**ENTRY FORM**

**Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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**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) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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| **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 £ 40**
* **Late Fee (see Payment section for details) £**
* **Optional Donation £**
* **£6 deduction for Juniors born after 31st August 2006 - £**
* **ECF platinum or gold membership deduction of £15 - £   
  (both adults and juniors)**
* **TOTAL: £**

**Players wishing to pay by bank transfer should e-mail for details.**

**The Thirty-Second Doncaster**

**Chess Congress**

**Hall Cross School, Thorne Road, Doncaster DN1 2HY**

**21st to 23rd February 2025**

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**Results submitted for ECF rating & Grand Prix**

**For All Tournaments: Entry Fee: £40:**

**Prizes: £400, £250, £150:**

**Plus Three Rating Prizes of £30.**

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

**Schedule**

**Friday 21st February 18.55 hrs – Opening Ceremony**

**19:00 to finish Round 1**

**Saturday 22nd February 09:30 to finish Round 2**

**14:30 to finish Round 3**

**Sunday 23rd 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 2025 ratings will be used to determine eligibility for rating-restricted sections. The Feb 2025 ratings will be used for pairings and rating-prize purposes. Players entering before 1st Jan 2025 will be moved up a section(s) if their Jan 2025 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 one’s person while a game is in progress. Anyone wearing an electronic device for medical reasons should inform the arbiters before play.**

* **The default time will be 30 minutes after the start of the round. A player may be re-paired if their opponent defaults.**
* **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.**

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

**Hot drinks etc are available during the event.**

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| **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 17th February 2025, will be deemed “late”.**    **E-MAIL ENTRIES**  **Full entry details may be sent by e-mail to 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 17th February 2025 will be deemed “late”.**    **LATE ENTRIES**  **Late entries received prior to 21st February 2024 will be subject to a**  **surcharge of £2.**  **Entries accepted on Friday 21st Feb. will be subject to a £5 surcharge.**    **ECF MEMBERSHIP**  **This is an ECF-rated event. Players who are current ECF Members at Gold or Platinum level on the date of the congress**  **may deduct £15 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**