold drinks.

Juniors are players under 18 years on 1st January 2020.

Hastings Chess Congress wishes to draw attention to its adopted **Safeguarding Policy**, which is set out below ---

- 1) **Prevention** (to provide a positive atmosphere which encourages junior chess)
- 2) **Protection** (having an agreed procedure, ensuring that organisers and tournament officers are able to respond appropriately and sensitively to safeguarding concerns)
- 3) **Support** (to anyone who may have encountered abuse at the event)

The White Rock Hotel

Tel: 01424 422240

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