



35th Nottingham Rapidplay

Sunday 1st February 2026
Nottingham High School
Forest Road East
Nottingham NG1 4HH

Enter Online at: <https://congress.org.uk/rapidplay@nottinghamshirechess.org>

FREE for GMs, WGMs, IMs and WIMs

SCHEDULE

Round	Time
1	10.00am
2	11.25am
3	12.50pm
4	2.35pm
5	4.00pm
6	5.25pm

NOW FIDE-RATED!

RATES OF PLAY

20mins + 10s increment for all moves

ENTRY FEES

Adults £23 ~ Juniors £18

£16 pay-to-play fee (£6.50 for juniors) if not currently an ECF member at Gold or above.
£5 late entry fee after 27/01/26

No entries on the day

Juniors = under-18 on 1/1/26

Donations always welcome!

Cheques payable to:
Nottinghamshire Chess Association

Please return the completed form overleaf to:
NCA, 88 Leake Road, Gotham, Nottingham, NG11 0JN

SECTIONS

THE OPEN

Open to all players
1st prize £200 2nd £100 3rd £50
Rating prize £30: U1950

THE MAJOR

Open to players rated below 1900
1st prize £200 2nd £100 3rd £50
Rating prize £30: U1750

THE INTERMEDIATE

Open to players rated below 1700
1st prize £200 2nd £100 3rd £50
Rating prize £30: U1550

THE MINOR

Open to players rated below 1500
1st prize £200 2nd £100 3rd £50
Rating prize £30: U1350

THE "IMPROVERS"

Open to players rated below 1300
1st prize £200 2nd £100 3rd £50
Rating prize £30: U1100

Entries will be posted on the website following receipt of payment. The controllers' decisions will be final on all matters regarding this tournament. The right to refuse or transfer entries without giving a reason is reserved. Cheques will not be banked until a week before the event.



RAPIDPLAY ENTRY FORM

(Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Section: Open ☐ Major ☐ Inter ☐ Minor ☐ Improvers ☐

ECF Gold member or above? Yes ☐ No ☐ ECF Rating Code: _____

Current ECF/FIDE rating (highest): _____ Club: _____

I would like a half point bye in round _____ (Rounds 1 to 5 only).

I declare that the information above is correct. Signed: _____

Entry fee (£23/£18), *FREE for GM, WGM, IM and WIM* £ _____

Add £16 (£6.50 juniors) if not a member of the ECF at Gold or above £ _____

£5 late entry fee (after 27-01-2026) £ _____

Donation **Thank you** £ _____

Total £ _____

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- FIDE and ECF rapidplay-rated event.
- Maximum permitted entries: 200.
- There will be no prize-giving, prizes will be paid by bank transfer.
- Prize money will be shared in the event of a tie. Players can only win one prize, the largest they are eligible for.
- Sections may be merged & prizes redistributed if numbers are low, additional prizes may be awarded if numbers are sufficient.
- A full refund will be given for withdrawals notified before 29-01-26, minus an administrative fee of £2, reimbursed after the event.
- The default time will be 20 minutes after the start of the round.
- Pairings will be made using Swiss Manager, pairings and results will be published on chess-results.com before the start of each round.
- The January 2026 ECF and FIDE OTB rating lists have precedence for allocating players to sections (the higher rating will be used). Rapidplay takes precedence over standard when players have both. Players without a FIDE ID code will be registered as ENG. Unrated players must provide information about their playing ability, including previous results and any rating previously held. Unrated players cannot win rating prizes.
- Free limited car parking on site, all vehicles parked at owner's risk.
- No smoking/vaping anywhere on site. Participation is at your own risk.
- Organisers and arbiters will only take responsibility for children in the playing area, during their games. Outside of the playing area, parents must take responsibility for their children.

DIRECTIONS

Tram / train:

Follow the signs from the railway station to the tram. Tram departures to Hucknall or Phoenix Park are every 5 minutes. Nottingham High School is the 5th stop and takes around 9 minutes. Proceed up the hill to the traffic lights. Turn right onto Forest Road East and the school entrance is 100m on the right.

Car:

Use NG1 4HH for satnavs. From Nottingham city centre follow A60(N) Mansfield. Turn left onto Forest Road East. School entrance and car park is about 500m on the left. Organisers are not liable for any loss or damage to vehicles using the car park.

REFRESHMENTS

Sainsbury's Local on the corner of Forest Road West and Waverley Street (next to High School tram stop).

Homemade Cafe in Pavillion of Forest Recreation Ground
Arboretum Cafe at bottom entrance to the Arboretum, Waverley Street (follow tram track down the hill from the High School tram stop). We hope to offer hot drinks for sale on site; players are encouraged to bring their own food. No hot food may be brought into the venue.