

## ENTRY FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

Rating\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ Source\*\* \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (needed only for juniors) \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Rating Code (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Membership Number (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Half-Point Bye Required (Round Number) \_\_\_\_\_

TOURNAMENT	REQUIREMENTS:	Tick tournament you wish to enter
OPEN	Open to all	
MAJOR	Open to those rated 2000 or below	
INTERMEDIATE	Open to those rated 1800 or below	
MINOR	Open to those rated 1600 or below	

\*\*Other systems will be converted to an ECF rating using standard formulae.

Please enclose stamped addressed envelope if acknowledgement of entry and/or venue location plan required. (Please indicate which.)

### FEES ENCLOSED

- Entry Fee £ 34
- Late Fee (see Payment section for details) £
- Optional Donation £
- £6 deduction for Juniors born after 31<sup>st</sup> August 2005 - £
- ECF platinum, gold or silver membership deduction of £9 (both adults and juniors) - £
- TOTAL: £

Hot drinks etc are available during the event.

# The Thirty-First Doncaster Chess Congress

Hall Cross School, Thorne Road, Doncaster DN1 2HY  
23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024



Results submitted for ECF rating & Grand Prix

For All Tournaments: Entry Fee: £34:

Prizes: £400, £250, £150:

Plus Three Rating Prizes of £30.

Also, *Richard Graham Memorial Junior Prize of £25.*

### Schedule

Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup> February	18.55 hrs - Opening Ceremony	
		19:00 to finish	Round 1
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup> February	09:30 to finish	Round 2
		14:30 to finish	Round 3
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	09:30 to finish	Round 4
		14:30 to finish	Round 5

No prize-giving ceremony. Prizes will be sent on later.

Congress website: <http://mannchess.org.uk/doncong.htm>

## RULES:

- All tournaments will be five rounds Swiss, and all entrants will be expected to play each round. Players may claim a half-point bye for any one round at the time of entry.
- The ECF Jan 2024 ratings will be used to determine eligibility for rating-restricted sections. The Feb 2024 ratings will be used for pairings and rating-prize purposes. Players entering before 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024 will be moved up a section(s) if their Jan 2024 rating is above the upper limit for the section they originally entered.
- Unrated players must give an indication of their playing strength where possible at the time of entry (e.g. recent congress results). Unrated players will not be eligible for rating prizes unless they provide acceptable evidence of their playing strength. Organisers reserve the right to transfer any entrant from one tournament to another.
- *Phones are allowed in the venue but must be switched off during play.* Phones and other electronic devices should not be on ones person while a game is in progress. Anyone wearing an electronic device for medical reasons should inform the arbiters before play.
- No smoking is allowed inside the school building or in the grounds.
- In all matters the organisers' decision is final. The organisers exercise their right to reduce the prize fund in the event of insufficient entries.

## RATE OF PLAY (now with increments)

The time each player will have to complete the game will be 1 hour and 40 minutes with a 10-second increment added after each move from move 1.

## SAFEGUARDING

To comply with the school's safeguarding policy, all competitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

## PAYMENT and ENTRIES

### POSTAL ENTRIES

Completed entry forms, with cheques or postal orders payable to  
**DONCASTER CHESS CONGRESS,**  
should be sent to the Entry Secretary: PETER ACKLEY  
31 LIME CLOSE, RAVENFIELD, ROTHERHAM, S YORKSHIRE, S65 4NN  
Tel: 07951 151 093  
Postal entries  
postmarked after 19th February 2024, will be deemed "late".

### E-MAIL ENTRIES

Full entry details may be sent by e-mail to [peterackley@hotmail.com](mailto:peterackley@hotmail.com).  
E-mail entries will be acknowledged to confirm receipt.  
A following postal payment, by cheque or postal order as above, is preferred; failing that, payment must be made at the congress by the end of round 2, to permit continued participation.  
E-mail entries received after 19th February 2024 will be deemed "late".

### LATE ENTRIES

Late entries received prior to 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 will be subject to a surcharge of £2.  
Entries accepted on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb. will be subject to a £5 surcharge.

### ECF MEMBERSHIP

This is an ECF-rated event. Players who are current ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the date of the congress may deduct £9 from their entry fee.

### DISABLED and ENQUIRIES

Could disabled entrants contact the Entry Secretary about any special requirements. Any other enquires should also be directed to Peter Ackley as above. (Also see website: <http://mannchess.org.uk/doncong.htm>)

For Accommodation details contact Doncaster Tourist Information Centre  
tel: 01302 734 309 Email: [tourist.information@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:tourist.information@doncaster.gov.uk)