

5 round Swiss Tournaments

Open No grade limit *Entry Fee £37***

Prizes: £225, £150, £75

180-195 Grading Prize: £75

U180 Grading Prize: £75

☞ Highest-placed player, not already qualified, who is able and willing to play, wins entry to the 2009 British Championship at their own expense.

Challengers (under 175) *Entry Fee £30***

Prizes: £150, £100, £50

155-165 Grading Prize: £50

U155 Grading Prize: £50

Major (under 150) *Entry Fee £30***

Prizes: £150, £100, £50

125-135 Grading prize: £50

U125 Grading Prize: £50

Minor (under 120) *Entry Fee £30***

Prizes: £160, £80, £45

95-110 Grading Prize: £50

U95 Grading Prize: £50

Best junior (u18) £50

☞ The junior prize will be awarded for the best score by a player born on / after 1st Sept 1991.

For all tournaments, grading limits refer to the official 2009 slow-play grade published by the ECF.

****For all tournaments, a discount of up to £10 may be claimed for early entry.**

Entry dated* 28.11 – 4.12 £5 discount

Entry dated* before 28.11 £10 discount

(* date of postmark, for letters)

Rate of Play

36 moves in 90 minutes, then 15-minute quickplay finish.

Round Times

Saturday 5th December

Round 1 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

Round 2 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Round 3 6.30 pm – 10.30 pm

Sunday 6th December

Round 4 9.30 am – 1.00 pm

Round 5 2.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Late Arrival

Players arriving more than 30 minutes after the start of the round will be deemed to have lost by default.

Byes

Players may *request* a ½ point bye in one of rounds 1-4.

Players *given* a bye because a section has an odd no. of players, or because their opponent has failed to arrive in time, will receive a 1 point bye. In addition, every effort will be made to provide players with a graded game (although this will not count towards the tournament score).

Rate of play will be 30 moves in 75 minutes for re-paired games, then 15-minute QP finish.

Prizegiving

This will be as soon as possible after the last round has been completed.

Entry Form

Name		
Address		

e-mail (if any)		
Telephone		
Date of birth (all entrants)	ECF Grade*	
Club		
Section entered		
Half-point bye in round no.		
Entry Fee:		£
Open tournament	£37	
Other tournaments	£30	
Early entry discount:		- £
dated 28.11 – 4.12	£5	
dated before 28.11	£10	
Donation (thank you)		£
ECF Direct Members - £2	ECF No.	- £
Total Amount Due		£

Cheques payable to "Herts Chess Association"

Tick as required (SAE required for post!):-

	Post	e-mail
Acknowledgement		
Accommodation list		

* the official 2009 slow-play grade published by the ECF. (Any other grades, please specify if rapidplay, converted, or estimated, etc).

General

- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entries, transfer entries to a different section, or re-arrange sections according to circumstances.
- The Controller's decision in all matters is final.
- We regret that entry fees cannot be refunded in the event of non-appearance.
- All games graded.
- Light refreshments will be available at reasonable prices.
- Further copies of this entry form and the accommodation list may found at www.hertschess.com

Mobile Phones

If your mobile phone rings during play you will lose your game!

Grading limits

The grading limits for entry to all tournaments, grading prizes etc, are based on the official 2009 slow-play grades published by the ECF.

Players who only have international ratings should use the following conversion:

$$\text{ECF} = (\text{Elo} - 600) / 8.$$

Ungraded players

Ungraded players **must** provide adequate written evidence of playing strength before Thursday 3rd December. They cannot win grading prizes and, except in the Open, may not win more than £50 in the section in which they play.

Trophies

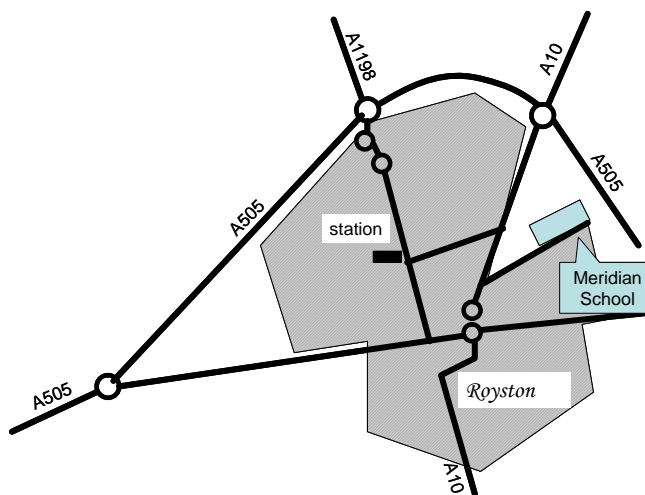
The best Herts player in each section will hold the appropriate trophy for one year.

The Glyne Jones Trophy is awarded to the junior (u18, born on / after 1st Sept 1991) resident or attending a school or chess club in Herts, Cambs, Norfolk or Suffolk with the best performance in any of the tournaments.

Enquiries and Entries to:

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Map of Venue



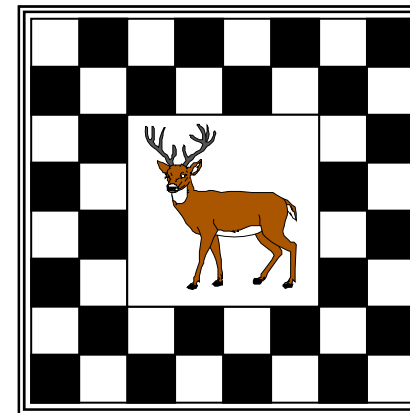
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58th Annual Congress

incorporating

British Championship Qualifier



An English Chess Federation Grand Prix Event

(Grand Prix Congress Merit Awards 1985, 1990,
2001)

**Saturday 5th – Sunday 6th
December 2009**

at
**The Meridian School,
Garden Walk, Royston, Herts,
SG8 7JH**

The Meridian School is a no-smoking venue

***(London Junior Championship Qualifiers
will also be held here on the same
weekend – see separate entry forms)***