

## Tournament Capacity

Entries are limited to 118 (the same as last year, and up from 90 in 2021). We have been fully subscribed for the last two events. Please enter early to avoid disappointment.

## Parking

Free parking is available at the venue if displaying a parking permit. We will email you with details of how to print your own permit as the tournament approaches. Pre-printed permits will also be available at the event.

# 40<sup>th</sup> Bury St Edmunds Congress

[www.bsecongress.org](http://www.bsecongress.org)



## Event Partners

Thanks to backing from the **Patrick Ribbands Legacy Fund**, junior prizes are available in all sections of the event, regardless of the number of entries.

Many thanks are owed to **Chess & Bridge** for supplying our sets and clocks. They will also be providing a bookstall at the event. Find Chess & Bridge online at [chess.co.uk](http://chess.co.uk).

The event is also supported by our founding partner, the **Bury Area Chess League**.

## Payment Details and Postal Address

Please supply payment details below.

ENTRY FEE	£	<input type="text"/>
DONATION (optional)	£	<input type="text"/>
TOTAL AMOUNT	£	<input type="text"/>

Cheques should be made payable to **Bury St Edmunds Chess Congress** and sent with this completed form to Steve Lovell, Congress Secretary, at the address to the right.

You may also pay by Bank Transfer. If you would like to do that, please get in touch to request our bank details.

Please detach this section and return, together with payment, to:

Steve Lovell  
Congress Secretary  
3 Pippin Close  
Bury St Edmunds  
IP32 7HH

Queries about entry to the competition should be emailed to [secretary@bsecongress.org](mailto:secretary@bsecongress.org)

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**



**Moreton Hall Community Centre,  
Symonds Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP32 7EE**

### A five-round Swiss Tournament

Four sections: Open, Major (u1900), Inter (u1700) and Minor (u1500)



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An English Chess Federation Grand Prix Event  
An East Anglia Grand Prix Event

# Tournament Entry Fees and Prizes

	Open	Major (u1900)	Inter (u1700)	Minor (u1500)
<b>ECF Members at Platinum, Gold or Silver Level</b>				
<b>Adult</b>	£ 31	£ 28	£ 28	£ 25
<b>Junior</b>	£ 25	£ 23	£ 23	£ 19
<b>ECF Non-Members and ECF Bronze Members</b>				
<b>Adult</b>	£ 40	£ 37	£ 37	£ 34
<b>Junior</b>	£ 35	£ 32	£ 32	£ 28
<b>Prize Money</b>				
<b>1st Prize</b>	£ 350	£ 200	£ 200	£ 150
<b>2nd Prize</b>	£ 180	£ 100	£ 100	£ 80
<b>3rd Prize</b>	£ 100	£ 60	£ 60	£ 50
<b>Rating Prize</b>	£ 50	£ 50	£ 50	£ 50
<b>Junior Prize</b>	£ 60	£ 60	£ 60	£ 60

**Note:** Juniors are those aged under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023

## Prizes

The above junior prizes are underwritten by the **Patrick Ribbands Legacy Fund** and are guaranteed regardless of the number of entries. The other prizes above are guaranteed if entries reach 80. Additional rating and junior prizes will be awarded if finances permit. Players without an ECF or FIDE rating will not be eligible for rating prizes and a deduction of 50% will be made on any cash prize won by such a player unless competing in the Open section of the tournament. Original October ratings will be used to determine eligibility for rating prizes.

## Tiebreaks

In the event of a tie for a rating prize, the prize will be awarded to the lowest rated player. No other tiebreaks will be used for monetary prizes, with prize money being shared equally between qualifying players on the same number of points. If non-monetary prizes are available, the organisers will publish tiebreaks at the event and on the tournament website.

No player may be awarded more than one monetary prize. Would this otherwise occur, the player will be awarded the higher value prize. The organisers reserve the right to vary this arrangement if doing so results in a fairer distribution of prize funds. This is most likely to occur where a player would qualify for a share of more than one prize.

## Hours of Play

### Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October

(Doors open 08:30)

Round 1: 09:30

Round 2: 14:00

Round 3: 18:30

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October

(Doors open 08:30)

Round 4: 09:30

Round 5: 14:00

Prize Giving: 18:00 approx

# Further Information

Full competition rules and further information are available online at [www.bsecongress.org](http://www.bsecongress.org)

## Deadline for Entries

Entries close at 10am on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

## Rating

All games played in this congress will be submitted to the ECF for rating. Original August ratings will be used for allocation to sections, but for pairings and rating prizes we'll be using original October ratings.

## Late Arrivals

Players arriving more than 30 minutes after the scheduled round start time will be defaulted. Players without opponents should expect to be re-paired 30 minutes after the start of a round.

## Byes

A bye may be taken in any of rounds 1 to 4, provided this is requested with entry. Byes can also be arranged during the event, but any bye should be requested prior to pairing of the relevant round.

## Accommodation

There are numerous hotels and B&Bs in Bury St Edmunds. For details, consult the congress website.

## Withdrawals

Refunds will be provided at the organisers' discretion, but not for players who simply fail to turn up.

## Rate of Play

All moves in 90 minutes plus 15 second increment per move from move 1.

## Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area, and must not be on a player's person at any time during their game. Any player whose mobile phone makes any sound during play, or who is found to be consulting any device capable of suggesting chess moves, will immediately forfeit that game.

## Photography

Photos taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes. Please let us know if you object to this.

## Payment

Pay online with PayPal or by cheque (details on reverse). By arrangement we can also accept payment by Bank Transfer.

## Right to refuse entry

The Congress Director reserves the right to refuse entry without being required to state a reason.

## Disputes

In all matters, the Congress Director's decision is final.

## Entry Form

(or enter online at [www.bsecongress.org](http://www.bsecongress.org))

Surname .....	Email Address .....
First Name .....	All entrants providing an email address will receive an acknowledgement† and regular updates about the tournament, including future editions. You may unsubscribe at any time.
Chess title (e.g. GM) .....	See our privacy notice at <a href="http://www.bsecongress.org/privacy">www.bsecongress.org/privacy</a>
Club .....	ECF Membership Number .....
Phone Number .....	Date of Birth (Juniors) .....
ECF Original August Rating* .....	

Tournament	Bye Request (½-point)	ECF Membership
Open	Rnd 1	Platinum
Major (u1900)	Rnd 2	Bronze
Inter (u1700)	Rnd 3	Silver
Minor (u1500)	Rnd 4	Gold
	N/A	None

Tick as appropriate

## Payment Details and Address for Postage Overleaf

\* Rating should be from the ECF's original August rating list, or the FIDE equivalent. If you are unrated or have no current ECF rating, please also include results of recent tournaments or other matches played, or get in touch for advice. Online ratings may also be useful. Please supply your username(s) for the relevant platform(s).

† If written receipt of entry is required, please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your entry.