



49th Nottingham Congress

Sat 18th & Sun 19th April 2026
Nottingham High School
Forest Road East
Nottingham NG1 4HH

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

We're very grateful for financial support
from the Notts Chess Foundation.

SCHEDULE

Round	Day	Time
1	Saturday	10.00am
2	Saturday	2.15pm
3	Saturday	6.30pm
4	Sunday	10.00am
5	Sunday	2.15pm

*NOW FIDE-RATED!**

RATES OF PLAY

90mins + 10s increment for all moves

ENTRY FEES

Adults £33 ~ Juniors £28

(FREE for GM/IM/WGM/WIM)

£16 ECF fee (£6.50 for juniors) if not currently
an ECF member at Gold or above.

£5 late entry fee after 14/04/25

No entries on the day

Juniors = under-18 on 1/1/26

Cheques payable to:
Nottinghamshire Chess Association

Please return the completed form overleaf to:

NCA, 88 Leake Road, Gotham, Nottingham, NG11 0JN

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.

SECTIONS

THE OPEN

Open to all players*

1st prize £250 2nd £150 3rd £75

Rating prize £50: U2000

** Games of players FIDE 2400+ are not rated.*

THE MAJOR

Open to players rated below 1900

1st prize £250 2nd £150 3rd £75

Rating prize £50: U1800

THE INTERMEDIATE

Open to players rated below 1700

1st prize £250 2nd £150 3rd £75

Rating prize £50: U1600

THE MINOR

Open to players rated below 1500

1st prize £250 2nd £150 3rd £75

Rating prize £50: U1400

THE "IMPROVERS"

Open to players rated below 1300

1st prize £250 2nd £150 3rd £75

Rating prize £50: U1100



CONGRESS 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 4 only) – *optional*.

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

Entry fee (£33/£28) *FREE for GM, WGM, IM and WIM* £ _____

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

£5 late entry fee (after 14-04-2026) £ _____

Donation **Thank you** £ _____

Total £ _____

NOTES FOR COMPETITORS

- FIDE and ECF standard play rated event.
- Maximum permitted entries: 200.
- 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 15-04-26, minus an administrative fee of £2, reimbursed after the event. Later withdrawals will be charged a £5 late withdrawal fee.
- The default time will be 30 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 April 2026 ECF and FIDE OTB rating lists have precedence for allocating players to sections. Standard play takes precedence over rapid 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.
- Games which include a player FIDE 2400+ are not FIDE-rated.
- 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.
- 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.

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 downhill from High School tram stop).