



96th Event 2026



London Junior Chess Championships



Organised by London Junior Chess Championship Charitable Trust
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Originated in 1924 as the *London Boys' Championship*
U18/U21/Open is part of the ECF Grand Prix.

Two different venues

U10 & U14	U8, U12, U16 & U18/21		
University of Westminster	University of Westminster	Under 8	29, 30 December
Marylebone Hall	Harrow Campus	Under 10	12, 13 December
35 Marylebone Road	Northwick Park	Under 12	28, 29, 30 December
London	Harrow	Under 14	12, 13 December
NW1 5LS	HA1 3TP	Under 16	28, 29, 30 December
		Under 18/21	28, 29, 30 December

Qualification necessary for U8, U10 and U12 finals.

No prior qualification necessary for older sections.

The U14 Major, U16 and U18/21/Open are FIDE rated events

Adult events also run concurrently - please check ljcc.co.uk for more details

Congress of the Year



2024

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Full schedule available online at www.ljcc.co.uk



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If you have a question then please email entry@ljcc.co.uk

Under 8 Finals (qualification necessary) 29 and 30 December

Players in the Under 8 must have been born after 31 August 2018. Early bird fee: £30

First prize £100

30 minutes each plus 10 seconds per move.

Rapidplay rules apply.

Round Times (9 Rounds)

29th 1: 0945 2: 1130 3: 1300 4: 1430 5: 1600

30th 6: 0945 7: 1130 8: 1300 9: 1430

Prize Giving 30th December at 16:00

Under 14 Finals (Majors FIDE rated) 12 and 13 December

Players in the Under 14 must have been born after 31 August 2012. The Minor is for players under 14 with a standard play rating below 1601

in the December list. Early bird fee: £40

First Prize U14 Majors £200, U14 Minors £150

80 minutes each plus 10 seconds per move.

Round Times (6 Rounds)

12th 1: 0945 2: 1300 3: 1600

13th 5: 0945 6: 1300 7: 1600

Prize Giving 13th December at 19:00

Under 10 Finals (qualification necessary) 12 and 13 December

Players in the Under 10 must have been born after 31 August 2016. Early bird fee: £30

First Prize U10 Majors £150, U10 Minors £100

50 minutes each plus 10 seconds per move.

Round Times (7 Rounds)

12th 1: 0945 2: 1215 3: 1430 4: 1645

13th 5: 0945 6: 1215 7: 1430

Prize Giving 13th December at 16:45

Under 16 Finals (FIDE rated) 28, 29 and 30 December

Players in the Under 16 must have been born after 31 August 2010. Early bird fee: £45

First prize £200

90 minutes each plus 30 seconds per move

Round Times (6 Rounds)

28th 1: 0945 2: 1430

29th 3: 0945 4: 1430

30th 5: 0945 6: 1430

Prize Giving 30th December at 19:00

Under 12 Finals (qualification necessary) 28, 29 and 30 December

Players in the Under 12 must have been born after 31 August 2014. Early bird fee: £45

First Prize U12 Majors £200, U12 Minors £150

70 minutes each plus 10 seconds per move.

Round Times (9 Rounds)

28th 1: 0945 2: 1300 3: 1600

29th 4: 0945 5: 1300 6: 1600

30th 7: 0945 8: 1300 9: 1600

Prize Giving 30th December at 19:00

Under 18/21/Open (FIDE rated) 28, 29 and 30 December

The Open section of the London Christmas Congress incorporates the LJCC U18 and U21

Early bird fee: £50 First prize £250

90 minutes each plus 30 seconds per move.

Round Times (6 Rounds)

28th 1: 0945 2: 1430

29th 3: 0945 4: 1430

30th 5: 0945 6: 1430

Prize Giving 30th December at 19:00

High scorers in the U12 Major will have their email addresses shared with the managers of the National Junior Squad unless they opt out.

