

REFERRAL SCHEME – EARN £6 FOR EACH NEW PLAYER YOU INTRODUCE!

We're once again boosting the rewards in our special 'referral' scheme that allows you to earn money by attracting new entrants to the Congress. This year, we'll pay you a reward of £6 for each new entrant you introduce to the 2020 Congress, provided that they enter the Congress online and identify you as their 'referrer' when they enter. (See below for detailed conditions.) You may 'refer' as many new entrants as you want, and will receive £6 for each one – potentially earning back your entire Congress entry fee, or more!

Conditions: A 'new entrant' is a player who has not entered any of the last three Congresses (March 2017, February 2018, March 2019). Before you can make a referral, you must have registered your own entry to the 2020 Congress and received your unique entry number. You will then earn £6 for every new entrant who registers online for the 2020 Congress and identifies you as their 'referrer' (by typing your name & entry number into the 'Referral' box of the form) – provided that they pay the requisite Congress entry fee, and go on to participate in the Congress. In the event of any dispute, the Entry Secretary's decision will be final. Referral payments will be made in person during the weekend of the 2020 Congress. These conditions are subject to alteration – an up-to-date version will be maintained on the 'Referral scheme' page of our Congress website: www.eastdevonchesscongress.com.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

A selection of local hotels and guesthouses appears below – please make your booking directly with the hotel/guesthouse. For further options, please search online (e.g. TripAdvisor, Booking.com, Airbnb) or call Exeter Visitor Information on 01392 665700.

HOTELS			
	White Hart Hotel	66 South Street	01392 279897
	City Gate Hotel	1 Iron Bridge	01392 495811
	Mercure Exeter Southgate	Southernhay East	01392 412812
	Hotel du Vin	Magdalen Street	01392 790120
	Mercure Exeter Rougemont	Queen Street	0871 3769018
	Premier Inn City Centre	Southernhay Gardens	0871 5279570
	Southernhay House Hotel	Southernhay East	01392 439000
NEW!	Holiday Inn Express City Centre	Tudor Street	0800 8778987
	Queens Court Hotel	6-8 Bystock Terrace	01392 272709
	Jurys Inn	Western Way	01392 312400
	Premier Inn St Davids	Bonhay Road	0871 5279278

GUESTHOUSES			
	Townhouse	54 St Davids Hill	01392 494994
	Oakcliffe	73 St Davids Hill	01392 258288
	Telstar	77 St Davids Hill	01392 272466
	Braeside Guesthouse	21 New North Road	01392 256875
	St Andrews	28 Alphington Road	01392 276784
	Raffles	11 Blackall Road	01392 270200
	Park View	8 Howell Road	01392 271772

45th EAST DEVON CHESS CONGRESS

at Exeter

**Friday 6th March – Sunday 8th March 2020 at the
Exeter Corn Exchange, Market St, Exeter EX1 1BW**

- ★ *One of the most popular Congresses in the SW, attracting 140+ entrants!*
- ★ *Spacious venue in the city centre – close to stations, car parks and hotels*

THREE SECTIONS

OPEN
U-155 MAJOR
U-125 MINOR

Any player can enter
For players graded under 155 [1863 FIDE]
For players graded under 125 [1638 FIDE]

All tournaments are five-round Swiss, with four-hour play sessions
Part of the ECF Grand Prix

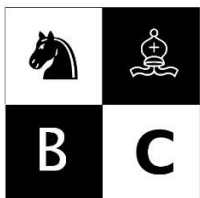
Enter via our [online entry form](http://www.cognitofirms.com/EastDevon2020/EntryForm) (with easy payment by cheque or bank transfer) and receive an extra discount! Simply visit:
www.cognitofirms.com/EastDevon2020/EntryForm



Dedicated Congress website (including current entry list):
www.eastdevonchesscongress.com



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CONGRESS DETAILS

PRIZES [Increased by 10%+ for 2020 – with no increase in entry fees!*

*Our entry fee for ECF members at Silver level or above is unchanged from 2019.

All prizes are conditional on the number of entries received. The organisers may increase the prize fund further if entry numbers are particularly high.

