

# 96<sup>th</sup> BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS TORQUAY 2009

In celebration of the contribution made by John Dunleavy  
to the administration of English Chess



**The 96th Championships of the British Isles  
Organised by the English Chess Federation  
Sunday 26 July - Saturday 8 August**



**Riviera International Conference Centre, Torquay**  
*An English Chess Federation Grand Prix Event*



**PROGRAMME**

# **BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009**

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## **Official Opening Ceremony**

**Monday 27 July 2009 at 2:00 p.m. in the Arena**

The ceremony will be followed by a short photography session before start of play.

### **Control Team**

Congress Manager	Stewart Reuben
Chief Arbiter	Alex McFarlane
Principal Arbiters	Roger Edwards, Peter Purland, Kevin Staveley, David Welch
Arbiters	Wilf Arnold, Lara Barnes, Neville Belinfante, John Thornton, assisted by John Edwards
Administration / Publicity	Victor Cross, Bob Jones
DGT Boards, Website	David Clayton, Stephen Connor
Bulletin	Arnold & Nathaniel Lutton, Jack Rudd
Commentary	Andrew Martin
Coaching	Nick Nixon

### **The RIVIERA INTERNATIONAL CENTRE**

The Riviera International Centre is a fine, modern and extremely spacious venue. It is conveniently situated just over 100m from the seafront, within easy walking distance of most accommodation. The Riviera International Centre is also just 400m from the Torquay Train Centre. Torquay is one of Britain's finest resorts.

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We also look forward to seeing you all at the

**97<sup>th</sup> British Chess Championships**

at the University of Kent, Canterbury

**25 July to 7 August 2010**

The University Campus is situated on the brow of a hill,  
with a magnificent view of the historic city of Canterbury

## British Chess Championships Torquay 2009 – Timetable

<i>26 July - 8 August</i>	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Opening Ceremony		X												
Closing Ceremony + playoff if necessary														X
British Championship		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
British Senior Championship							X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
British Graded Championships														
Under 175		X	X	X	X	X								
Under 150									X	X	X	X	X	
Under 125		X	X	X	X	X								
Under 100									X	X	X	X	X	
Under 16		X	X	X	X	X	X							
Under 14									X	X	X	X	X	
Under 13		X	X	X	X	X	X							
Under 12									X	X	X	X	X	
Under 11		X	X	X	X	X								
Under 10									X	X	X	X	X	
Under 9								X						
Under 8						X								
Major		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	
5 Day Open Morning - Week 1		X	X	X	X	X								
5 Day Open Morning - Week 2									X	X	X	X	X	
5 Day Open Afternoon - Week 1		X	X	X	X	X								
5 Day Open Afternoon - Week 2									X	X	X	X	X	
Rapidplay - Week 1	X													
Rapidplay - Week 2								X						
Weekenders							X	X						

An updated version of the timetable / schedule is available on the congress website  
[www.britishchess09.com/schedule.htm](http://www.britishchess09.com/schedule.htm)

## PLAYING CONDITIONS & RULES

**Mobile phones** – Competitors and spectators should avoid bringing phones to the venue. Players will be immediately defaulted if their mobile phone, or other electronic device, makes any sound in the Main Hall. Spectators whose phones make any sound may be barred. Players must not receive text messages, nor use any form of electronic storage, communication or computing device.

**Smoking** – This is not permitted anywhere in the Riviera Centre.

**Conduct of players** – The dress code is smart, casual. Players should be on their best behaviour.

**Defaults & withdrawals** - Players who default or withdraw from any event without good cause may be barred from future events. They will anyway be liable to pay a full entry fee at any future event organised by the Federation together with a bond returnable on satisfactory conduct during such events. If for any reason you have to withdraw please tell your arbiter promptly, certainly before the pairings for the next round are made

**Discussion of games** - The Laws of Chess specifically prohibit discussion of games in play. This includes what may seem like a harmless question like, 'How are you doing in your game.' While you are playing please do not visit the Bookstall, the Commentary Room, or the analysis room, nor analyse or play through someone else's game.

**Reporting of results** - The top two copies of the scoresheet must be handed in as soon as the game has finished to the arbiting point attached to your playing section. The bottom copy is for your use.

