

## TOURNAMENTS

5 Round Swiss Tournaments

### Times of play

Saturday R1. 10:00 R2. 14:30 R3. 18:30  
Sunday R4. 10.00 R5. 14:30

### Rate of play

Fischer timing. All moves in 90 minutes, plus 10 seconds per move from first move.

### Five sections

Eligibility determined by rating on 1.3.2023  
Unrated players (not entering the Open) must provide evidence of playing strength before Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April

Entry Fee £35  
Entry Fee for juniors under 18 on 1.1.2023 £30

Prizes in each section £320 £160 £80  
Plus 1-2 rating prizes in each section £80

Section	Max rating allowed	Rating prizes qualification
Open	-	a) 2101 to 2250 b) under 2100
Challengers	2050	a) under 1950
Major	1900	a) under 1800
Intermediate	1750	a) under 1650
Minor	1600	a) 1351 to 1500 b) under 1350

### Other Prizes

Best score in Congress by a junior under 14 £80  
Best score in Congress by a veteran 65 or over £80  
Age on 1.1.2023 determines qualification.

In the event of a tie for any prize, it shall be shared equally between the winners of that prize

## RULES

### ECF “Pay to Play” Fees

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are not current ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the date of entry will have £9.00 added to their entry fee.

Bronze ECF members should note that their membership will be upgraded to Silver by the ECF following processing of the congress results for grading. Upgrading prior to the congress – online or via the ECF office – is recommended.

### General Information

1. The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries, transfer entries, and to revise prize money, according to circumstances.
2. If your opponent has not arrived 30 minutes after the start of a round s/he is defaulted and you should report to the Controller’s desk.
3. A ½ point bye may be requested in advance, except in round 5.
4. Refunds will not be granted for non-appearance.
5. Except in the OPEN, no ungraded player may win more than a maximum of £60. However, to be eligible for this prize money they must have provided written evidence of their playing strength, before Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
6. Smoking is not permitted anywhere in the school premises and grounds.
7. The Arbiter’s decision in all matters is final.
8. To contact the organisers in emergency during the congress, e.g. in case of travel delays before round 1 or round 4, call **07802 419545**

**For full terms and conditions please refer to the congress website ([www.stalbanscongress.com](http://www.stalbanscongress.com))**

## ENTRY FORM

You can enter the Congress online, at [www.stalbanscongress.com](http://www.stalbanscongress.com). Alternatively, fill in the postal entry form below.

Full Name.....

Address.....

.....Postcode.....

Home Tel. No.....

Email.....

Current ECF Grade.....ECF Code.....

ECF Membership No.....Level.....

Age (years) on 1.1.2023.....

Club/School.....

Tournament entered.....

½ point bye in round? (not in round 5).....

Entry fee (£35, or £30 for juniors) £.....

ECF “pay to play” fee (£9.00) £.....

Donation, thank you £.....

Total amount due £.....

Please make cheques payable to  
“St Albans Chess Congress”.

Please enclose a stamped, addressed envelope if a reply is required for (tick as appropriate):

Receipt of entry [ ] Accommodation list [ ]

**ENTRY CLOSSES at 9 pm on THURSDAY 20/4/23**

**(for all online and postal entries)**

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St Albans Chess Club welcomes players  
of all ages and playing strength

We meet on Mondays at the County Club,  
29 Ridgmont Road, St Albans, AL1 3AG,  
just a short walk from St Albans City railway  
station.

Early Knights Juniors from 6.15 to 7.15pm  
Seniors from 7.30pm onwards

For full details contact the secretary Chris Pines:

Email [secretary@stalbanschessclub.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stalbanschessclub.org.uk)

**Website (for information / entry)**  
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