

ENTRY FORM (Please write clearly.)

Name _____
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 those rated below 2400	
MAJOR	Open to those rated below 1950	
INTERMEDIATE	Open to those rated below 1750	
MINOR	Open to those rated below 1600	
FOUNDATION	Open to those rated below 1375	

**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 Please note that there will be a £3 administration charge per withdrawal if a refund is requested BEFORE 12 noon on Friday 16th Oct. After this time NO refunds will be given.

- Entry Fee £ 36
 - Late Fee (see Payment section for details) £
 - Additional fee (£17 for adults, £7.00 for juniors) if ECF platinum
 - or gold membership is not already held. £
 - Optional Donation (Thank you) £
 - £5 deduction for Juniors: (must be U18 on 1st October 2026) -£
- TOTAL: £

We aim to ensure that hot drinks and light snacks will available to purchase by cash or card during the event. There will be a similar range of products to last year. Unfortunately, sandwiches will not be available. However, as before, there will be a map and a list of other food outlets in the vicinity.

The 4th Derbyshire Chess Congress

Venue: Trent College, Derby Road,
Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4AD

Date: 17th to 18th October 2026



All sections
ECF rated



Open and Major
FIDE rated

Results will be submitted for ECF rating in all sections and for FIDE rating in the Open & Major sections.

For all tournaments - Entry Fee: £36.

Prizes for the Open: £300, £200, £100, £75 & £50 rating prize.

All other sections: £160, £110, £60 £40 & £30 rating prize.

PLAYING SCHEDULE

Saturday 17th Oct. Important Announcements 09:45
Round 1 10:00
Round 2 14:15
Round 3 18:30
Sunday 18th October 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 (07594 896591)

Congress website: <https://congress.org.uk/congress/753/home>

RULES AND OTHER INFORMATION:

All tournaments will be five-round Swiss, and all entrants will be expected to play in 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 to provide a prize of £40 to the highest placed junior player in both the Open and Major sections. No player can win more than one prize.

The ECF Oct. 2026 OTB ratings will be used to determine eligibility for rating-restricted sections, and for pairings and rating prize purposes. Players entering before 1st Oct. 2026 will be moved up a section(s) if their Oct. 2026 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 section of the 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 arbiters' 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 180 entries. Players must adhere to all regulations required by the venue. Scoresheets provided by the congress MUST be used AT ALL TIMES.

The organisers may wish 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 else 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.

POSTAL ENTRIES

Completed entry forms, with cheques payable to
DERBYSHIRE CHESS CONGRESS,
should be marked "congress entry" and sent to
South Barn, Overtown, Hognaston, Ashbourne DE6 1NR
Postal entries postmarked after 12th October 2026 will be deemed "late".

ONLINE ENTRIES

(Please use this method if possible as it is a more streamlined process.)

Please make these through the congress website (see below).

Online entries will be acknowledged to confirm receipt.

Online entries received after 14th Oct. 2026 will be deemed "late".

LATE ENTRIES

Late entries received prior to the cut-off time will be subject to a surcharge of £5. The cut-off time for ALL entries is 12 noon 16th Oct.

NO ENTRIES will be accepted on the day the tournament starts.

ECF MEMBERSHIP

This is a FIDE and ECF-rated event. Adult participants who are current ECF Members at BRONZE level only on the date of the congress must add £17 to the basic entry fee of £36. Juniors must add £7.

DISABLED and ENQUIRIES

Access in and around the site is wheelchair-friendly. Please contact the Entries Secretary if you have any special requirements. If you have any other enquiries please ring the Entries Secretary on 07976 701995.

Online entries can be made through the congress website:
<https://congress.org.uk/congress/753/home>

For overnight accommodation there are various hotels nearby, including:
Bennetts Hotel NG10 1LW Tel. 0115 972 8481
Holiday Inn NG10 5NJ Tel. 0333 3209327.