

GUILDFORD SUMMER TOURNAMENT 2024

TOURNAMENT RULES AND INFORMATION

Tournament structure

1. The event consists of two sections:
 - Open
 - Minor (<1550)
2. The event is an 8-round Swiss tournament taking place at Guildford Chess Club on successive Monday evenings in June and July.
 - Round 1: 3 June
 - Round 2: 10 June
 - Round 3: 17 June
 - Round 4: 24 June
 - Round 5: 1 July
 - Round 6: 8 July
 - Round 7: 15 July
 - Round 8: 22 July

Prizes

3. The highest-placed paid-up Guildford member in each section will be awarded the title of Club Champion for 2024 for the respective section.
4. The highest-placed non-Guildford member in each section will be entitled to a 50% discount on the cost of Guildford membership for 2024/25.

Timing and defaults

5. Each round begins at 7.30pm. If you are running late, please notify the organisers.
6. Players who do not arrive by 8.00pm will default the game. Their opponents will be re-paired if possible, or else given a one-point bye.

Rate of play

7. In the Open, the rate of play is 75 minutes for the game plus a 15-second increment from the start.
8. In the Minor, the rate of play is 45 minutes for the game plus a 15-second increment from the start, unless both players agree before the start of the game to play a longer time control (up to 75 minutes for the game plus a 15-second increment from the start).
9. Re-paired games in either section will be played at a time control no shorter than 45 minutes for the game plus a 15-second increment from the start.

Byes

10. Players may take up to three half-point byes in the tournament. Byes in any of rounds 1 to 7 may be requested up to 48 hours before the start of the relevant round (i.e. by 7.30pm on the preceding Saturday). Byes in round 8 must be notified to the organiser no later than 7.30pm on Saturday 1 June.

Pairings

11. Pairings will be made in accordance with the standard international rules for Swiss tournaments.

12. We aim to publish the draw for each round at least 24 hours in advance (i.e. by 7.30pm on the preceding Sunday).

Playing rules

13. The FIDE Laws of Chess apply to this event.

14. Please note:

- You must record all moves played, until the time on your clock falls below 5 minutes. After this you do not have to record any further moves even if the increment later takes your time over 5 minutes again.
- If you make an illegal move, your opponent will be awarded an additional 2 minutes on the clock. If you make a second illegal move, you will default the game.
- While your game is in progress, mobile phones and other electronic devices must be switched off, and may not be carried on your person.

ECF membership

15. In order to play in this event you must be a member of the ECF at Bronze level or higher, at the time of entry.

Rating

16. The ECF Standard Over The Board rating list published on 1 June 2024 will be used for the round 1 pairings and for determining eligibility to play in the Minor if appropriate.

17. All results will be submitted for ECF Standard Over The Board rating within 24 hours of the end of each round.

Entry fee

18. The event is free to paid-up members of Guildford Chess Club.

19. For other players, the entry fee is £20, payable in advance. Your entry is not confirmed until payment has been received. Please pay by bank transfer as shown below.

- Account name: Guildford Chess Club
- Sort code: 52-41-56
- Account number: 48269867

Tournament website

20. All tournament information will be published online on the Chess-Results server. This will include:

- Entrants
- Pairings for each round
- Results for each round
- Cross-tables.

How to enter

21. Please contact the tournament organiser as shown below, with the following details:

- Name
- Email address
- Contact phone number
- ECF membership number
- Section entered (Open or Minor).

22. The deadline for entries is 7.30pm on Saturday 1 June.

Tournament organiser

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