

Organisers

Giant Chess

John Chapman, Ian Hunnoble, Norman Went

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Terms & Conditions

For fuller information see Southend Easter Chess Festival 2025 Terms & Conditions: [Southend 2025 T&C](#)

Entries and enquiries

Website for online entry

www.southendchesscongress.org

Early online entry is advised. Pairings, results and games will be published here and at chess-results.com

Postal Entries (form overleaf) to

Ian Hunnoble, 3 Ewanrigg Terrace, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 7QJ. Email: ianhunoble@outlook.com

Enquiries

Adam Raoof (International Arbiter)
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Donations Expenses rise, so donations are welcome, to help cover expenses and maintain standards.

ECF Membership: Visit www.englishchess.org.uk

Travel Information: By road postcode SS1 2UN (for sat nav). There is a large free car park on site. By rail: 137 metres from Southend East station (c2c Line).

Entry Fees all sections

- Rapid **£32 GBP**
- Congress 7-Round sections **£48 GBP**

Coupons for 5% discount with entry:

~~se25early~~ = Enter by 5 January 2025 (inclusive)
se25u16 = Junior (U16 at 31 Aug 2024)
se2560+ = Senior (60+ at 17 Apr 2025)

One coupon *only* per Fee. Coupons do NOT apply to Donations or ECF 'Pay-to-Play'.

All entrants **must** be at least **Gold** members of the English Chess Federation.

Accommodation

Click: [Hotels near Southend East Station](#)

Refreshments

Light refreshments will be on sale Thu-Sun during the Festival, kindly provided by yElena Went.

Ratings

Eligible ratings for entry and pairings, all tournaments, will be those published at **1st April 2025**.

Late Arrival and Re-Pairing

Default time will be 30 minutes for all games. Players without an opponent will be re-paired if possible.

Prizes

The **Prize Fund** for the Congress and Rapid is a guaranteed minimum of **£2,700**.

No player can win more than one prize per section. If a player qualifies for more than one prize in the same section, the higher amount will be paid.

Where ties occur, prize money will be shared. Ties for any trophies will be resolved by the Sum of Progressive Scores and, if necessary, the Sum of Opponents' Scores.

There will be no Prize-Giving; prizes will be paid by bank transfer after the Congress.

David Wood Junior Prize

In addition to other prizes the **David Wood Memorial Trust** will provide the sum of £75 for the best performances by Essex Juniors (U18 on 31 Aug 2024).

Schedule ALL TOURNAMENTS ex FIDE Rapid

Round 1: Friday 18th April, 11:00 am

Round 2: Friday 18th April, 4:00 pm

Round 3: Saturday 19th April, 11:00 am

Round 4: Saturday 19th April, 4:00 pm

Round 5: Sunday 20th April, 11:00 am

Round 6: Sunday 20th April, 4:00 pm

Round 7: Monday 21st April, 11:00 am



Southend Easter Chess Festival

17-21 April 2025

Including

67th Southend Easter Chess Congress

5th Southend Easter FIDE Rapid

Southend Adult Community College
Ambleside Drive
Southend-on-Sea
Essex SS1 2UN

Online entry:

<https://southendchesscongress.org>

£2,700 minimum Prize Fund!

*Generously supported by the
Essex Chess Association*

*All sections will be ECF rated. The Open, U1900,
Rapid Open and U1700 will be FIDE rated.*

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FIDE-rated Sections

Two sections: Open and U1900

7 rounds FIDE and ECF rated, Swiss pairing

Southend Open

Minimum Prizes:

£450 / £250 / £150; Rating £110

British Championship Qualifying

See British Championship Qualification regulations on the ECF Website.

“Leigh-on-Sea” FIDE and ECF Under 1900*

Minimum Prizes: £300 / £200 / £100; Rating £70

* Entrants must meet the rating limit in **both** lists.

FIDE ID Number

All non-ENG players MUST supply a FIDE ID number with entry from ratings.fide.com

Rate of play all ‘standard play’ sections

G90+30 - All moves in 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds a move from the start. *Equates to four hours for 60 moves.*

(Note: for increments of 30 seconds or more, all moves must be recorded.)

5th Southend Rapid

Thursday, 17 April 2025

Six rounds R1 at 10:30 am, finish by 6:00 pm.

Three sections FIDE: Open, U1700*, ECF: U1400.

Rate of play

25 mins + 5 seconds per move. (G25+5)

Minimum Prizes each section: £80 / £40 / £20

* Entrants must meet the rating limit in **both** lists.

Entry Fees See overleaf.

ECF Tournaments

Two sections: U1600, U1300

7 rounds ECF-rated, Swiss pairing

- “Westcliff” U1600
- “Thorpe Bay” U1300

Minimum Prizes each section:

£145 / £100 / £50; Rating £30

TWO Byes Available (all 7-Round Sections)

TWO half point byes are available in any of round(s) 1-6, **provided this is requested at time of entry.**

Analysis

No analysis is allowed in the playing areas. Separate rooms will be provided for analysis.

Essex Championships

The highest placed eligible competitor in the FIDE Open will be awarded the title of **Essex Champion** for 2024-25 and in the U1900 **Essex Minor Champion** 2024-25.

ECF Membership

Silver membership has been combined with Gold.

All entrants **must** be at least **Gold** members of the English Chess Federation.

Entrants who are registered with a Federation other than ENG **must** provide their FIDE ID No.

ECF non-Members must **add £15 for ‘Pay to Play’ Fee (£6.00 for Juniors).**

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Southend Easter Chess Festival

17 - 21 April 2025

FORM FOR POSTAL ENTRY

Send to: Ian Hunnab, 3 Ewanrigg Terrace, Woodford Green, Essex IG8 7QJ. E: ianhunnable@outlook.com

Please make cheques payable to: Giant Chess

Online entry is available – see overleaf.

Please ENTER me for the sections indicated below:

Rapid _____ Congress _____

Full name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Club: _____

Date of Birth: _____

ECF Rating: _____ FIDE Rating: _____

If not FIDE or ECF rated, give below details of playing strength:

ECF Member No: _____ FIDE ID: _____

All entrants must be Gold ECF members or higher. Non-ENG must supply a FIDE ID No. above.

Rounds for up to two ½ pt Byes (or leave blank) _____

I enclose entry for (tick boxes applicable):

☐ 5th Southend Rapid (£32) £ _____

☐ 67th Southend Congress (£48) £ _____

Less discount (if applicable) _____ £ _____

ECF ‘Pay to Play’ £15 (Juniors £6) £ _____

Donation (Thank you) £ _____

TOTAL £ _____

Coupons, for 5% discount see overleaf. One discount only per Entry Fee. Does NOT apply to Donations, or ECF Fee.

