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The Kingston Invitational is an invitational tournament run as a 9 round Swiss, with a rating floor of 1800 (FIDE Standard Play), players over 2000 preferred.

The FIDE Event Id is [482334](#).

VENUE

The venue is the Richard Mayo Centre, Eden Street, Kingston-upon-Thames. KT1 1HZ.

This can found on Google Maps at: [Google Maps link to the Richard Mayo Centre](#).

For those that use what3words, this can be found at: [causes.beams.waddle](#).

The Playing Area is in the hall on the 2nd floor.

SCHEDULE

ROUND	DAY	DATE	TIME
Round 1	Monday	17/08/2026	15:30
Round 2	Tuesday	18/08/2026	10:00
Round 3	Tuesday	18/08/2026	15:30
Round 4	Wednesday	19/08/2026	10:00
Round 5	Wednesday	19/08/2026	15:30
Round 6	Thursday	20/08/2026	10:00
Round 7	Thursday	20/08/2026	15:30
Round 8	Friday	21/08/2026	10:00
Round 9	Friday	21/08/2026	15:30

COMMUNICATIONS

We will use a WhatsApp group to provide efficient, timely communication between the Organiser, Arbiters and the Players. The WhatsApp group is:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KITZEklkJsHJvM9Xy8R4Op>



TIME CONTROLS

The tournament will be played with a time control of 90 minutes per player for all moves with an increment of 30 seconds per move completed. There will be no time control at move 40.

ELECTIVE BYES AND WITHDRAWALS

A player requesting a Bye is only guaranteed that their request can be met, if they make their request before the end of the round before their requested Bye. For rounds that start in the morning, there will be

more time available, up to shortly before the pairings are published. Elective Byes will only be given up to Round 7.

A player who is withdrawing from the tournament must make this known to the Chief Arbiter before pairings are published for the next round.

PAIRINGS

Pairings will be standard FIDE Swiss (Dutch), with no acceleration.

All pairings will be generated automatically, using Swiss Manager.

The August FIDE and ECF rating lists will be used for seeding purposes.

DEFAULT TIME

All standard play games will have a default time of 30 minutes.

RE-PAIRINGS

Re-pairings may take place after 30 minutes of play, at the Chief Arbiter's discretion, and with the consent of the players involved. If the players prefer not to play, they will be given the full point for their game.

PUBLICATION OF PAIRINGS

Pairings will be published on chess-results.com.

<https://chess-results.com/tnr1422361.aspx>



A notice will be placed on the tournament WhatsApp group to announce that the pairings have been published.

Pairings for the first round will be published on the day before at 20:00. Pairings in subsequent rounds and in other sections will be published an hour before the start of the next round. In case of force majeure, such as a game over-running in the previous round, this may be shortened to half an hour. Pairings for rounds that start in the morning will be published at 23:00 on the evening before.

SCORESHEETS

Players must use the scoresheets provided by the tournament. Players are required to score their games legibly throughout. The scoresheets should be signed by both players on completion of the game, and the top copies should be handed in at the arbiters' desk in the Playing Area.

USE OF ELECTRONIC BOARDS

On completion of the game, please pause the clock and place the kings in the centre of board to signal the result of the game to the broadcast software. For a White win, place the two kings on the two light squares in the centre (e4 and d5); for a Black win, place the two kings on the two dark squares (d4 and e5); for a draw, place the kings on one square of each colour (e4 and e5). You may remove pieces off the board to do this, if necessary. Then please set up the remaining pieces on their normal starting squares.

Never sign the scoresheets on the electronic boards, as this may damage them. Please don't.

PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please ensure that all phones and other personal electronic devices are switched off. They may be set face down on the playing table or on the floor. If any electronic device makes a noise during the game, you will be defaulted. If you are found to have an electronic device on your person during the game, you will also be defaulted.

If for medical or other genuine reasons, you need to have an electronic device on your person and switched on (e.g. a heart monitor), please let the Chief Arbiter know before the start of the tournament, and inform your opponent of this fact as a courtesy before the start of the game.

The organisers cannot take any responsibility for any loss or damage that may happen to your personal property.

FAIR PLAY MEASURES AND ELECTRONIC SCANS

Boards whose players will be subject to electronic scans will be selected by lot before the start of each round. The Chief Arbiter has the right to institute scans at any other time on any board, should the need arise.

Games will be subject to statistical analysis by Professor Ken Regan for anti-cheating screening.

SPORTSMANSHIP

Players are required to shake hands before the start of each game and at the finish of each game, as a gesture of sporting behaviour. If a player is unable to shake hands for cultural, medical or other reasons, please inform the Chief Arbiter before the start of the event. The handshake should in such a case be replaced with another culturally appropriate gesture of sporting behaviour, such as a bow or wishing the opponent a "good game".

If you do not wish to continue a game, you must inform your opponent of your resignation in good grace, or notify an arbiter if your opponent is not at the board. Either leaving the Playing Area and leaving the flag to fall, or sitting at the board in a hopeless position and refusing to move until the flag finally falls are unacceptable forms of conduct.

Violation of any of these norms may result in appropriate penalties under FIDE Law 12.9.

DISPUTES

If you have a problem during the game, do not have an argument with your opponent. Pause the clock and ask an arbiter for assistance.

APPEALS

An Appeals Committee will be appointed and published before the first round. Two reserves will also be appointed in case two of the players on the Appeals Committee are personally involved in an appeal. An arbiter not involved in the appealed decision will chair the Appeals Committee.

A bond of £30 will be required along with a written submission of the circumstances and grounds of any appeal. Any appeal must be made within 20 minutes of conclusion of the game. The bond will be refunded on a successful appeal, and may be refunded should the Appeals Committee reject the appeal but find that the appeal nevertheless had some merit.

PRIZES

The prizes for the Kingston Invitational will be:

PLACE	MONEY (£)	TROPHY
1st	500	Kingston Invitational Trophy
2nd	250	
3rd	100	
1st Junior (U18)	200	Barden Cup
2nd Junior (U18)	100	
3rd Junior (U18)	50	

Money prizes will be shared equally amongst all who finish on the same point score.

TIE BREAKS

Ties, for the award of trophies only, will be subject to tie-breaking, as follows:

- Points scored
- Direct encounter
- Median Bucholz (top and bottom scores cut)
- Toss of coin

RATING OF GAMES

All games will be sent for standard play rating by FIDE and by the ECF.

BROADCAST OF GAMES

Games will be broadcast on three server platforms:

SERVER	LINK	QR CODE
lichess.org	https://lichess.org/broadcast/5th-kingston-invitational/MiDk5Zd9	
chess.com	https://www.chess.com/events/5th-kingston-invitational-cup	
chessbase.com	https://live.chessbase.com/en/Replay?id=5th-kingston-invitational-swiss-2026	

SPECTATORS AND MEDIA ACCESS

Spectators are not permitted in the Playing Area unless authorized by the Organiser and the Chief Arbiter.

Official press officers may be accredited by the Organiser and may take photographs and video footage with conditions set by the Organizer and the Chief Arbiter.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS

The following officials will be officiating:

- **Organiser** – Stephen Moss
- **Chief Arbiter** – IA Paul McKeown
- **Deputy CA** – IA Jake Hung
- **Arbiters** – NA Alexander Chmelev, NA Kai O'Neill

Players are expected to co-operate with the arbiters in the execution of their duties.

DOCUMENT VERSION

Version	Date	Author	Note
1.0	16/08/2026	PM	Approved version.
1.1	17/08/2026	PM	Corrected links to chessbase.com.