

Bristol Rapidplay Tournament Rules

Tournament Specific Regulations

Entry Limit	50 (one section)
Number of Rounds	6
Number of Half Point Byes Permitted	1 (not in the last round)
Time Control	20min + 5sec
Default Time	None: The player has until their time expires to begin their game

Schedule

Round 1	Sunday, 30th October	11.00
Round 2	Sunday, 30th October	12.00
Round 3	Sunday, 30th October	13.00
Round 4	Sunday, 30th October	14.00
Round 5	Sunday, 30th October	15.00
Round 6	Sunday, 30th October	16.00

Pairings Published for each Round	10.45 for Round 1, ASAP thereafter
Pairing Software	Swiss Manager

Tournament Sections	OPEN
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Entry Fee	£20
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Bank Transfer
No Postal Entries
No Entries on the day

Refund Policy (Withdrawals)	Before 22nd October	100% refund
	23rd – 28th October	50% refund
	29th October	No refund

Entry to the tournament is subject to receipt of full tournament fee.

Prizes	1st £140; 2nd £80
	3 Grading Prizes based on 40 players

Allocation of Ratings

The ratings used for the tournament will be determined from the following:

FIDE Rapidplay Rating (October 2022)
ECF Rapidplay Rating (October 2022)
FIDE Standard Rating (October 2022)
ECF Standard Rating (October 2022)

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 for international rating and the English Chess Federation (ECF) for national rating. It is a condition of playing in the Bristol Rapidplay that the data submitted at the time of entry will be forwarded to FIDE and the ECF, as required to enable the games to be rated by FIDE and the ECF.

Levels of ECF Membership Required

All entrants must pay a £10 surcharge if they are not ECF Silver, Gold or Platinum members. Note that this applies irrespective of the FIDE nationality of the player.

Obtaining a FIDE Identification Number

All entrants must have a FIDE Identification Number at the time of submitting their entry, unless they wish their FIDE nationality to be England. Players without a FIDE Identification Number will have one created (England only) at the time the rating files are submitted by FIDE. Please note that there is charge associated with changing the registered nationality at later date.

Covid Regulations

The regulations below apply at the time of writing. Depending on government regulations, or the regulations of the venue, these may change without notice.

- Players should only play if they have no COVID-19 symptoms,
- Players can choose to wear masks at their own discretion, it will not be compulsory,
- People can play regardless of their vaccination status.

Prize Conditions

The prize fund will be reduced if there are fewer than 40 players!

The place prizes 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.

Players allocated a rating of 0 are not eligible for rating prizes.

Where there is a tie for a rating prize, the prize shall be won by the lowest-rated player involved in the tie.

Where a player wins a place prize and a rating prize, the player will win whichever prize is of the higher value.

Byes

One half Point bye may be requested for Rounds 1 to 5 (or a request may be cancelled) either:

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

Where the pairings are published as soon as they are available, the request should be made no later than the conclusion of the last game in the round of the tournament being played. Such requests should be made to the Chief 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 Rapid Chess apply.

For the first completed illegal move, the arbiter shall give two minutes 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 and placed in a bag below the table or on the table in front of the player. A player must not have any such device about their person or carry it with them during play.

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; or
- (c) is found to be about their person or being carried by them.

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.

Liability

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

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 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.