

Tournament Regulations

Schedule

Day	Date	Time	RR – Round	Swiss – Round
Wed	27/08/2025	18:30	1	–
Thu	28/08/2025	11:00	2	–
Thu	28/08/2025	16:00	3	–
Fri	29/08/2025	10:30	4	–
Fri	29/08/2025	18:30	5	1
Sat	30/08/2025	10:30	6	2
Sat	30/08/2025	16:00	7	3
Sun	31/08/2025	10:30	8	4
Sun	31/08/2025	16:00	9	5

Venue

Round 1 of the Round Robin will be played at the Queen’s Hotel, Brighton.

All subsequent rounds will be played at the Student Centre, University of Brighton.

Default Time

- **Round Robin** – Players who are late for the start of a game will have one hour in which to make their first move
- **Swiss sections** – Players who are late for the start of a game will have half an hour in which to make their first move

Time Between Rounds

- **Round Robin** – Players will be guaranteed one hour between finishing a game and starting the next game in the same day, provided this will not seriously impair the tournament schedule.
- **Swiss sections** – Players will be guaranteed half an hour between finishing a game and starting the next game in the same day, provided this will not seriously impair the tournament schedule.

Prize Money

No prize money is offered in the Round Robin.

In the Swiss sections the following prizes apply:

Section	1st	2nd	Rating Prizes
Open	£400	£250	Two rating prizes of £110. Eligibility for the first rating prize will be set so that the bottom 50% of the section entry qualify. Eligibility for the second rating prize will be set so that the bottom 25% of the section entry qualify. The applicable thresholds will be published before the end of the first round.
U1900	£200	£140	Rating prize of £80. Eligibility for the rating prize will be set so that the bottom 50% of the section entry qualify. The applicable thresholds will be published before the end of the first round.
U1600	£100	£80	Rating prize of £40; also prize of £40 for best result by a player with no previously published rating for over the board play. The applicable thresholds will be published before the end of the first round.

In determining eligibility for the rating prizes, filler players will not be ranked in the entry.

Additionally there will be prizes for the best local player and the best local juniors:

- Best Sussex based Player – £100;
- Best Sussex based Junior Player – £100;
- Best Brighton based Junior Player – £50.

Eligibility for these prizes will be determined by the organiser and published before the end of the first round. The Swiss section with the most players for each of these categories will be the section in which the prize is applied.

Trophy

The winner of each Swiss section will receive a trophy.

Tie-breaks

No tie-breaks will be applied to the Round Robin.

The following tie-breaks will be applied in determining who is to receive a section trophy:

- Points scored
- Mutual result
- Bucholz
- Progressive Score

If two or more players remain tied, then coin toss will determine the destination of the trophy.

Appeals

In the Swiss sections, the ruling of the Chief Arbiter is deemed final.

In the Round Robin, a player who is unhappy with the ruling of the Chief Arbiter, may make an appeal in writing within half an hour of the completion of the game concerned. The appeal must be accompanied by a bond of £30. If the appeal is successful, or in the view of the Appeals Committee has sufficient merit, even if it failed, then the bond will be returned.

The composition of the Appeals Committee is:

- Mike Forster
- Lance Leslie-Smith
- Chris Baker

Definition of Playing Venue

The Playing Area is the room in which the games are played.

The Playing Venue consists of the Playing Area itself, and the toilets.

No player with a game in progress may leave the Playing Venue (for example to smoke a cigarette) without explicit permission from one of the arbiters, and must be chaperoned when doing so. If a player leaves the Playing Venue without permission, their game will be forfeited.

No player whose move it is in a game in progress may leave the Playing Area without the permission of an arbiter.

Scans

An electronic scanner may be used by the arbiters before, during or after a game. Players may not refuse the request of an arbiter to be scanned for electronic equipment. Failure to abide by this may result in the forfeiture of the current game, or expulsion from the tournament.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Equipment

In the Round Robin, all mobile phones and other electronic equipment must be submitted to the arbiters before the start of each round. In the Swiss sections, mobile phone may be placed face down on the table. Mobile phones must be switched off; if a mobile phone makes a noise during the game, normal penalties will apply.

Analysis

Games may not be analysed in the Playing Venue. A separate area outside of the Playing Venue will be set up to allow players to analyse completed games.

Spectators

Players who have finished their games will be considered spectators and asked to leave the Playing Venue. No one who is not participating in the tournament will be granted entry to the playing area, with the exception of VIPs who are guests of the organiser. Any such guests will

be expected to conduct themselves in a way which does not hinder the fair running of the congress.

Rating

The Round Robin, Open Swiss and U1900 Swiss sections will be FIDE rated for standard play.

All sections will be ECF rated for standard play.

Filler Games

If a player's opponent does not turn up, an ECF rated filler game may be offered if a suitable opponent is available. This is at the discretion of the arbiters.