

# Hereford Chess Congress 2019

## Rules

It is a condition of entry that players agree to abide by the following Congress rules.

1. The organisers reserve the right, without giving a reason, to transfer or refuse an entry.
2. All fees must be paid before play starts. Late entries may not be accepted after Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November.
3. ECF Standard play Grading Lists (July 2019) will be used to determine tournament and seeding.
4. Conversions from other rating systems and estimates for un-graded players will be decided by the organisers.
5. Seeded Swiss pairings will be made by Controllers using ECF rules or computer programs based on ECF or comparable rules. Pairings between members of the same family or club etc. will be avoided, if possible, at the sole discretion of the Controller.
6. Move rate is 36 moves in 90 minutes per player. After black's 36<sup>th</sup> move both clocks will be put back 15 minutes and all subsequent moves must be completed within the remaining time observing ECF quickplay finish rules. (FIDE Law of Chess Appendix G excluding G4.
7. Players arriving more than 30 minutes late for a round may be deemed to have lost by default unless the Controller can re-pair them satisfactorily. Players present whose opponents have not arrived must expect to be re-paired 30 minutes after the start of the round, where possible.
8. If a player qualifies for more than one cash prize, he shall be paid the higher amount and the Congress Director will decide how most fairly any balance shall be re-distributed.
9. Congress equipment may not be removed from the playing or analysis areas.
10. Smoking is not permitted inside the hotel.
11. Mobiles and PDA's must be switched off. Failure to do so, or if it makes a sound, will result in the loss of the game.
12. Players agree to abide by the decisions of the Controllers and accept that in all matters relating to the Congress the decisions of the organisers are final.
13. Any photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes. If any entrant objects to this, they must inform the Congress Organiser.
14. Players' details will be held electronically for the purposes of administering and marketing Hereford Chess Congress and our Somerset New Year Chess Congress; their entries will be published on the Congress website stated on the brochure; and congress games and results will be made available to the English Chess Federation (ECF) for grading purposes and may be published online. Players not wishing to have their details published on the ECF Website should contact the ECF Office directly.
15. All personal entry information is required for either player identification or communication purposes and will be either safely removed if no longer required or securely retained for the purpose of this and future Hereford and Somerset New Year Chess Congress that we organise.
16. We will not share your details with third parties other than the ECF.

Please advise the organisers if you wish to opt out of any of the above.