Players scoring 4.5 points or more in the Under 10 Finals will be invited to play in the appropriate Under 12 Final.

Early bird fees are only valid until dates given overleaf.

Under 8, 10 and 12 players not pre-qualified must obtain a minimum score in a qualifying tournament (see facing page).

Ages are calculated as at midnight 31 August of the year of the finals.

NB: Entry fees are higher if you are not an ECF member. Sign up now!

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For competition rules and full information see www.ljcc.co.uk



Qualification information

For Under 8, Under 10 and Under 12 events:

Pre-qualification for Major sections is based on published ECF ratings (standard or rapidplay A or K, but not P rating)

Under 8 rating 1000 or higher

Under 10 rating 1500 or higher

Under 12 rating 1750 or higher

Qualifying scores based on six games

Under 8 4 points or more out of 6

Under 10 Minor 3.5 or 4 points out of 6

Under 10 Major 4.5 points or more out of 6

Under 12 Minor 3.5 or 4 points out of 6

Under 12 Major 4.5 points or more out of 6

Players who qualify for a Major section may not enter the Minor section.

Early bird discount. We offer an early bird discount which is £10 below the standard entry rate. Please check LJCC entry website for details on when early bird discounts end, and late fees start.

London prizes. To be eligible for a London title, competitors must currently live within the M25.

Half point bye. Any competitor may request a half point bye in any round except the last. Please email entry@ljcc.co.uk. The organisers would prefer all competitors to play in all rounds.

Rating information and privacy policy. It is a condition of entry that players agree to their rating information being published by the ECF, and to accept LJCC's privacy policy. Please refer to LJCC's privacy policy at www.ljcc.co.uk/GDPR

Withdrawal. Please advise the organisers immediately by emailing entry@ljcc.co.uk if in any circumstances you are obliged to withdraw prior to the congress. A deduction of £5 will be made from any refund of entry fee. PLEASE NOTE: we are unable to refund entry fees to players who withdraw within 24 hours of their event starting

The organising committee reserves the right to refuse entry. The Congress Manager has the final decision regarding eligibility to play in any event.

Clocks will be used on all boards in all events. All events start at 0945 each day. All events use the Swiss pairing system, not knockout. All players play in all rounds. Any withdrawal must be communicated to the controller of the section.

Recording of games. All games must be recorded, except in the Under 8 section. A player will be required to make up any moves missing from their score sheet according to the ECF rules of chess.

Refreshments. The LJCC Trustees hope that the canteen will be open for breakfast from 0900 each day. Normal canteen facilities will be available until 1600. Vending machines will also be available.

Parental responsibility. The organisers accept no responsibility for any loss, theft or accident during the tournament. Adult supervision will only be provided in the chess playing areas. 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. Players, their parents or guardians, as appropriate, agree to the terms and condition of their entry (errors and omissions excepted).

Bookshop. There will be a small shop selling chess gifts and books throughout the event. All information correct at time of going to print. Further information regarding the London Junior Chess Championships can be found at the LJCC website: www.ljcc.co.uk. We recommend you check the website for updates on qualifying events (which are always subject to change) and any additional, unexpected amendments. All information correct at time of going to print.

