

## Late Arrivals

It is expected that players remain on site for the duration of the tournament. Players who are not present when the round starts may have their clock started. Players whose opponents have not arrived must expect to be re-paired, and those arriving after the re-pairing time of any round may be deemed to have lost by default unless the controller can pair them satisfactorily.

## Mobile Phones (WARNING!)

If during a game, a player has in their possession a phone or other electronic device that then makes a noise, the player shall forfeit that game.

## Results and Disputes

At the end of a game, both players should raise their hands to summon the section controller and communicate the result of the game.

In case of any dispute during a game, or to inform the arbiter of an illegal move, players should stop the clocks and raise their hands. The organisers will endeavour to resolve disputes in conformity with the Laws of Chess and natural justice. The decision of the Chief Arbiter is final.

## Directions

Cheney School (Brighouse Building)  
Cheney Lane  
Headington, Oxford OX3 7QH

From the Headington roundabout where the A40 joins the Oxford ring road, proceed down the Headington Road. Turn left at Gypsy Lane just before Oxford Brookes, and then after 300m turn right at Warneford Lane. Cheney School is

now on your right hand side and car parking is available on site.

Please aim to arrive by 9.30am and follow signs to the Brighouse Building. Check your names on the registration list and then wait to be called to the playing area at 9.45am or shortly thereafter.

## Refreshments, Play Area and Waiting Area

The chess games will be in the upstairs classrooms of Brighouse Building while the downstairs classrooms are waiting areas for parents. No parents are allowed in the upstairs playing area during games.

Refreshments such as drinks and sandwiches will be available to purchase from Hacketts Catering. There is a large playground adjacent to the Brighouse Building which children can use between rounds.

## Disclaimer and Use of Information

The organisers accept no responsibility for any damage, theft or accident to the person or property of anyone attending this event. Parents/Guardians are responsible for their children at all times and in all places during the event, except in the playing hall during the rounds.

Information supplied on the entry form may be held on a computer for the purpose of national grading and may be shared with the London Junior Chess Championships. It is a condition of entry that players agree to the above and to their grading information being published.

## Queries

If you have any questions, please email Joseph Conlon ([joseph.p.conlon@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.p.conlon@gmail.com)) or call on 07460 426370

# OXFORDSHIRE OPEN QUALIFIER FOR LONDON U8/U10/U12 JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



## PLUS ADDITIONAL U18 SECTION

Sunday 10th November 2019  
9.30am to 5.15pm

Brighouse Building,  
Cheney School, Oxford OX3 7QH

Run by Oxfordshire Junior Chess

**Tournament Director: CM Joseph Conlon**  
**Chief Arbiter: Andrew Varney**

## Tournament System & Rules

The tournament will be run using a Swiss system. This is not a knock-out and every child will play in every round. Each section has six rounds, with 1 point for a win, ½ for a draw and 0 for a loss. The ordinary rules of chess apply; three illegal moves will lose.

Results will be submitted for English Chess Federation rapidplay grading. Players should be under the age limit for the section entered as of midnight 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.

Players should be ECF Silver Members by the date of the tournament. The first year of junior membership is free - those wishing to join the ECF for the first time can arrange one year's free Junior Silver membership prior to the tournament (for instructions on how to, see <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership/>)

## Timetable

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| 9.00am  | Doors open and registration |
| 9.45am  | Last arrival time           |
| 9.50am  | Briefing                    |
| 10.00am | Round 1                     |
| 11.10am | Round 2                     |
| 12.20pm | Round 3                     |
| 1.30pm  | Round 4                     |
| 2.40pm  | Round 5                     |
| 3.50pm  | Round 6                     |
| 5.00pm  | Prize Giving and Close      |

Times beyond Round 1 are approximate; players will be summoned once the pairings for the next round are ready. **In particular the U8 section where games tend to be shorter may move faster than the above timetable.** However, the gap between rounds will never be shorter than 45 minutes.

## London Qualifying

The event is a qualifier for the London Junior Chess Championships (<http://www.ljcc.co.uk/>), one of the three most prestigious UK junior tournaments (the others being the British Championships and the UK Chess Challenge). The finals are held on weekends in December (29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December for U8, 14-15<sup>th</sup> December for U10, 28-30<sup>th</sup> December for U12).

In the U8 section, players scoring 4 points or more will qualify for the London U8 Championships.

In the U10 and U12 sections, players scoring 4½ points or more will qualify for the London U10 or U12 Major Championships. Players scoring 3½ or 4 points will qualify for the London U10 or U12 Minor Championships. Players who have qualified for a Major section may not enter the corresponding Minor.

## Prizes

There will be trophies for:

- (1) The top three in each section
- (2) The best U6 and U7 (in U8 tournament), best U9 (in U10 tournament) and best U11 (in U12 tournament)
- (3) The best girl/boy in each tournament (only if not already featured under (1) or (2) above)

In case of ties, tiebreaks will be by Sum of Opponent Scores followed by Progressive Scores. No child can win more than one trophy.

In the U18 tournament there will be a trophy for the winner and cash prizes of £60/£40/£20. In case of ties cash prizes will be shared.

## Entry Fees

The entry fee is £15.00. Entries after 3<sup>rd</sup> November have a £5 surcharge and entries on the day a £10.00 surcharge. There is a £5.00 discount for a 2<sup>nd</sup> sibling and a maximum family fee of £30.00 (plus any late entry surcharges).

We will not treat an entry as being received until the entry fee has been paid; if you enter electronically you must send the entry fee by bank transfer or post to avoid late entry surcharges. Entries after 9.15am on the day of the tournament are at the organiser's discretion.

## Entries

We would prefer to receive entries on-line via the online form <https://forms.gle/Q5HdqUrnFtedpULA> or via email to [joseph.p.conlon@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.p.conlon@gmail.com)

Please include your child's name, address, date of birth, section entered, sex, school and ECF Membership Number (if known). BACS details will be sent on entry.

Postal entries should be sent to: Joseph Conlon, 3 Melton Drive, Didcot, Oxfordshire OX11 7JP. Please make cheques payable to **Oxfordshire Junior Chess** and write your child's name as a reference on the back. Any profits from the tournament are used for the benefit of junior chess in Oxfordshire.

## Time Limits

Chess clocks will be used and guidance will be given to any players unfamiliar with their use. The anticipated timetable is 20 minutes plus an increment of 10 seconds per move.