

## **Congress Conditions**

Members of the Hastings & St. Leonards Chess Club and players residing in the Borough of Hastings may deduct 50% from the entry fee for the Masters Tournament, Females: receive a 50% discount for any section entered. Male: members of Hastings & St Leonards Chess Club and players residing in the Borough of Hastings receive a £10 discount from the entry fee for the Christmas, New Year, Weekend Major and Minor and £5 from the Weekend U-120.

**PLEASE NOTE: ECF Members of at least Silver level may deduct £7 (juniors £5) from the entry fee for Christmas, New Year and Weekend Minor and U-120 tournaments.**

Cheques should be made payable to 'Hastings International Chess Congress'. Entries should be sent to the Congress Director (address given below). If an acknowledgement of entry is required a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.

A late entry fee of £14 to the Masters and £8 to other tournaments will be charged for entries postmarked after 10 December (or 28 December for the Weekend Congress)

The Congress reserves the right to refuse any entry. Except in such cases, a deduction of 20% will normally be made from any refund of entry fee. Refunds will be made only if notification of withdrawal is received by the Director no later than 22 December 2015.

Eligibility to play in an event will be determined by the Grading and Rating lists as of 1 December 2015. The actual grade or rating used for all other purposes will be the most up to date value available on the first day of each event.

### **Visas**

Players needing visas should apply by 19 November 2015. For a formal invitation contact: Pam Thomas, Tel: 01424 445348 e-mail: [pael123@aol.com](mailto:pael123@aol.com)

### **Evening events**

There will be a number of special evening events, such as blitz or pairs tournaments. Further details will be announced in the programme.

Players are welcome to come along to the White Rock Hotel from about 20.00hrs on Sunday 27 December, where we expect to publish the provisional draws for the first day's play at about 22.00hrs.

**Mobile Phones/Electronic devices - see notes page 3.**

### **Information for overseas players**

It is better to fly to Gatwick as there is a direct rail link to Hastings. Those coming to Heathrow or Stansted airports should travel to Charing Cross Station and those coming from Luton airport should travel via St.Pancras International and then to Hastings via Ashford high speed service.

Those travelling on selected Eurostar trains should alight at Ashford International Station for an easy direct connection to Hastings. Other Eurostar passengers should travel to Ebbsfleet and then to Hastings via Ashford high speed service.

National Express Coaches also have a daily service between London and Hastings. Further information [www.nationalexpress.com](http://www.nationalexpress.com).

Overseas players are also advised that they should expect to pay a minimum of £30 per person per night for bed and breakfast accommodation in Hastings. Players should note that under UK law smoking is banned in all inside areas of Hornlye Park Sports Complex.

Please note players are responsible for their own insurance against damage or loss to personal property.

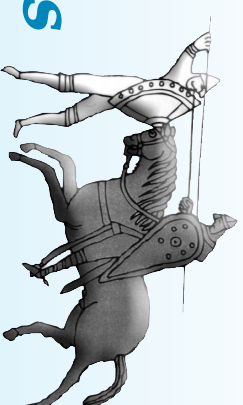
The Hastings Borough Council website [www.visithastings.com](http://www.visithastings.com) gives information on all aspects of the town including accommodation and travel.

**Congress Director: Alan Hustwayte**  
54 Oxford Road, St Leonards on Sea,  
East Sussex TN38 9EY Tel: 01424 443300  
e-mail: [alan.b.hustwayte@tesco.net](mailto:alan.b.hustwayte@tesco.net)

A list of hotels and guest houses in Hastings can be obtained from this address or via links on the Congress website [www.hastingschess.com](http://www.hastingschess.com)

Please note when the Congress Director is unavailable queries should be addressed to Pam Thomas, Tel: 01424 445348 e-mail: [pael123@aol.com](mailto:pael123@aol.com)

# 91st Hastings International Chess Congress



28 DECEMBER 2015 - 5 JANUARY 2016

HASTINGS MASTERS

CHRISTMAS MORNING

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON

NEW YEAR

AND

33rd HASTINGS WEEKEND CONGRESS

Major section FIDE rated

Part of the Tradewise ECF Grand Prix



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# ENTRY FORM

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Forename: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Direct Membership No. (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

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

FIDE Identification Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Bronze Silver Gold Platinum

ECF FIDE Elio (National) Federation

Chess Club(s) \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT	ENTRY FEE £s
MASTERS	
CHRISTMAS MORNING	
CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON	
WEEKEND	
NEW YEAR	
LATE ENTRY FEE	
DONATION	
<b>TOTAL:</b>	

For the Christmas/New Year events do you wish to play in a stronger section than that appropriate for your grade, subject to arbiter's approval? **YES** ..... **NO** .....

