

An English Chess Federation graded and
FIDE rated event

SUNDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2012

Leamington & District Chess League
26th RapidPlay Tournament

Four 6 Round Swiss Tournaments

Open FIDE Rated Under 170 Under 145 Under 110

Prizes (All Sections) plus Special and Grading Prizes

1st - £ 150 2nd - £ 90 3rd - £ 30

LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

(Entry and Fee must be received by noon Saturday 8th September)

Venue

(note this is a new venue)

Town Hall, Parade, Leamington Spa CV32 4AA

Directions

From M40 Northbound, exit junction 13
From M40 Southbound, exit junction 14

Congress Director

Guy Greenland

Chief Arbiter

Adrian Elwin

Control Team

Alex Holowczak & Bruce Holland doing pairings using Swiss Master
with

Matt Carr, Colin Reed on general Arbiting duties

Arbiters

Arbiters' decisions will be final and binding

Rate of Play

Open: Fischer 20 mins + 10 secs per move
U170, U145, & U110: All moves in 30 minutes

Grading Information

It is a condition of entry that players agree to their grading information
being published on the ECF Website.

Photography

Please note that photos may be taken and published in the media or
on our website

Refreshments

Will be available from 10:30am to 6:00pm

It is hoped a Bookstall will be available

From A46 Warwick Bypass, exit at A452

Follow signs to Leamington & when in town signs to the Pump Rooms

Parking is available in Newbold Terrace, (free east of Newbold St)
or St Peter's Car Park, Augusta Place, **CV32 5EL** (Recommended)

Opening Ceremony - 9:50am

Round 1 10:00am to 11:00am Round 2 11:30am to 12:30pm
Round 3 1:00pm to 2:00pm Round 4 2:30pm to 3:30pm
Round 5 4:00pm to 5:00pm Round 6 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Prize Giving - 6:35pm

Winners should remain to collect their cash prizes

Requirements of a FIDE rated tournament

For the first time this year the Leamington RapidPlay is staging its top section as an Open FIDE rated tournament. FIDE are developing a RapidPlay rating list, and this event is aiming to make a contribution to this venture. The results will also be submitted to the ECF Grading system in the usual way.

For players entering this section they will need to provide their FIDE rating, reference number and date of birth (or at least their year of birth). Those who already have a standard play rating with FIDE will be familiar with these requirements.

We shall be using the software package Swiss Master, which has been developed under the aegis of the Royal Dutch Chess Federation. This software is widely accepted in Europe as well as in quite a number of events in the UK. The software follows the FIDE pairing rules scrupulously and therefore can be relied upon to make the draws correctly. That being the case makes it possible for us to use this software in the context of a RapidPlay tournament with its tight scheduling.

Because of the efficiency of this software package we shall be using it for all the sections, and so the requirements being reflected in the way the software work will mean that all players entering all sections will have to comply with providing their Date of Birth, or for those who are sensitive about this they must provide their year of birth.

A new innovation in administering the Congress

Another first is taking place for a RapidPlay event as far we know. The control team will be running the administration of the event during the day using computer technology from end to end. Swiss Master is the basis of the software side of this, which will do the draws, produce cross-tables as the rounds progress, and then generate the reports we need to publish the details of the event afterwards, as well as the rating reports for FIDE and the Grading submissions for the ECF. It will be entirely paperless. No pairing boards, no pairing boards, no wall charts, and no results slips.

How will this be achieved. Within Warwickshire we have built a portable network, which will provide the computer to run Swiss Master, equipment to distribute and display the pairings and cross tables on VGA screens (one per section), spaced out so that we break down the crowd that usually gathers round pairing boards into smaller huddles around each VGA screen.

We will have a printer, just in case. We also have the data being backed up automatically at regular intervals, and spare notebooks available in case of equipment failure. We will have duplicate WiFi networks, one of which connects directly to the Internet, so we can look up the FIDE ratings and the ECF Gradings. And should disaster strike in the boot of a nearby car will be a complete set of pairing cards and pairing boards. Players will report their results verbally in the same way as is done at the Golders Green RapidPlay tournaments.