**Recording of games** - The official Championship score sheets must be used by all players to record their games. Use of scorebooks/pads is not allowed. If you wish to use these please copy your game afterwards, not during the game.

**Adjournments** - Games will not normally be adjourned. If exceptional circumstances require an adjournment, an arbiter will explain the procedure.

**Appeals** - Appeals may be made against a controller's decision on matters of the Laws of Chess or of administration. Appeals should be made to one of the following: Alex McFarlane, Peter Purland, Roger Edwards, Kevin Staveley or David Welch. If a player is dissatisfied with the decision he may appeal to an Appeals Committee. An appeal to the Appeals Committee must be lodged with the Congress Manager in writing, stating the grounds for the appeal, and accompanied by a £20 deposit which is returnable if the appeal is successful. The intention to appeal must be declared within one hour of the Principal Arbiter's decision.

The Appeals Committee will be: -

- A Senior Arbiter in the chair, not connected with the dispute
- Two other qualified Arbiters not connected with the dispute
- Two players' representatives.

**Grading** - Players without a current grade are not eligible for any grading prize. All standard play tournaments will be graded, using the 2008 Grading List as the basis for the calculations. Rapidplays will use the January 2009 list.

**Notice of pairings** - Arbiters will endeavour to ensure that pairings for all events are posted as soon as possible. Arbiters cannot be expected to answer individual queries whilst working on the pairings.

Afternoon events - Pairings should be displayed by 11:00 a.m.

Morning events - Pairings should be displayed by 10.30 p.m.

**Photocopying service** - Copies of games from earlier rounds will be available at 20p a sheet on a self-serve basis from the Congress Office.

**Under 8 and Under 9** - Competitors for these events are asked to meet the event controllers prior to the commencement of play as follows:

Under 8 to meet at 9:30 am on Friday 31 July in the Commentary Room

Under 9 to meet at 11:30 am on Saturday 1 August in the Commentary Room

**Major Open Change-Over** - After 6 rounds, players with poor scores may transfer to a junior championship or a 5-day tournament. A fee of £20 is payable, which is the equivalent of the late entry surcharge.

**British Championship Play-off** - Should the Championship be tied, a play-off will determine the title. The play-off will commence on Saturday 8 August immediately after the prizegiving. 10% of the prize fund will be withheld for players involved in the play-off as follows:-

2 player play-off	£750
3 player play-off	£900
4 player play-off	£1,020

The prize fund held back will be distributed as follows in the event of a play-off.

2 players	Winner £450	Runner-Up £300		
3 players	Winner £450	2 <sup>nd</sup> £300	3 <sup>rd</sup> £150	
4 players	Winner £450	2 <sup>nd</sup> £300	3 <sup>rd</sup> = £150	4 <sup>th</sup> £120

The play-off will take the following form:-

**2 player play-off** Two Rapidplay games 20 minutes each + 10 seconds per move.

Should there still be a tie; an Armageddon game will be played.

**3 or 4-player play-off** An all-play-all with a faster rate of play

Again should there still be a tie; an Armageddon finish will be used.

In all the above situations, should more than four players tie for first place the same principles will apply.

**Other Championships** - In the event of any other championship being tied, the title and any prize money will be shared.

## TROPHIES & TITLES

**Trophies** - A trophy will be awarded to each Champion, as a permanent memento of the event. In addition certificates will be presented to junior championship entrants.

**The Roy Clues Trophy** will be awarded annually for the most meritorious performance by a Welsh player in the Congress.

**The City of Dundee Trophy** will be awarded annually to the winner of the Major Open.

**Annual Championships Trophies.** A very limited number of annual Championship trophies are awarded. Annual trophies must be returned by the following year's Championship. If winners are unable to return them personally, arrangements must be made for their return by secure delivery to the Federation's offices at Battle by 9 July 2010.

**Titles** - The highest placed competitor in each of the Junior Championships will be awarded the title of Overall British Champion for that age group. In addition the highest placed boy or girl will be awarded the appropriate title so that the best result by a boy and the best result by a girl will each be rewarded with a title. In the Under 16 Competition which includes the Under 15 Championships, players eligible for the Under 15 Championship titles will not be awarded the Under 16 title.