OPEN	1st £240, 2nd £165, 3rd £95, plus grading prizes
U-155 MAJOR	1st £190, 2nd £135, 3rd £85, plus grading prizes
U-125 MINOR	1st £190, 2nd £135, 3rd £85, plus grading prizes

There is a maximum of one prize per player. Only entrants with an ECF standard-play grade are eligible to win a grading prize. An ungraded player may not win more than the value of the 3rd prize, except in the Open section. Prizes will be sent out by post after the Congress.

ENTRY

Entry fee: Open £38, Major £36, Minor £36. Sizable discounts apply this year – see below!

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are ECF members at Silver, Gold, or Platinum level (or the equivalent Junior levels) on the date of the Congress may deduct £9 from the entry fee. There is a separate and additional discount of £3 for all Juniors. (A 'Junior' is any player who is under 18 years of age on 1st September 2019.)

Online entry is very strongly preferred and qualifies for an additional discount of £2.

Late entries (received after 26th February 2020) will be accepted only at the organisers' discretion and will cost an extra £5 – or an extra £15 if received after 4th March 2020.

The East Devon Chess Congress is not sponsored, and we again invite your kind donations. Many thanks for helping to support the future of the Congress!

Entries will be accepted from Autumn 2019 onwards, but the January 2020 ECF standard-play grading list will be used to determine section eligibility and seedings. Conversions from other rating systems and estimates of ungraded players will be decided by the organisers.

The Committee reserve the right to transfer an entrant to another section or to refuse entry without giving a reason. The decisions of the Committee and arbiters are final in all matters.

All games will be submitted for grading. It is a condition of entry that players agree to their details being used for grading and mailing purposes. Details of all entries received will be displayed on the 'Entries' page of our Congress website: www.eastdevonchesscongress.com.

OUR REFERRAL SCHEME [Rewards enhanced for 2020]

Please see the back cover of this leaflet for details of our exciting referral scheme!

FOOD & DRINK

Players may not bring food and drink into the Exeter Corn Exchange for consumption on the premises. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the venue throughout the weekend.

TEAM COMPETITION [Free of charge]

A team prize will be awarded for the best total score by four players from the same club, university, or league (who may compete in any combination of sections). Entry is free, but you must submit your team list by 8pm on the Friday evening. A player may only participate in one team. Additional prizes may be offered depending on entry.

SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Friday (6th March):	Saturday (7th March):	Sunday (8th March):
18:50 Opening	10:00 Round 2	10:00 Round 4
19:00 Round 1	15:00 Round 3	15:00 Round 5

Time limit: 40 moves in 1 hour 40 minutes; complete game in 2 hours (i.e. clocks are turned back 20 minutes after Black's 40th move). Default and re-pairing time is 30 minutes after the start of play, unless the arbiter decides otherwise. Half-point byes are available in rounds 1-4 only, and must be indicated at the time of entry.

ENTERING THE CONGRESS

To streamline the entry process, the organisers would be delighted if all entrants could register for the Congress via our easy-to-use online entry form:

www.cognitofrms.com/EastDevon2020/EntryForm

You will not be asked for any bank details – instead, payment can be made either by direct bank transfer or by cheque. Full details will be provided once you have submitted your entry. If you have any further queries, please email eastdevonchesscongress@gmail.com.

PAPER ENTRY FORM – For entrants without internet access

Please note: If you have internet access, we'd hugely appreciate it if you could enter the Congress via our online entry form (above), rather than a paper form. Online entries are far easier for the organisers to process, much less error-prone, and £2 cheaper for you!

I wish to enter the _____ section and accept the conditions of the Congress.

Full Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

_____ Club _____

Email _____ Phone _____

ECF Membership Number _____ ECF Grading Code _____

Latest Grade _____ Round for bye (if required) _____

If you are ungraded, please attach detailed information to indicate your current playing level, including estimated grade (if available), results achieved at your last three tournaments, last known grade (with year), and any other grades or ratings (e.g. FIDE, Welsh).

Entry Fee – Please add £5 / £15 if late (see entry rules) £ _____

Discount – State reason _____ – £ _____

Donation – Thank you so much for your generosity! + £ _____

Remittance enclosed for: TOTAL £ _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please make cheques payable to 'East Devon Chess Congress' and post to: Dr Tim Paulden, 9 Nethercott Place, Exeter, EX1 2TT. Email enquiries: eastdevonchesscongress@gmail.com. Emergency contact during the Congress: Sean Pope, 07443 493141 (before 10pm, please).