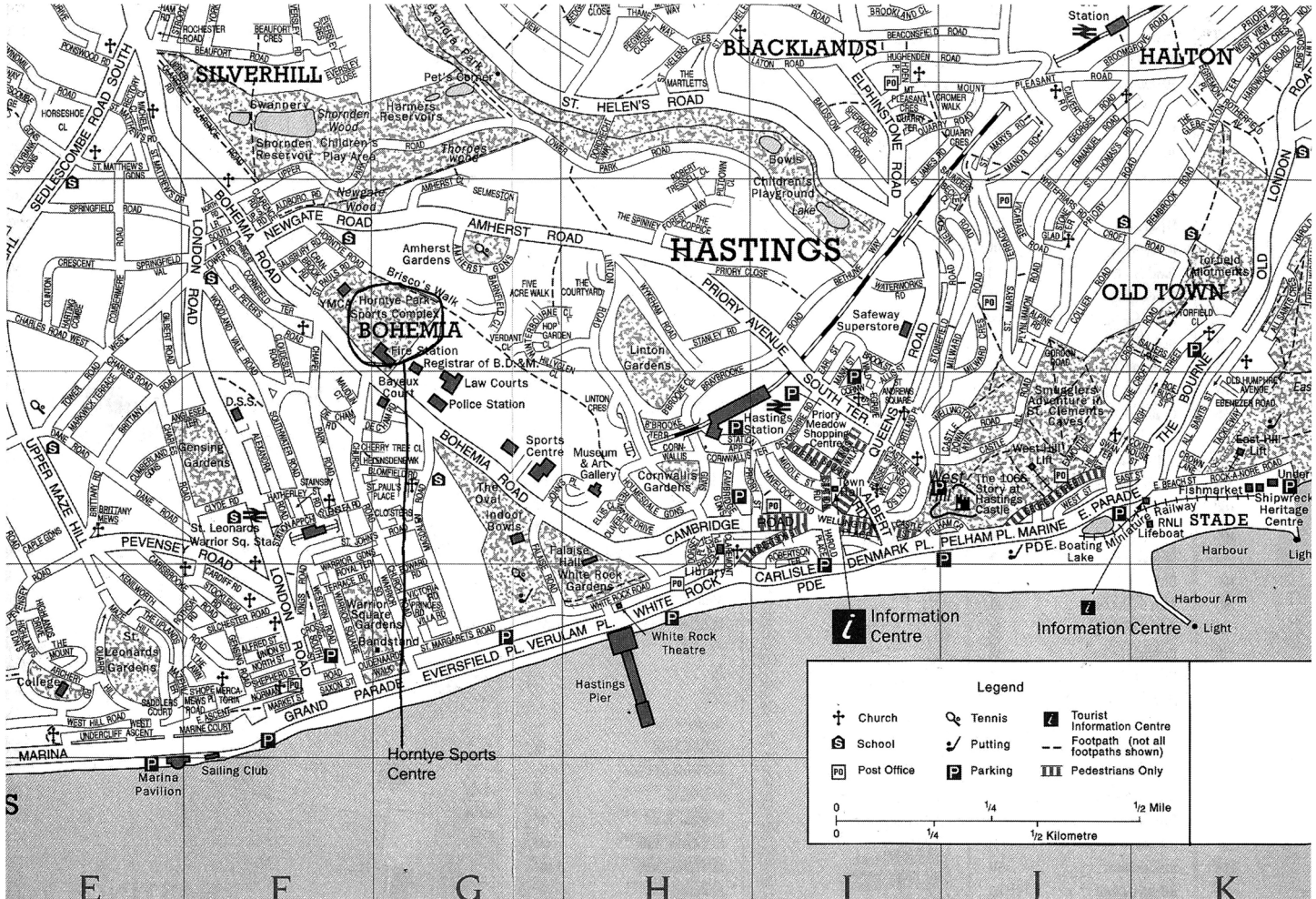
Please indicate WEEKEND section .....

Indicate Round number if Bye required .....

