

## Grades and Ratings

FIDE ratings from the August 2018 list will be used for the FIDE-rated sections, and ECF grades published in the July 2018 list will be used for the U130 section and unrated players in FIDE rated sections. If necessary, players will be transferred between sections to take account of rating/grading movements after date of entry (see below).

The FIDE Open and FIDE U1900 sections will be both FIDE rated and ECF graded. The ECF U130 section will be ECF graded.

Players without a current FIDE rating or ECF grade must give details of estimated playing strength, including any previously grading or rating information. The Organiser will assign a grade or rating for the tournament, where possible. If assigned, this grade or rating will be used for the purpose of pairings, and grading and performance prizes.

## Notices

English-registered players must be ECF Gold or Platinum members in the FIDE Open and FIDE U1900 sections, or pay a £10 surcharge.

All players must be ECF Silver members or above in the U130 section, or pay a £7 surcharge.

Prizes may be changed subject to numbers of entries.

The Organiser reserves the right to transfer players between tournaments at any time, and reserves the right to refuse any entry without explanation.

All pairings will be made using FIDE Swiss pairing rules using Swiss Manager.

The submission of an entry form and payment of the entry fee denotes acceptance that the MCCU's decision is final in all matters.

A list of entries will be maintained on the MCCU website.

## Accommodation

The following rates have been negotiated with the Ramada Hotel Telford Ironbridge:

£36.00 BB per person per night (based on two sharing)

£62.00 BB per person per night (single occupancy)

Dinner is available from the hotel restaurant.

To take advantage of these special rates, please phone Bridge Overseas, and ask to speak to Daniel Cole, on 01656747700 between 0900 – 1700, Monday to Friday.

Please ensure that you read the bedroom booking terms and conditions on the MCCU website.

## Organiser

IO Alex Holowczak. Please e-mail enquiries to:

[alexholowczak@gmail.com](mailto:alexholowczak@gmail.com)

## Arbiters

IA Matthew Carr + others TBC

## Disclaimer

The MCCU accepts no responsibility for any damage, theft or accident to the person or property of anyone attending this event.



## **MIDLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

Ramada Hotel Telford Ironbridge  
Forge Gate, Telford TF3 4NA

<http://www.ramadatelford.co.uk/>

**Three Sections:  
FIDE Rated Open  
FIDE Rated U1900 (U160)  
ECF Under 130**

**Prize fund £1,800**

**[www.mccu.org.uk](http://www.mccu.org.uk)**

## Sections

### **FIDE Open**

Open to all players

**1st £500; 2nd £250; 3rd £100**

Plus best performance prize of £50 each

**The leading MCCU Player will win the title of  
Midland Champion 2018, and qualify for the 2019  
British Chess Championships**

**Entry fee £30**

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### **FIDE U1900 (ECF U160)**

Open to: (1) FIDE rated players rated below 1900  
FIDE; AND (2) players without a FIDE rating graded  
below 160 ECF

**1st £250; 2nd £100; 3rd £50**

Plus best performance prize of £50

**Entry fee £30**

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### **ECF U130**

Open to players graded below 130 ECF

**1st £250; 2nd £100; 3rd £50**

Plus grading prize of £50 each

**Entry fee £30**

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No player may win more than one prize. All place  
prize money will be shared equally between tied  
players.

The method for allocating grading and performance  
prizes can be found in the Terms and Conditions,  
available on the MCCU website.

## Late Entries

Entries may be accepted on the day subject to  
availability and payment of a £10 surcharge.

## Entry Forms

Online entry and payment can be made here:

[http://www.mccu.org.uk/m\\_congress/entryform.htm](http://www.mccu.org.uk/m_congress/entryform.htm)

Postal entry forms, together with the appropriate  
entry fee (cheques should be made payable to  
"MCCU") should be sent to:

Midland Open Championships  
Alex Holowczak  
48 St. Brades Close  
Oldbury  
Worcestershire  
B69 1NX

## Playing Schedule

Round 1 Friday 19.00 – 23.00  
Round 2 Saturday 10.00 – 14.00  
Round 3 Saturday 15.00 – 19.00  
Round 4 Sunday 10.00 – 14.00  
Round 5 Sunday 15.00 – 19.00

**A ½ point bye may be taken in rounds 1 – 4.**

## Time Control

All moves in 90 minutes plus 30 second increment  
per move from move 1.

Re-pairing will be offered 30 minutes after the start of  
a round. Players who have not arrived will be  
defaulted 30 minutes after the scheduled start of a  
round.

## Entry Form

I wish to enter the **Midland Open Championship:**

- FIDE Open  
 FIDE U1900 (ECF U160)  
 ECF U130

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Club \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Grade \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Grading Code \_\_\_\_\_

FIDE Rating \_\_\_\_\_

FIDE Code \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Membership No \_\_\_\_\_

Federation \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Bye in Round (please circle) 1 / 2 / 3 / 4

Accommodation requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
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Entry Fee: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Discounts: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: £ \_\_\_\_\_