## ENGLISH CHAMPION AND ENGLISH WOMENS CHAMPION

The highest placed English player in the British Championship will be declared English Champion, hold the Tony Miles Trophy for one year and receive £1500. Similarly, the highest placed English female player will be declared English Womens Champion and receive £500.

## OFFICIAL PRIZE GIVINGS

<b>Sunday 26 July</b>	7:30 pm	Main Hall
<b>Friday 31 July</b>	3:00 pm	The Commentary Room
Events - Under 11; Under 175; Under 125 Championships; 5 Day Week 1 Morning.		
<b>Friday 31 July</b>	6:45 pm	The Commentary Room
Events - Under 8 Championship; 5 Day Week 1 Afternoon (if finished).		
<b>Saturday 1 August</b>	3:00 pm	The Commentary Room
Events - Under 13; Under 15/16 Championships.		
<b>Sunday 2 August</b>	7:30 pm	The Commentary Room
Events - Under 9; Rapidplay Week Two; Weekender Tournaments.		
	Main Prize Giving	
<b>Saturday 8 August</b>	9:30 am	Main Hall
Events - All remaining Championships (including the British); Major Open; Under 14; Under 12; Under 10; 5 Day Week 2 Morning and afternoon.		

Trophy winners who have attended an earlier prize giving should indicate if they want to have their trophies presented again at the Final Prize giving. Failure to attend without the prior permission of the Congress Director and/or a Principal Arbiter will result in the forfeiting of the prize concerned.

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

**English Chess Federation Grand Prix** All events are part of the Grand Prix.

**Blitz** - Playing five-minute or speed chess with tournament clocks is forbidden. No chess games of any kind other than tournament games are permitted in the tournament hall.

Clocks may be hired for speed chess at a charge of 50p daily together with a refundable £5 deposit. These will be available from the congress office. These clocks may be used only in the analysis rooms.

**Analysis Room** – The Burdett Room has been reserved for post-match analysis after games. When evening events take place in these rooms, the analysis areas will be closed at around 7:30 pm.

**Charts** - These may be downloaded from the website.

**Car Parking** – The car park adjacent to the Riviera centre costs £5 per day, but cheaper weekly tickets may be obtained from the Main Reception of the Riviera Centre

**Mail** – Riviera International Centre, Chestnut Avenue, Torquay, Devon TQ2 5LZ. There is always a danger of such mail being lost thus valuable items should not be sent by mail here.

**Disabled Access** - There is disabled access to the venue.

**Refreshments** - Only food and drink purchased in the Riviera Centre is allowed to be consumed within the venue. Players and Spectators who wish to consume their own drinks must do so outside the venue. This is a standard clause when booking conference facilities. In the past certain players have ignored this. The Federation respectfully reminds players that as part of their entry they have signed a declaration that they have read and understood this condition and hopes and expects that all players will adhere to this rule. Refreshments will be available during playing hours.

Alcoholic drinks may not be consumed under any circumstances in the playing venue.

**Website** - The Congress website is on-line and will provide full up-to-date details of the Championship games and results on <http://www.britishchess09.com>. You will find a great deal of information there during the event. Stephen Connor has done an excellent job as webmaster.

**Photographs** - Photographs of juniors will not be used for publicity purposes without consent.

**Bulletins** - All Players in the British Championship will receive a bulletin of the Championship, on a daily basis, as part of their entry fee.

Daily Bulletins containing games from most of the events will be available daily at a cost of £2 each. A Commemorative Bulletin will also be available and may be ordered at the Championships at a cost of £18. Players are expected to help decipher their scoresheets.

**Please also read the entry form for Conditions of Entry, Time Controls, Prizes, Photography Policy etc.**

**Telephones** – When this programme was printed, the telephone numbers were not available.

## **ANDREW MARTIN’S COMMENTARY**

International Master Andrew Martin will be giving daily commentary on the British Championships. Audience participation is welcome. This year the commentary has been split into two sessions so that spectators have an opportunity to discuss the crucial part of the games around the first time control. This year’s commentary will be arranged as follows:-

**Session One:-** 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break. **Session Two:-** 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Times are approximate and may be subject to slight amendments.

