Times and Rates of Play

Saturday 30 January 2027
Round 1 – start 9.30am
Round 2 – start 2.00pm
Round 3 – start 6.30pm

Sunday 31 January 2027
Round 4 – start 9.30am
Round 5 – start 2.00pm

Rate of play: All moves in 90 minutes, with an increment of 15 seconds per move for all moves.

All events are Swiss competitions, not knockouts.

If you have any questions, or have any impairment that may require special circumstances, please contact the Chief Controller.

ELIGIBILITY AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Only EACU players are eligible to play in any section of this congress. An EACU player is one who (i) currently lives in, or (ii) has for a consecutive 5 year period lived in, or (iii) is currently a student at a school, college or university in, or (iv) was born in, or (v) is currently a member of a club in or affiliated to, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Norfolk or Suffolk.

In all matters, the Chief Arbiter's decision shall be final.

It is a condition of entry that players agree to their rating information being published on the English Chess Federation (ECF) and EACU Websites.

The Organisers reserve the right to transfer players from one section to another or to refuse entry to any player without giving any reason, and to merge sections and/or to increase or reduce the prize fund and its distribution depending upon entries.

A junior is a player born on or after 1 January 2009.

Any player arriving more than 30 minutes later than the scheduled start time for any round will be defaulted that game, and their opponent re-paired if possible.

Mobile phones must be switched off in the playing area. Mobile phones and other electronic devices, eg smart watches, must not be on a player's person or moved by them at any time during their game. Any player whose mobile phone makes any sound during play, or who is found to be in possession of any device capable of suggesting chess moves, will be defaulted that game.

Note that the organisers will make every reasonable effort not to assign the forced bye to players who have already requested a bye, but this is not always possible.

THE EAST ANGLIAN CHESS UNION



CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026-27

Incorporating the EACU Junior Championships

Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st January 2027

at

Turner Hall, Church Lane,
Newmarket, CB8 0HP

A Five-Round Swiss Tournament with three Championship Sections – Open, Under-1950 and Under-1650.

Part of the EACU Marcus Misson Memorial Grand Prix

Enquiries and Entries to the Chief Controller:
Adrian Elwin, 3 Lilac Close, Newton Longville, MK17 0DQ, or
adrian_elwin@hotmail.com
Telephone enquiries: 01908-644355 or 07778-178671

Chief Arbiter – John Wickham, FIDE Arbiter

ENTRY FORM

Full Name……

Address……

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Telephone Number ……

E-mail Address ……..…….

Club …… Date of birth (juniors) ……

ECF Membership Number ……..…….…… Level ……..…..

ECF Rating (Nov 2026) ……Rating Ref Number……

If you have no current ECF rating, please give FIDE rating or any other grade or rating you may have. If you have no current grade or rating, please give most recent grade or rating and year it was achieved. If you have never been graded or rated, please provide an indication of your approximate current playing strength on a separate piece of paper.

I wish to enter the Open/U-1950/U-1650 *	Entry fee	£
	Early Entry Discount	£ ( )
Half-point bye required in round ……	Surcharge (see below)	£
[Rounds 1 to 4 only]	Donation (thank you)	£
*delete as appropriate	Total	£

For payment details, and how to enter, please see 'Sections, Prizes and Entry Fees'

All entries postmarked on or before 20 December 2026, or received electronically on or before that date, will be entitled to a £3.00 Early Entry Discount.
All ECF Bronze Members or non-ECF Members have to pay a £16.00 surcharge. This upgrades Bronze membership to Gold membership, and for non-members represents the ECF's 'pay to play' fee.
All juniors who are not ECF members are encouraged to take out Gold ECF membership for £16.00 (or free for their first year). The ECF's Junior 'pay to play' fee is £7.00.

A half-point bye may be claimed in one of rounds 1-4, if requested at the time of entry.

The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without explanation6

Sections, Prizes and Entry Fees

Championship Section	First prize	Second prize	Third prize	Junior prize	Entry fee
Open	£200	£160	£120	£80	£40
Under-1950	£175	£140	£105	£70	£35
Under-1650	£150	£120	£90	£60	£30

Entry may be made online via www.eacu.org.uk , by post to Adrian Elwin at 3 Lilac Close, Newton Longville, MK17 0DQ, or by email to him at adrian_elwin@hotmail.com. If entering by email, please either attach a completed entry form, or include all the information requested on the entry form.

If enclosing payment with a posted entry form, please make cheques payable to 'East Anglian Chess Union'.

If entering online or by email, please make payment through online banking using the EACU bank account number 80334499 and sort code 20-17-19. If using this method, please quote your name as the payment reference.

No player may win more than one monetary prize. Unrated players may not win a rating prize or become Under-1950 or Under-1650 champions, and any monetary prize won by an unrated player in the Under-1950 or Under-1650 sections will be subject to a 50% deduction. Ratings used for entry will be those at November 2026. Prizes and pairings will use the January 2027 rating list.

The highest-placed junior in each section will be the EACU Junior Champion for that section.

In the event of ties, all monetary prizes will be shared equally, but the Championship Titles will be determined by sums of progressive scores, and if that is equal, average opponents' rating, and if that is then equal the toss of a coin. Each Champion will receive a permanent trophy in addition to their monetary prize.

The EACU Open Champion will, subject to confirmation of the qualifying process by the ECF, be entitled to play in the 2027 British Championship. They will enter the British Championship at their own expense.
Anyone wishing to take photographs at the event should agree this in advance with the Chief Controller. Photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes by the EACU. Personal information provided on the entry form will be used for the purposes of running and administering the Congress, and for notification of future EACU events. Some game scores may also be published on the EACU and other websites.