

Cambridgeshire County Chess Association
Individual Championship 2008-2009

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Dear All,

Please find attached an entry form for the 2008/9 Individual Championship of the Cambridgeshire County Chess Association. All chess players living in Cambridgeshire are eligible, and all members of clubs affiliated to our association. Entry is entirely free, and to encourage as many players as possible to participate, I am sending this reminder out to a wider circulation this year. Please feel free to circulate this notice to anyone else you feel may be interested in entering. Club secretaries – please can you circulate at your club – thanks.

You can contact me personally to enter, or go through your own chess club secretary. Note that entries need to be returned to me by **24th October**, at the latest, please. E-mailed or phoned entries will be accepted, if you find this more convenient.

This year's competition will be run on a knock-out basis. All entries will be seeded into ECF grade strength order. It has been suggested to me that I seed only the top 16 players, and do the remaining draw by area, to reduce player travelling in the first round. Does anyone have any strong views on this? Please let me know what you think – I shall take all comments on board. Also, if you wish to enter as an ungraded player, please provide me with an estimate of playing strength.

Official round venues and dates are given below. The draw will be published at least 7 days before the first round. Note that there is no reason why individual games may not be played privately at the players' convenience, provided that they notify me of their intention to do so. But please note that the private arrangement rules have been tightened up to prevent gamesmanship or abuse. Please treat your opponent with respect - any player who cannot provide a justifiable reason for their absence, and who has not notified their opponent beforehand will be disqualified!

FYI I have also attached a full copy of the rules to this entry form.

Round	Venue	Date
1	New England,	Wednesday, 5th November, 2008
2	Cambridge	Wednesday, 10th December, 2008
3	Peterborough	Thursday, 22th January, 2009
4	Warboys	Wednesday, 25th February, 2009

(Final TBA privately before Jamboree on 13th May. In the event that there are more than 32 entries, Semi-final is to be played by 31st March. For addresses of venues see below)

Note that there are five weeks between each round to assist in getting the matches played. Games are to be played to the current CCCA League Competition rules. Playing rate will therefore be 36 moves in 75 minutes, followed by 15 minutes quick-play finish. A shorter game may be played if both players agree, provided that they notify the tournament controller. However, games resolved this way may be void for grading purposes. Players are to draw for choice of colours on the night of the game. Players have until the week before the next round date to resolve a tie, playing as many times as they wish. After this, continuously drawn results will require a tie-break to be played, in the next 7 days. Additional time will only be given at the discretion of the tournament controller. (See attached rules for more detail)

I wish good luck to all competitors, and to club secretaries, thank you in advance for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Chris Russell
Tournament Secretary
Cambridgeshire County Chess Association

Venue addresses

New England New England Club and Institute, Occupation Road, New England, Peterborough PE1 2LJ
Cambridge St. Augustine's Church Hall, Richmond Road, Cambridge
Peterborough Southfield Community Centre, Southfield Avenue, Stanground, Peterborough
Warboys Warboys Sports and Social Club, The Sports Field, Forge Way, Warboys PE28 2TN

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Player Name	ECF Grade	Telephone Number	E-mail address
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