

Bedfordshire County Chess Championship

Entries are invited for the 2015 Bedfordshire individual chess tournament.

The tournament is open to players who qualify under at least one of the following criteria:

1. They are a member of an affiliated club (i.e. one that plays in the Bedfordshire Chess League);
2. They were born in the county; or
3. They live in the county

The tournament will be a six round Swiss. The opening round will be held at Milton Keynes Chess Club on January 8th 2015. Later rounds are as follows:

Round 2: 9th February, Kents-Luton

Round 3: 17th March, Leighton Buzzard

Round 4: 16th April, Bedford

Rounds 5&6: 10th May, Open University

As usual, if opponents can agree an alternative date and venue, then they need not play on the set night. Nevertheless they must be played before the scheduled date.

The time limit is Beds League Rules, 35 moves in 75 minutes and then 15 minutes wind-back for the remainder of the game.

The prizes will depend on entries. There will be a cash prizes at least for the champion and runner up plus a slow starter prize. Slow starters are those with 1 or less points after 3 rounds. If there are enough entries there will be a grading prize.

The entry fee will be £5 for ECF members and £25 for non-members. To join the ECF use this site: http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page_id=20558. The cost for basic - bronze- level annual membership is £12 online.

Entries by e-mail to brian.valentine@ntlworld.com by 14th November, giving name, club and grade. The draw will be published by 21st November. Entry fees will be collected on the first night.

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