Bye in Round .....

Players are advised that name, town/country of residence, grade/rating and tournament results will be published on the Congress website and also on the ECF website grading list. Photographs taken during the Congress may also appear on the Congress website.

**Entry Form should be returned to Congress Director:** Alan Hustwayte, 54 Oxford Road, St Leonards on Sea, East Sussex, TN38 9EY, England. e-mail: alan.b.hustwayte@tesco.net





## CONGRESS DIARY - DATES AND PLAYING TIMES

	MASTERS	OTHER EVENTS
Mon 28 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 1: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 1: 14.15 – finish
Tues 29 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 2: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 2: 14.15 – finish
Wed 30 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 3: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Thurs 31 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 4: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 4: 14.15 – finish
Fri 1 Jan	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 5: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 5: 14.15 – finish Weekend Round 1 19.00 – finish
Sat 2 Jan	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 2: 09.30 – finish Weekend Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Sun 3 Jan	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 4: 09.30 – finish Weekend Round 5: 14.15 – finish
Mon 4 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Round 1 : 09.30 – finish New Year Round 2: 14.15 – finish
Tues 5 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Round 3: 09.30 – finish New Year Round 4: 14.15 – finish

Players, other than Grandmasters, may take a half point bye in any round of the Masters apart from the last. Notice must be given early on the previous evening. This is particularly suitable on New Year's Day.

### PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE

The Hastings Chess Congress Committee includes a Players' Representative. Nominations are invited for this post for the forthcoming year. Nominees must have played in at least two of the last four Hastings Congresses including this one. Nominations may be made before the congress in writing or by e-mail. These will be shown on the Congress website. Nominations may also be made at the congress before 31 December 2015. Voting will take place during the Congress after that date. See the Congress website [www.hastingschess.com](http://www.hastingschess.com) for further details.

## Hastings Masters

A nine-round accelerated  
Swiss Pairing tournament  
Monday 28 December 2015 to  
Tuesday 5 January 2016

This event will provide opportunities to qualify for titles and for the FIDE Rating List. Such ratings go down to 1000, thus it would be reasonable for any player graded over ECF 50 to aspire to a FIDE Rating here. **Rate of Play:** 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by all remaining moves in 50 minutes, with the addition of 30 seconds for each move from the start.

#### Entry fees

GM, IM, WGM, WIM  
FM, WFM £32

Players with FIDE Ratings:

2100 and above £72  
Below 2100 £112

Players without FIDE Ratings:

ECF190 (Elo 2120) and above £122  
Below ECF 190 (Elo 2120) £142

The entry fee is reduced by 50% for any of the following: females; players Under 18 or over 65 on 28.12.2015; registered disabled players; and male members of Hastings & St Leonards Chess Club and players residing in the Borough of Hastings (see the note on Page 8)

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will award prizes for those not already holding the title: For GM/WGM norms £100; for IM/WIM norms £50.

Limited assistance may be available for suitable players under 21, details will appear on website.

All English entrants are required to be Gold or Platinum members of the English Chess Federation and must quote their membership number when entering. Other entrants are required to have a FIDE Identification Number. If they do not, they must obtain one in advance from their International Rating Officer.

Prizes: £2000, £1200, £750, £500, £350, £250, £200, plus Horntye "Winner of Best Game" Prize + trophy.

The winner will hold the Golombek Trophy in name for one year.

Plus £200 each for:

The highest placed female player

The highest placed player who is neither a GM nor IM

Best relative FIDE rating performance by a player rated under 2200.

Best relative FIDE Rating performance by a player aged under 18.

No player may win both rating prizes.

The three highest placed eligible players not already qualified will be entitled to play in the British Championship in Bournemouth 2016.

GM Chris Ward will provide commentaries on the games in progress, starting at 14.45 each afternoon.

Congress Director Alan Hustrwayte will present a prize for best performance against rating.

Congress website: [www.hastingschess.com](http://www.hastingschess.com)  
Hastings Masters games will be shown on this website daily. Names of entrants to this and all other tournaments will appear from the start of October. The final cross-tables of all tournaments will be displayed.

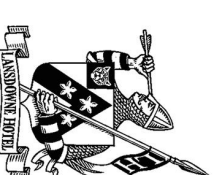
## ANNOUNCEMENT APPLICABLE TO ALL TOURNAMENTS:

Electronic devices such as mobile phones must be completely switched off and placed in a bag under the table. The bag must not be moved at any time during the game.

