

We are writing to invite you to compete in the appropriate section of a junior chess tournament to be held on one of the days over the weekend of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at Cumnor Primary School. This tournament will be used to help decide which children will be selected to represent Oxfordshire in the 2022 County Championships. Please read this invitation with your parents and ask them to send in your entry form if you would like to take part.



Even if you are not interested in playing for the county teams, you are more than welcome to enter the tournament for fun. There are likely to be lots of less-experienced players taking part, especially in the U9 section, as well as the more experienced players, and there will be lots of prizes!

There are three teams – U9 (boys and girls), U11 (boys and girls) and U11 (girls). The age limits are the child's age on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021. Therefore, the U9 team is open to anyone currently in Year 4 or below and the U11 teams for anyone in Year 6 or below. It is quite possible for someone to play for more than one team, and the stronger U9s are encouraged to enter both U9 and U11 sections of the trials.

The important dates, and provisional locations for the county matches are as follows (qualifiers and finals are normally from 11am to 5pm):

U9:	Friendly*:	TBC	Venue TBC
	Qualifier:	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Wiltshire
	Final:	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2022	Oxfordshire
U11:	Friendly*:	TBC	Venue TBC
	Qualifier:	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Sussex
	Final:	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	Warwickshire
U11 Girls:	Friendly*:	TBC	Venue TBC
	Final:	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	Warwickshire

The Cumnor tournament will be split into two sections – U9s on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January and U11s on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January, and will be used to help us select players to be in the U9 and U11 squads. (\*The inter-county friendly games as well as any performances in other graded tournaments are also used to refine team selection.) We will be looking at the score you get and how you play. We will let you know shortly after the event whether or not you have been selected to join both the squad and the Oxfordshire Junior Chess (OJC) Squad Club, 'Ojays' (website: <https://oxonjuniorchess.blogspot.com/>). In this case, you will also be able to purchase an Oxon Junior Chess sweatshirt to wear at county matches and at other chess tournaments.

Anna Bishop (OJC Treasurer and Tournament Entries Secretary)  
Joe Conlon (OJC Chairperson and U9 Team Manager)  
Ola Murawska (OJC EPSCA Secretary and U11 Team Manager)  
Andrew Varney (Oxford Chess Association Junior Liaison Officer)

For further information please e-mail [oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com).

## Tournament information and rules

- Place:** Cumnor Primary School, Oxford Road, Cumnor, Oxon, OX2 9PQ
- Dates:** Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (U9) and/or Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (U11)
- Time:** 9:45am to 5:30pm: Six rounds using the Swiss pairing system. Chess clocks will be used (25 minutes + 5 second increment per player). Instructions will be given to those who are not familiar with using chess clocks. **Please arrive by 9.45am.**
- Byes:** If your child would like to play in the tournament, but cannot play in every round, please request a 'bye' on the entry form (max two half-point byes, rounds 1 to 5, not round 6).
- Eligibility:** Children born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2012 (U9s) or 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 (U11s) and who live and/or attend school in Oxfordshire.
- Registration:** Please register using the Google Form: <https://forms.gle/3yqzvbS9wfYfevWv5> (or entry form below) by the deadline of **Thursday 6th January 2022.**
- Entry fees:** The entry fee for either the U9 or U11 tournament is £10 per child at the time of registration (by bank transfer or PayPal) or £12 per child on the day of the tournament (by cash). The entry fee for those wishing to compete in *both* the U9 and U11 tournaments is £15. The entry fee is used to pay for the hire of the school, our county's entry to EPSCA (English Primary Schools Chess Association), administration costs and prizes.
- Membership of the ECF (English Chess Federation) is a requirement to enter the U11 section and we strongly encourage it for the U9 section. ECF membership (Junior Silver, valid until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022) is available free to juniors who have not previously been members, and costs £6 to renew for those who have, via <https://ecf.justgo.com/>.
- Capacity:** The capacity for the tournament is 60 entrants, beyond which a waiting list will apply.
- Prizes:** There will be permanent trophies for top three U9s and U11s. The winner of the U9 section will receive the Oxfordshire U9 Champion trophy for one year, and the winner of the U11 section the Oxfordshire U11 Champion trophy. There will be certificates and small prizes available for all entrants.
- Tie breaks:** Where scores are tied, placings for the permanent trophies will be decided based on the following tiebreaks: sum of progressive scores, then direct encounter, then sum of opponent scores. The U9 and U11 Champion trophies will be shared in the case of a tie.
- Food:** Please bring your own food and drink as no catering facility will be provided. Please take all rubbish home with you, leaving nothing on the school site.
- Parking:** Parking is limited at the school but street parking is possible in the village. However, please be considerate to the village residents. Please consider carsharing where possible.
- Supervision:** We ask that you (or another nominated adult) stay with your child at the school throughout the entire duration of the tournament. Please note that there will be no formal supervision of children except in the chess playing areas and the organisers cannot be held responsible for any incidents that occur elsewhere in the school. Parents and guardians are wholly responsible for their children during this event.
- Disclaimer:** The organisers accept no responsibility for any damage, theft or accident to the person or property of anyone attending this event. **Parents and guardians, as appropriate, agree to the terms and conditions as set out in this entry form and in the covid-19 protocols as a condition of their entry.**

## OXFORD COUNTY JUNIOR CHESS (OJC) TRIALS ENTRY FORM

You can enter the tournament online at <https://forms.gle/3yqzvbS9wfYfevWv5>.

Alternatively, please complete this entry form before the deadline of **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022** and return it by email to [Oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com](mailto:Oxfordshirejuniorchess@gmail.com), where we will reply with payment details. The entry fee for either the U9 or U11 tournament is **£10** per child at the time of registration (by bank transfer or PayPal) or **£12** per child on the day of the tournament (by cash). The entry fee for those wishing to compete in *both* the U9 and U11 tournaments is **£15**.

Please complete **all** information in **bold** below.

**Name of child:**

**Address:**

**Date of Birth:**

**School:**

**Name of parent / guardian:**

**Contact telephone number of parent / guardian:**

**Email address of parent / guardian:**

ECF membership is required for the U11 tournament and is strongly encouraged for the U9 tournament. To join the ECF, or to renew membership, the website is <https://ecf.justgo.com>. ECF membership (Junior Silver, valid until 31st August 2022) is available free to juniors who have not previously been members, and costs £6 to renew for those who have.

**ECF membership number (eg ME008696):**

**ECF grading code (eg 315368L):**

For existing members, membership numbers and grading codes can be found at:  
<https://www.ecfrating.org.uk>.

As a condition of entry to this tournament, we require agreement and consent from a parent / guardian, given by signing and dating the form below.

**I agree to the tournament information and rules as detailed in this document and the separate covid-19 protocols for the tournament.**

**I consent to the above information being used by OJC for the purposes of organising this tournament, publication of tournament results, ECF chess rating, subsequent invites to join the OJC Squad Club (Ojays) and by the U9/U11 Oxfordshire Junior Chess team managers for the purposes of EPSCA county team selection and management.**

**SIGNED:**

**DATE:**