

## Bristol Blitz Tournament Rules

### Tournament Specific Regulations

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| Entry Limit                         | 70 (one section)  |
| Number of Rounds                    | 11  |
| Number of Half Point Byes Permitted | 1 (not in the first or last round)                                |
| Time Control                        | 5min + 3sec   |
| Default Time                        | None: The player has until their time expires to begin their game |

Schedule                      Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> Dec

Round 1, 11:00  
Round 2, 11:30  
Round 3, 12:00  
Round 4, 12:30  
Round 5, 13:00  
Round 6, 14.00  
Round 7, 14.30  
Round 8, 15.00  
Round 9, 15:30  
Round 10, 16:00  
Round 11, 16:30

Pairings Published for each Round      10.30 for Round 1, ASAP thereafter.  
Pairing Software                              Swiss Manager

Tournament Sections                         FIDE Open

*Entry Fee*                                        £15  
    £18 after 01/12/2023

Bank Transfer  
No Postal Entries  
No Entries on the day

**Entry to the tournament subject to receipt of full tournament fee.**  
The entry fee will not be returned if a player doesn't turn up.

### *Prizes*

#### **1st £100**

The £100 prize will be awarded to the player scoring the most points. There will be no tie-breaks applied, and in the event of a tie, the prize money will be shared equally between all tied players.

## **10 Category prizes of £30**

A category prize of £30 will be awarded to the highest-scoring player in each category. In the event of a tie, the lower-rated player will win the prize. If more than one player has the same rating, then the prize money will be shared.

For example, if there are 61 entries, then players 1 to 7 will form Category A and there will be nine categories of 6, with players 8 to 13 in Category B, 14 to 19 in Category C, 20 to 25 in Category D, etc...

## **The top Bristol League player will be the Bristol Blitz Chess Champion.**

In the event of a tie, the following tie brakes will apply:

1. Direct Encounter (if possible)
2. Tournament Performance Rating

## Allocation of Ratings

A player's initial seeding will be determined as Max from FIDE & ECF (standard, rapid or blitz) November 2023 rating.

K & A ratings will be used in case of a higher P rating is available. P ratings will be used on case-by-case basis.

Where a player has none of these, the organisers will assign an estimate based on all available data on a case-by-case basis, failing which the player will be assigned a rating of 0.

## Rating

The tournament will be submitted to FIDE. It is a condition of playing in the Bristol Blitz that the data submitted at the time of entry will be forwarded to the ECF / FIDE as required to enable the games to be rated by the FIDE.

## Obtaining a FIDE Identification Number

All players must have a FIDE Identification Number at the time of submitting their entry. If you are a member of the ECF and require a FIDE ID, please request one from the ECF International Rating Officer by [completing this form](#).

## Levels of ECF Membership Required

At the moment FIDE is not charging for the registration or rating of Blitz events.

## Prize Conditions

The prize fund will be reduced if there are fewer than 60 players!  
Players allocated a rating of 0 are not eligible for Category prizes.  
Same player can't win the 1<sup>st</sup> place and a Category prize.

## Byes

One half Point bye may be requested for Rounds 2 to 10 (or a request may be cancelled) either:

- At the time of entry, or
- At any point before the pairings are published for each round.

Requests should be made to the Arbiter at the tournament.

Players who miss more rounds than the number of Half Point Byes permitted in each tournament will be withdrawn from the tournament, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

A player who defaults a game will not be included in the pairings for the next round of the tournament, or any subsequent round, unless the Chief Arbiter decides otherwise.

## F.I.D.E. Rules of Blitz Chess apply.

For the first completed illegal move, the arbiter shall give one-minute extra time to the opponent. For the second completed illegal move by the same player, the arbiter shall declare game lost by this player. However, the game is drawn if the position is such that the opponent cannot checkmate the player's king, by any possible series of legal moves.

## Mobile Phones

During play mobile phones and other electronic devices must be completely switched off.

A player will be immediately disqualified if during the game any such device either  
(a) makes any sound; or  
(b) is found to be switched on.

## Liability

The organisers accept no responsibility for any loss, theft or accident during the tournament.

## Parental Responsibility

Parents or guardians are responsible for their children during the tournament. The organisers and helpers are not able to act “in loco parentis” and are not able to take responsibility for any child’s actions, or for the actions of anyone that may affect your child.

## Right to Refuse Entry

The Chief Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry without being required to state a reason, and to transfer players between tournaments at any time.

## Zero Tolerance to Abuse

The Chief Arbiter / Organizer is empowered to expel a player from all tournaments entered, either for a number of rounds, a number of days, or in their entirety, who shows dissent by word or action towards an arbiter, or any member of staff connected with the Tournament.

**By entering the tournament, players are accepting ALL the above terms and conditions.**