

Bedfordshire County Chess Championship

Entries are invited for the 2016 Bedfordshire individual chess tournament.

The tournament is open to players who qualify under at least one of the following criteria:

1. They are a member of an affiliated club (i.e. one that plays in the Bedfordshire Chess League);
2. They were born in the county; or
3. They live in the county

The tournament will be a six round Swiss. The opening round will be held at Bedford Chess Club on January 14th 2015. Later rounds are as follows:

Round 2: 8th February, Kents-Luton

Round 3: 8th March, Leighton Buzzard

Round 4: 7th April, Milton Keynes

Rounds 5&6: 8th May, Open University (subject to confirmation)

As usual, if opponents can agree an alternative date and venue, then they need not play on the set night. Nevertheless they must be played before the scheduled date.

The time limit is Beds League Rules, 35 moves in 75 minutes and then 15 minutes wind-back for the remainder of the game.

The prizes will depend on entries. There will be a cash prizes at least for the champion and runner up plus a slow starter prize. Slow starters are those with 1 or less points after 3 rounds. If there are enough entries there will be a grading prize.

The entry fee will be £5 for ECF members and £25 for non-members. To join the ECF use this site: http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page_id=20558. The cost for basic - bronze- level annual membership is £14 online.

Entries by e-mail to brian.valentine@ntlworld.com by 20th November, giving name, and club. The draw will be published by 24th November. Entry fees will be collected on the first night.

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