

Sections

Open	Open to all players
Major	Open to all players graded 170 or lower
Inter	Open to all players graded 140 or lower
Minor	Open to all players graded 110 or lower

Entry Fee

Open	£20
Other sections	£15

Late Entry Fee

Entries on the day will be at the organiser's discretion, and subject to a £10 surcharge.

Discretion to refuse entries

The organiser may refuse an entry or transfer an entry to another section without giving a reason.

ECF Membership

Players who are not ECF Platinum, Gold or Silver members must pay a surcharge of £10. Players can become members via the ECF website:

<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/membership/joining/>

Or by phoning the ECF Office between 9am to 5pm between Monday to Friday: 01424775222

Prizes

	Open	Other sections
First	£200	£120
Second	£100	£60
Third	£50	£30
Grading	£25	

Refreshments

A variety of hot and cold drinks, sandwiches and snacks will be available between 10:00 am and late afternoon provided by the Centre's on-site caterers.

Playing Schedule

Round 1	10:30 am	Round 2	11:40 am
Round 3	12:50 pm	Round 4	2:00 pm
Round 5	3:10 pm	Round 6	4:20 pm
Round 7	5:30 pm	Prize giving	6:30 pm

Time Control

The time control in all sections will be: All moves in 15 minutes plus 10 seconds increment per move.

Tournament Website

The tournament website will give players the ability to enter the event and pay for their entry and see an up-to-date list of players who have entered the tournament. Full standings of each section will be published after the tournament. **Online Entry will remain open until the day of the tournament.**

<http://birminghamchess.org.uk/rapidplay/>

Mobile Phones & Electronic Devices

Mobile phones and electronic devices are only permitted in the playing area provided the device is completely switched off. During play, such devices must be placed in a bag as agreed with the arbiter. Both players are forbidden to use this bag without permission of the arbiter.

Wheelchair Access

The venue is wheelchair accessible.

ENTRY FORM

Open Major Inter Minor

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

E-mail _____

Telephone _____

Mobile _____

Club _____

FIDE Rapidplay Rating _____

FIDE ID Number _____

FIDE Country _____

ECF Rapidplay Grade _____

ECF Grading Reference _____

ECF Membership No. _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

Entry Fees £ _____

Donation £ _____

Total £ _____

Plus Non-Member Fee £ _____

Total Money Enclosed £ _____

Signed _____

Date _____ / _____ / _____

Grading and Rating

Eligibility for grade-restricted sections will be determined by the January 2020 ECF Rapidplay grading list. All sections will be ECF graded and FIDE-rated. The following priority will be used for section allocation and seeding:

- (1) January 2020 ECF Rapidplay Grade
- (2) March 2020 FIDE Rapidplay Rating (converted using the formula: $(FIDE - 700) / 7.5$)
- (3) January 2020 ECF Standardplay Grade
- (4) Other Rating Assigned by the Organiser

Ungraded Players

Ungraded players must give details of estimated playing strength. Ungraded players who cannot demonstrate a playing strength appropriate for their section must play in the Open.

Cheques

Cheques and postal orders should be made payable to:
Birmingham & District Chess League

Entry Forms

Postal entries, **which must be received before 1st October**, accompanied by the entry fee, should be sent to:

BDCL Rapidplay
48 St Brades Close
Oldbury
Worcestershire
B69 1NX

Online entry is available via the website until the day of the tournament.

Pairings

Pairings will be made according to FIDE Pairing Rules by the Swiss Manager computer program.

Disputes

The Chief Arbiter's decision shall be final in all disputes relating to the either the Laws of Chess or Swiss pairings.

Accessing Quinborne Community Centre

Car

The nearest motorway junction is M5 Junction 3. From there, take the A456 towards Birmingham. At the junction with the A4123, turn right onto the A4123. At the next island, turn right into Ridgacre Road, and the centre is 100 yards along the road on the left-hand side. Travellers from the north will have a quicker journey from M5 Junction 2. From there, take the A4123 towards Birmingham. At the first island after the junction with the A456, turn right into Ridgacre Road, and the Centre is 100 yards along the road on the left-hand side.

Bus

The 24 bus stops at the Centre. Services depart from Colmore Row, stop SH1, in Birmingham City Centre. This is 100 yards from Birmingham Snow Hill railway station. Services are half-hourly on Sunday mornings. Sunday services that arrive in time for round 1 depart at 0835, 0905, 0935 and 1005.*

**Based on the timetable at the time of printing.*



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Four sections for Max Grade
Open, 170, 140, 110

SUNDAY
15th MARCH 2020

**Quinborne Community Centre,
Ridgacre Road, Quinton,
Birmingham, B32 2TW**

Organiser: IO Alex Holowczak
Chief Arbiter: FA David Thomas