

# Bedfordshire County Chess Championship

Entries are invited for the 2022 Bedfordshire individual chess championship.

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

- They are a member of an affiliated club (i.e. one that played in the Bedfordshire Chess League 2019-20;
- They were born in the county; or
- They live in the county

The tournament will be a six round Swiss. The opening round will be held at Leighton Buzzard Chess Club on January 11th, 2020. Later rounds are as follows:

Round 2: 10<sup>th</sup> February, Milton Keynes

Round 3: 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Bedford

Round 4: 26<sup>th</sup> April, Luton

Rounds 5&6: 14<sup>th</sup> May, Open University Berrill Cafe

As usual, if opponents can agree an alternative date and venue, then they need not play on the set night. Nevertheless, you must inform me before the scheduled date. The first round must be completed by 29th January.

The time limit is Beds League Rules, 35 moves in 70 minutes and then 10 minutes added, plus 10 seconds a move from move 1. Players will need to follow venue covid protocols in place at that time (the latest situation is listed [here](#)).

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.

Entries by e-mail to [brian.valentine@ntlworld.com](mailto:brian.valentine@ntlworld.com) by 24th December, giving name, and club. I will publish the 1<sup>st</sup> round draw by 1st January. Entry fees will be collected on the first night. Entrants email address will be stored for future event updates.

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