

ENTRY FEES

Championship	Entry Fee: £20 Adults • £15 Juniors (£30 if received on March 1st or later)
Open / Major	Entry Fee: £20 Adults • £15 Juniors (£30 if received on March 1st or later)
Minor	Entry Fee: £20 Adults • £15 Juniors (£30 if received on March 1st or later)

Juniors must be under 18 on 1st January, 2020

GUARANTEED MINIMUM PRIZES

Championship	1st	£350
	2nd	£200
	3rd	£100
	4th	£50
	Welsh Under 21 Champion	£50 subject to there being at least three eligible entries
	Welsh Under 18 Champion	£50 subject to there being at least three eligible entries
	Ladies Champion	£50 subject to there being at least three eligible entries

Open / Major	1st	£220
	2nd	£100
	3rd	£50

Minor	1st	£160
	2nd	£80
	3rd	£40

Further prizes depend upon the number of entries and will be announced at the championships (In the Open/Major and Minor Championships, the highest placed Welsh player will receive a trophy to hold for one year)

TIMETABLE (All Sections)

Good Friday	10th April	Round 1 - 10.00 a.m.
		Round 2 - 4.00 p.m.
Saturday	11th April	Round 3 - 10.00 a.m.
		Round 4 - 4.00 p.m.
Easter Sunday	12th April	Round 5 - 3.00 p.m.
Easter Monday	13th April	Round 6 - 10.00 a.m.
		Round 7 - 4.00 pm

Rate of Play in all sections: 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by 30 minutes to finish the game, with an increment of 30 seconds per move from move one.

2020 Welsh Chess Championships

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GOOD FRIDAY – EASTER MONDAY
(10th April – 13th April, 2020)

at

The Cardiff North Hotel by AccorHotels
CIRCLE WAY EAST, LLANEDEYRN, CARDIFF, CF23 9XF.

The Welsh Championship (A FIDE RATED EVENT)
See inside for qualifications

Entries for THIS SECTION ONLY
close at 10.00 p.m. on WEDNESDAY, 8th APRIL, 2020
The first round draw will be published
at 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 9th April on chess-results.com

The Welsh Ladies, The Welsh Under 21 and Under 18 Championships

The Tom Weston Memorial Open/Major Championship (A FIDE RATED EVENT)

This is open to registered members of the WCU, ECF or other National body. (THERE ARE NO GRADING RESTRICTIONS FOR THIS SECTION)

The John Bishop Memorial Minor Championship

This is open to registered members of the WCU, ECF or other National body with a published grade of 1650 (ECF 125) or below.

ALL PLAYERS IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP AND OPEN / MAJOR MUST BE FIDE REGISTERED BEFORE ENTERING

BYES:	(Championship only)	A ½ pt bye may be claimed in rd 1 only
	(Other sections)	A maximum of two ½ pt byes may be claimed in the first five rounds.

ALL BYES SHOULD BE REQUESTED AT THE TIME OF ENTRY

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WITHDRAWALS: Regrettably, refunds will not be considered until the cost of overheads are met.

EXCLUSIONS / TRANSFERS: The organisers reserve the right to refuse or transfer entries

LATE ARRIVALS: All competitors will be allowed 30 minutes on their clocks in any round and then defaulted

PHOTOGRAPHS: Photographs taken at the event may be used on the WCU website.

RATING : The following rating lists will apply to this event:- April, 2020 FIDE list. Jan 2020 WCU list. Most recently published rating list of other federations.

LADIES CHAMPION : The Ladies Champion will have the highest score in the Championship with a minimum of at least one draw. If there is no winner from the Championship, that requirement will apply in turn to the Open/Major and then the Minor.

WELSH UNDER 21 / WELSH UNDER 18: The Under 21 and Under 18 Championships will be awarded to the highest scoring Welsh qualified Under 21 / Under 18 in the Championship. To qualify by age a player must be under the required age on 1st January 2020.

PRIZES: Only the highest prize will be awarded to any player eligible for more than one prize. This does not apply to the Welsh Ladies, Under 21, Under 18 prizes.

THE WELSH CHAMPIONSHIP SECTION ONLY

All the participants in the Welsh Closed Championship must be registered members of the WCU, registered as a Welsh player by FIDE at the time of entry and also Welsh qualified in at least one of the following ways:-

- a) Birth in Wales.
- b) Child of a person who was born in Wales.
- c) Spouse of a person who was born in Wales.
- d) For the Welsh Championship (Henry Golding Trophy) and the Welsh Ladies Championship, any previous winner of the corresponding event.
- dd) Ten years consecutive residence in Wales at any time prior to the event in question.
- e) Residence in Wales for at least two years immediately before the event in question.
- f) Competing in the equivalent Championship in at least one of the three previous years.

In addition, all players must be qualified in at least one of the following ways:-

- 1) WCU grade of 1950 or above on January 2020 WCU rating list
- 2) FIDE grade of 1850 or above on any FIDE list published in January 2020, February 2020, March 2020 or April 2020.
- 3) Aged under 18 on 1st January 2020 with a WCU grade of 1800 or above on January 2020 WCU rating list.
- 4) Aged under 18 on 1st January 2020 with a FIDE grade of 1750 or above on any FIDE list published in January 2020, February 2020, March 2020 or April 2020.
- 5) Players who achieved 4 points or above in the 2019 Welsh Championship or 2019 Welsh Open-Major Championship.
- 6) Players who achieved 3.5 points or above in any Open section of any of the following congresses:- 2019 Rhyl, 2019 North Wales, 2019 Summer, 2019 Autumn 2019 West Wales, 2020 New Year, 2020 Dyfed.
- 7) Players who achieved at least 4/5 in the Open section of the last Welsh closed zonal individual championship held in each zone (not Rapidplay).
- 8) A previous winner of the corresponding event.
- 9) Represented Wales in the Olympiad in the ten years immediately prior to the Championships

Directions to Hotel

From the East

Leave the M4 at junction 29 and join the A48(M). After 4 miles take the exit signposted Cardiff Docks and Cardiff Bay. Take 3rd exit off the roundabout onto another smaller roundabout. Take 3rd exit. Hotel is located on your right.

From the West

Leave the M4 at junction 30 and take 3rd exit off the roundabout. At next roundabout take 2nd exit, and at 3rd roundabout take 2nd exit onto A48(M). Take second exit signposted Cardiff Docks and Cardiff Bay. Take 3rd exit off the roundabout onto another smaller roundabout. Take 3rd exit. Hotel is located on your right.

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Name:

Address:

email Address:

Club

Telephone No:

Section Entered:

WCU or ECF Rating:

Entry Fee Enclosed Donation

Byes Required Yes No

If Yes in Round(s)

For either the championship or open / Major Section the following information is essential:

Date of Birth:

Fide ID No:

If you are playing and do not have a FIDE ID, please contact your preferred National Federation before sending in your entry form. At present, changing your nationality with FIDE costs 250 Euros so make sure you are listed with the Federation that you wish to belong to.

Please make cheques payable to "Welsh Chess Championships"

Entry Forms should be sent to: Kevin Staveley
57 Treharne Street, Cwmparc, Rhondda, CF42 6LH

Entries can be made by email if accompanied by a bank transfer. All email entries will be acknowledged once the bank transfer has been completed.

Entry fees should be forwarded to
Account: Welsh Tournament Chess

Sort Code: 30-95-55 Account Number: 00919151

Include as reference:

"Welsh Champ Entry" together with your surname