The Committee extends the smoking ban to prohibit the use of e-cigarettes.

## LANSDOWNE HOTEL

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1-2 Robertson Terrace, Hastings,  
East Sussex TN34 1JE.  
01424 429605

Rate of play - applies to all tournaments other than Masters: all moves in 110 minutes, with an extra 10 seconds for each move. Each player must keep score until the time remaining on his clock has dropped below 5 minutes. Once a player has stopped scoring under this rule, he does not need to resume scoring if his time then increases to above 5 minutes. Default time: Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session in any tournament shall lose by forfeit, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

Please refer to notice regarding mobile phones on page 3 and notice regarding discounts on page 8.

#### Refreshments while at the board:

Players must confine their refreshments to tea, coffee and cold drinks.

Juniors are players under 18 years on the 28.12.2015.

Females may deduct 50% off of the entry fee for any of the following events.

## Christmas Morning

### Tournament

**Monday 28 December 2015 to Friday 1 January 2016**

1 January 2016

5 - round Swiss tournament over five days. See Congress Diary for playing times.

This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (Elo 2200)

**Entry Fee: £38 (Juniors £34)**

**Prizes (for each section): £130, £80, £50 plus a grading prize of £30.**

## Christmas Afternoon

### Tournament

**Monday 28 December 2015 to Friday 1 January 2016**

1 January 2016

5 - round Swiss tournament over five days. See Congress Diary for playing times.

This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (Elo 2200)

**Entry Fee: £38 (Juniors £34)**

**Prizes (for each section): £130, £80, £50 plus a grading prize of £30.**

## New Year Tournament

**Monday 4 January 2016 to Tuesday 5 January 2016**

5 January 2016

4 - round Swiss Tournament over two days. See Congress Diary for playing times.

This event will be in graded sections of approximately 16 to 20 players below ECF 200 (Elo 2200).

**Entry Fee £34 (Juniors £30)**

**Prizes (for each section) £120, £75, £50 plus a grading prize of £30**

## HASTINGS WEEKEND

### CONGRESS

**Friday 1 January 2016 to**

**Sunday 3 January 2016**

First round 19.00hrs

**Major Tournament – FIDE Rated.**

All English entrants are required to be Gold or Platinum members of the English Chess Federation and must quote their membership number when entering. Other entrants are required to be members of a national federation affiliated to FIDE.

Open to players below ECF 180 (Elo 2040)

**Entry Fee: £38 (Juniors £34)**

**Prizes: £300, £200, £100, plus a Rating Prize of £50 for those with a published FIDE rating below 1900.**

**Minor Tournament**

Open to players below ECF 150 (Elo 1800)

**Entry fee: £38 (Juniors £34)**

**Prizes: £300, £200, £100, plus a grading prize of £50 for players below ECF 135.**

**Under-120 Tournament**

For players below ECF 120 (Elo 1560) or with no previous experience of competitive chess

**Entry £22 (Juniors £20)**

**Prizes: £100, £75, £50, £25 plus grading prize of £25 for players graded ECF 99-80 and below ECF 80.**

Players may take a ½ point bye in any round except the last. Requests for such byes must be stated on the entry form.

## THE MAUREEN CHARLESWORTH

### TROPHY

The Maureen Charlesworth Trophy will be awarded for the most meritorious performance by a local player. Further details will appear in the programme.



**Playing Venue  
Horntye Park  
Sports Complex  
Bohemia Road,  
Hastings  
TN34 1EX**

**Horntye Park** is probably the best regular chess venue in the country.

It is just over 1km from the town centre and is shown on the map in this brochure. Bus services run from the town centre to the venue.

There is adequate car-parking space.

The Playing venue is accessible to players with disabilities. There are toilet facilities for players with disabilities and a lift between floors.

Catering facilities will be available during most of the playing times.

Subject to confirmation on the Congress website, the telephone number of the chess office at Horntye Park will be 0758 214 9239 from 28 December 2015.

## Hastings

### Chess Club



Steeped in tradition, the country's most famous chess club is usually open between 1pm and 10pm. However, players wishing to visit the club during the Congress should make enquiries at the Congress Office at Horntye Park.

Tradewise Insurance Company are delighted to be joining the sponsors of the historic Hastings Chess Tournament.

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