For full rules and entry conditions please visit www.ljcc.co.uk



Qualifying events

Introducing Golden Tickets for qualifiers in 2026

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GOLDEN TICKET

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ALL ENTRIES ARE CONSIDERED TO BE FOR QUALIFYING EVENTS

Date	Event	Organiser	Telephone	Email
06/09/2026	Barnet Knights	Rob Willmoth	07956 297329	rob@barnetknights.com
12/09/2026	Chiltern & Bucks Junior Chess	Soumya Gorrepati	07459 556040	sgchess.pca@gmail.com
13/09/2026	South London	Tomer Eden	07525 164463	tomer.eden@premierchesscoaching.com
20/09/2026	Bucks Central 1	Rupa Prasad	07787 150658	rpchess07@gmail.com
20/09/2026	Wimbledon	Paul McKeown	0208 756 0474	richmond_junior_chess_club@hotmail.com
26/09/2026	Hammersmith	Lance Leslie-Smith	07554 924477	lancelesliesmith2002@gmail.com
27/09/2026	Elstree	Tomer Eden	07525 164463	tomer.eden@premierchesscoaching.com
27/09/2026	West London 1	Tony Niccoli	07734 816436	tonyniccolichess@gmail.com
03/10/2026	Belfast	Mark Newman	07872 544868	mark.chris.newman@googlemail.com
03/10/2026	Desert Penguins Ealing 1	Augustin Madan	07513 301109	augustin.madan@gmail.com
03/10/2026	Claire's Court Schools PTA	Nigel Dennis	01491 576052	nigelwdennis@btinternet.com
04/10/2026	Coulsdon 1	Daniel Gliddon	0208 645 9586	chess@ccfworld.com
04/10/2026	SE London Grand Prix	Madara Orlovskaya	07984 303164	drmadara.info@gmail.com
10/10/2026	Nottingham	Ed Jones		ed47jones@gmail.com
10/10/2026	Cardiff	Sergey V Popov		sergeyvpopov@gmail.com
10/10/2026	Hampton	Paul McKeown	0208 756 0474	richmond_junior_chess_club@hotmail.com
11/10/2026	North London Grand Prix 1	Angela Eyton	07939 920237	angelaeyton@aol.com
11/10/2026	Bristol Junior Open	Matt Walker	07900 825820	matt@factandstory.com
17/10/2026	Essex Grand Prix 1	Andy Willoughby		essexjuniorchess@gmail.com
18/10/2026	Berkshire	Keith Tunstall	0799 058 0674	keith@thetuns.com
18/10/2026	Chiswick	Tony Niccoli	07734 816436	tonyniccolichess@gmail.com
18/10/2026	Wey Valley Autumn	E-J Billington-Phillips		admin@chessentriesforall.com
18/10/2026	Mill Hill 1	Ravi Kumar	07404 440770	chesscheck@gmail.com
25/10/2026	Uxbridge	Daniel Knight	07834 267109	uxbridgejuniorchessclub@hotmail.com
25/10/2026	Coulsdon 2	Daniel Gliddon	0208 645 9586	chess@ccfworld.com
07/11/2026	Chess Rising Starts Wimb.	Maria Manelidou	07858 563332	london@chessacademy.uk
08/11/2026	North London Grand Prix 2	Angela Eyton	07939 920237	angelaeyton@aol.com
08/11/2026	Bucks Central 2	Rupa Prasad	07787 150658	rpchess07@gmail.com
14/11/2026	Desert Penguins Ealing 2	Augustin Madan	07513 301109	augustin.madan@gmail.com
15/11/2026	Hampshire	John Upham	07976 634053	john.upham@zen.co.uk
15/11/2026	Garden Suburb	Rob Willmoth	07956 297329	rob@barnetknights.com
22/11/2026	Mill Hill 2	Ravi Kumar	07404 440770	chesscheck@gmail.com
22/11/2026	West London 2	Tony Niccoli	07734 816436	tonyniccolichess@gmail.com
29/11/2026	North London Grand Prix 3	Angela Eyton	07939 920237	angelaeyton@aol.com
05/12/2026	Twickenham	Paul McKeown	0208 756 0474	richmond_junior_chess_club@hotmail.com
06/12/2026	Mill Hill 3	Ravi Kumar	07404 440770	chesscheck@gmail.com
06/12/2026	Wey Valley Christmas	E-J Billington-Phillips		admin@chessentriesforall.com
12/12/2026	Marylebone U8 & U12	Nell Butler	07740 674790	entry@ljcc.co.uk

Plus more events to be confirmed. Please check www.ljcc.co.uk/qualifying

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