

Warwick University Rapidplay Tournament

Date: **February 3rd, 2018**

Location: **Warwick University, Library 2, Library Road CV4 7AL**

Format:

- Seven rounds with a time control of 15 minutes + 10 seconds per completed move
- The event will have two sections:
 - a) Open (All players)
 - b) Minor (Max grade of 135)
- Entry Fees:
 - a) £5
 - b) There will be a £10 surcharge if registering on the day of the event
- Prize Money: 100% of entry fees will go towards prize money (estimates based on 50 entrants- number in brackets gives percentage of total entry fees for each prize)

Open- Estimated Prize: 1st: £70 (28%) 2nd: £40 (16%) 3rd: £20 (8%) Grading Prize: £20 (8%)

Minor- Estimated Prize: 1st: £50 (20%) 2nd: £30 (12%) 3rd: £10 (4%) Grading Prize: £10 (4%)

Playing Schedule:

Round 1: 10:30-11:40

Round 2: 11:40-12:50

Round 3: 12:50-14:00

Round 4: 14:00-15:10

Round 5: 15:10-16:20

Round 6: 16:20-17:30

Round 7: 17:30-18:40

Closing Ceremony and Prize Distribution: 18:40-18:50

ECF Membership:

All players will need ECF silver, gold, or platinum membership. Any entrants without silver membership will be rejected. Membership can be bought at:

<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/membership/joining/>

Website:

Full details and an updated player list can be found on our website.

<http://warwickchess.com/index.php/tournament/>

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices:

Mobile phones and electronic devices are only permitted in the playing area provided the device is completely switched off. During games they must remain switched off. Disqualifications will be used in line with FIDE regulations.

Refreshments:

A variety of campus shops, restaurants and cafes will be open. The closest being the library café next door:

<https://warwick.ac.uk/services/retail/openingtimes/>

Wheelchair Access:

The venue is wheelchair accessible but please email us beforehand to check details.

Grading and Rating:

Eligibility for grade-restricted sections will be determined by the August 2017 ECF Rapidplay grading list. All sections will be ECF graded and FIDE-rated. The following priority will be used for section allocation:

- (1) August 2017 ECF Rapidplay Grade
- (2) January 2018 FIDE Rapidplay Rating (converted using the formula: $(FIDE - 700) / 7.5$)
- (3) August 2017 ECF Standardplay Grade
- (4) Estimated grade assigned by the organiser

Ungraded players must give details of estimated playing strength. Ungraded players who cannot demonstrate a playing strength appropriate for their section must play in the Open.

Seedings will be determined by:

- (1) January 2018 ECF Rapidplay Grade
- (2) January 2018 FIDE Rapidplay Rating (converted using the formula: $(FIDE - 700) / 7.5$)
- (3) January 2018 ECF Standardplay Grade
- (4) Estimated grade assigned by the organiser

Entry:

All entries will be handled via the electronic ticketing system linked below:

www.warwicksu.com/events/4117/15055/

If you wish to have a ½ point bye for the first round please email us (see below).

Enquires:

Preferred- Warwicknichess@gmail.com

Phone- +447908578522, +447734761178

Pairings:

Pairings will be made according to FIDE Pairing Rules by the Swiss Manager computer program.

Disclaimers:

The Chief Arbiter's decision shall be final in all disputes relating to the either the Laws of Chess or Swiss pairings.

All children should have a responsible adult with them. We will not be responsible for unattended children.

The organisers have the right to move players between sections or reject entries at their discretion.

Arbiters:

FA Thomas Thorpe, Hok Yin Chiu