## **JUNIOR COACH IN RESIDENCE**

Nick Nixon, an experienced ECF coach, will be available to juniors FREE, as part of the provisions of the John Robinson Trust. Sessions will take place in the Commentary Room in the mornings and the analysis room in the afternoons every day from Monday 27 July to Friday 7 August, except Sunday 2 August.

Nick will be available to go through your previous games and to offer advice and help on all aspects of your playing chess. He will also be available for individual coaching sessions by appointment – find Nick and discuss your requirements with him. There are many strong players at the congress, some of whom are also experienced professional coaches. Both Nick and Andrew may be able to help you create a link at the congress.

**Andrew Martin** will also be available in the morning for individual or small group coaching of juniors who play only in the afternoon. Contact him if you are interested. Remember, junior means Under 21.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS, TORQUAY 2009**

(This list is not yet complete)

Sunday 26 July from 2pm Location: Between the venue and the seafront	Simultaneous display by International Master Jack Rudd. Free admission.
Sunday 26	Display of Pairings in the Rosetor Room (Cash Bar)
Tuesday 28	Civic Reception in the Rosetor Room
Tuesday 28	Junior Blitz 7.30pm
Saturday 1	Variants Chess. Hosted by Mike Adams
Sunday 2	Annual Cricket Match. Bring Whites and contact Alec Toll or Andrew Martin
Sunday 2	Quiz with Quizmaster Kevin Staveley. 8pm Commentary Room
Tuesday 4	Junior Blitz 7.30pm
Thursday 6	Murder Evening with Kevin Staveley

# BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2010: How to Qualify

All ages except in item 3 refer to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010

- 1) British Champion in any of the past five years
- 2) A score of 6½/11 (6/11 under 21) or more in the 2009 Championship. These players receive half price entry.
- 3) The reigning British Under 21, Under 18 or Senior Champion. These players receive half price entry. Should there be a tie for any of these qualifying places, the tie will be split by average of opponents' FIDE Ratings. Should the Senior Champion prefer to play in the Senior Championship, entry shall be half price to that event.
- 4) A score of 7½/11 (7/11 under 21) or higher in the Major Open, if eligible to play. These players receive half price entry.
- 5) #The highest placed eligible competitor not already qualified, in the British Rapidplay Championship.
- 6) The Champion, or nominee, of each of the English Chess Unions.
- 7) #\* The highest placed eligible competitors in three regional Open Swisses organised by each of the English Chess Unions.
- 8) #\* The highest placed eligible player, not already qualified, from any British Isles Open FIDE rated event.
- 9) #\* The highest placed eligible player in each of the six congresses with the highest number of long-play ECF graded games in season 2008-2009.  
*# The tiebreak system will be sum of progressive score, failing that average of opponents' grades. Any entry fee reduction is as decided by the event organisers.*  
*\* These qualifying routes cannot be combined to produce more than one qualifier from one tournament.*  
*\* If the qualifier in 3, 5, 7, 8, or 9 does not play, the place can only be offered to a player on the same score, who did not qualify because of tiebreak.*
- 10) A rating of 218 (2350) or higher in a current British Isles national grading list (not Rapidplay) or any FIDE list between July 2009 and July 2010. If a player is not an IM or a GM, the rating must be active.
- 11) For players Under 21 *active* rating of 215 (2320) or higher  
Under 18 *active* rating of 210 (2280) or higher  
Under 16 *active* rating of 205 (2240) or higher  
Under 14 *active* rating of 200 (2200) or higher  
Under 12 *active* rating of 190 (2120) or higher  
For females *active* rating of 190 (2120) or higher  
For females Under 21 *active* rating of 180 (2040) or higher
- 12) For British Isles FIDE Rated tournaments or where the player represents a British Isles federation in an international event of 9 rounds or more: any player meeting at least 7 FIDE Rated opponents with a Tournament Performance of 2350 (or level as indicated in 11) or higher qualifies, with a maximum of three. The Manager of Congress Chess may accept further qualifiers.
- 13) Nominees of the Scottish Chess Association, Welsh Chess Union, Ulster Chess Union, Irish Chess Union, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man.
- 14) One nominee of each of the English Counties practising the membership only system.
- 15) One nominee from each of the Congress Manager and the Director of Junior Chess.

More information, including those qualified already, and the events at which qualification can be gained, may be obtained from the British Championship Website. This site is regularly updated as information is received.