*West Wales*

**52cnd**

# Week-end Congress

**Venue:** The Mercure Swansea Hotel, Phoenix Way, Llansamlet, Swansea, SA7 9EG

FRIDAY – SUNDAY

11th Oct – 13th Oct 2019

OPEN: FIDE RATED

**Open to any FIDE-registered member of the Welsh Chess Union or other National Body.**

MAJOR & MINOR SECTIONS

All players in the Major Event must be registered with the Welsh Chess Union or their respective national body.

**Schedule of Rounds**

Round 1 – Friday 11th October 6.30 p.m.

Round 2 – Saturday 12th October 9.30 a.m.

Round 3 – Saturday 12th October 2.30 p.m.

Round 4 – Sunday 13th October 9.30 a.m.

Round 5 – Sunday 13th October 2.30 p.m.

Please send your entries to: Les Philpin, 59 Cecil Road,

 Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3DF

 Tel: 01792 418711

 Mob: 07970 840247

 E-mail newsilure@hotmail.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Club \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Bye Requested in Round \_\_\_\_

Section you wish to enter (Open, Major or Minor) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Voluntary donation enclosed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**For the Open section the following information is required:**

**Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ FIDE ID Number \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please make cheques payable to ‘WEST WALES CHESS CONGRESS’**

**Entries by email will be accepted if the entry fee is transferred to the West Wales Congress Account:**

**Sort Code – 30 95 46 Account Number - 02815338**

**RATINGS**

*If**you are playing in the Open and do not have a FIDE ID, please contact your preferred National Federation before the event. 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.*

Prizes and Entry Fees

**OPEN Entry fee £27**

**Prizes 1st £220; 2nd £100; 3rd £50**

**A rating prize or prizes will be awarded if entry numbers allow**

**MAJOR (Under 1850) Entry fee £25**

**Prizes 1st £170; 2nd £85; 3rd £40**

**A rating prize or prizes will be awarded if entry numbers allow**

**MINOR (Under 1500) Entry fee £22**

**Prizes 1st £140; 2nd £70; 3rd £35**

**A rating prize or prizes will be awarded if entry numbers allow**

**(The conversion formula from ECF to WCU is**

**ECF x 8 + 630)**

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#### CONGRESS RULES

**The FIDE laws of chess apply except where amended on this entry form**

**Rates of play** All moves in 90 minutes, with 30 seconds cumulative increment for each move starting from the first move.

**Bye** Players may claim a ½ point bye in any of the first four rounds

 provided it is requested with entry.

**Withdrawals** Regrettably refunds will not be considered until the cost

 of overheads are met.

**Exclusions** The organizers reserve the right to exclude or transfer

 entries.

**Prizes** Only the highest prizes will be awarded to players eligible

 for more than 1 prize. Organizers reserve the right to

 adjust prize levels depending on the level of entry.

**Late arrivals** Will be allowed 30 minutes in all rounds and then defaulted

**Appeals** Any appeal against an Arbiter’s decision will be subject to a formal appeals procedure to be detailed at the event

**Ratings** In the Open section the October 2019 FIDE Rating List will be used and in the Major and Minor the summer 2019 WCU, ECF and other national lists will be used.

**Ungraded players must consult the congress secretary before entering the Major or Minor section.**

**GDPR This event is held under the auspices of the Welsh Chess Union. The WCU Privacy Statement can be found at –** [**www.welshchessunion.uk/gdpr-wcu-privacy-document**](http://www.welshchessunion.uk/gdpr-wcu-privacy-document/)

**Directions to the Swansea Mercure Hotel**

Just three miles from **Swansea city centre and within easy reach of the M4,** the Mercure Swansea Hotel is set in landscaped lakeside ground**.** <http://www.mercureswansea.co.uk/>

Exit M4 at junction 44, signposted towards Swansea east and A48.
Join the A48 (Peniel Green Road), following signs for Llansamlet.
At the third set of traffic lights, opposite the Smith's Arms, turn left onto the A4217.At the roundabout, turn right onto Fendrod Way and then turn left at the next roundabout onto Phoenix way. The hotel is 0.5 miles further along the road, on the right-hand side.

On line directions - <http://www.mercureswansea.co.uk/contact.html>

Accommodation

The Swansea Mercure Hotel is offering preferential rates to those attending the West Wales Congress. To secure these rates please contact 01792 315400. The hotel advises that early booking is likely to secure lowest rates.

The general contact number for the hotel is 0844 8159081