

ENTRY FEES

Championship	Entry Fee: £15 Adults • £10 Juniors (£25 if received after 28th Feb, 2017)
Open / Major	Entry Fee: £15 Adults • £10 Juniors (£25 if received after 28th Feb, 2017)
Minor	Entry Fee: £15 Adults • £10 Juniors (£25 if received after 28th Feb, 2017)

Juniors must be under 18 on 1st January, 2018

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	£250
	2nd	£150
	3rd	£75

Minor	1st	£200
	2nd	£100
	3rd	£50

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	30th March	Round 1 - 10.15 a.m. Round 2 - 4.30 p.m.
Saturday	31st March	Round 3 - 10.15 a.m. Round 4 - 4.30 p.m.
Easter Sunday	1st April	Round 5 - 3.00 p.m.
Easter Monday	2nd April	Round 6 - 10.15 a.m. Round 7 - 4.30 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.

2018 Welsh Chess Championships

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GOOD FRIDAY – EASTER MONDAY

(30th March – 2nd April, 2018)

at

**THE RADISSON PARK INN HOTEL, CARDIFF NORTH,
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, 28th MARCH, 2018

The first round draw will be published on
www.welshchessunion.org.uk
at 5.00 p.m. on Thursday, 29th MARCH

[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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e-mail: kevin.staveley@btinternet.com

Tel: (01443) 772750

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:- March, 2018 FIDE list. Jan 2017 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: WELSH UNDER 16: 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 2018.

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 2018 WCU rating list
- 2) FIDE grade of 1850 or above on any FIDE list published in January 2018, February 2018 or March 2018.
- 3) Aged under 18 on 1st January 2018 with a WCU grade of 1800 or above on January 2018 WCU rating list.
- 4) Aged under 18 on 1st January 2018 with a FIDE grade of 1750 or above on any FIDE list published in January 2018, February 2018, March 2018.
- 5) Players who achieved 4 points or above in the 2017 Welsh Championship.
- 6) Players who achieved 3.5 points or above in any Open section of any of the following congresses:- 2017 Rhyl, 2017 North Wales, 2017 Summer, 2017 Autumn 2017 West Wales, 2018 New Year, 2018 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 Chess Championship
Sort Code: 30-95-55 Account Number: 00919151

Include as reference:
“Welsh Champ Entry” together with your surname

The Park Inn Hotel, Cardiff North

For the Championship weekend the hotel is offering bed and breakfast accommodation at a rate of £59 per room per night for a single room, and £69 per room per night for a double/twin room. All rooms are subject to availability. Please make your own arrangements for accommodation with the hotel (029) 20 589 988, and mention the chess congress in order to secure this room rate.

A BOOKSTALL SUPPLIED BY CHESS ESSENTIALS

WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE

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