**Whit Bank Holiday Weekend**

**Sat 25th, Sun 26th & Mon 27th**

**May 2013**

**at**

**St. Edward’s School**

**Cheltenham**

**Cotswold Congress Entry Form**

I wish to enter the OPEN / MAJOR / MINOR tournament *(circle one)*

Enter which Round (1-5) if a half-point bye is requested

Name

Address

Post Code

Email

Telephone (Home)

Telephone (Mobile)

Club Grade

 £ p

Entry Fee

[Open £30; Major £27; Minor £24]

Under 18s on 25/05/13 may deduct £4 from entry fee

[Please give Date of Birth ]

ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on 25/05/13
may deduct £6 (£4 for Juniors) from entry fee

[ECF Membership No.: .............................................]

[ECF Membership Level: .……………................….]

Late Fee: Please add £5 if entry is received after Wednesday 22nd May

Donation:

The congress is not sponsored so donations will be much appreciated

 Total

**Please make cheques payable to “*Cotswold Chess Congress*”**

Please send to: Mike Powis, Nutgrove House, New Street, Painswick, Stroud. GL6 6XH

**All entries received by Wednesday 22nd May 2013 will be acknowledged if an email address or mobile phone number has been provided.45th Cotswold Chess Congress**

**Saturday 25th, Sunday 26th, Monday 27th May 2013**

**At St. Edward’s School, Cirencester Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham GL53 8EY**

**Enquiries**

Mike Powis 077 4801 4988 mike.powis@which.net

John Harris 077 4558 0341

**Players with impairments**

Please indicate if you have any impairment which requires special circumstances or remedial actions which need to be taken.

**Accommodation**

Tourist Information: 77 Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1PJ

Tel: 01242 522878 [www.visitcheltenham.com](http://www.visitcheltenham.com)

**Refreshments**

Light refreshments (Tea, coffee, soft drinks, sandwiches, etc.) will be available throughout the Congress.

**Bookstall**

The congress committee wish to thank CCF Mindgames for providing the playing equipment and bookstall for the congress.

[www.ccfmindgames.com](http://www.ccfmindgames.com) Email: mindgames@ccfworld.com Tel: 01288 353070

**Venue**

The congress committee is very grateful to St. Edward’s School for allowing the use of their school hall for this event.

There is ample free parking available in the school grounds.

**Disclaimer - The school cannot accept liability for loss or damage arising at the congress.**

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school premises.

Personal mains electrical equipment is not permitted to be used on the school premises.

Mobile phones must be switched off in and around the playing area.

**Directions**

St Edward's School is based in the village of Charlton Kings which is on the East side of Cheltenham. For further information visit [www.stedwards.co.uk/senior/contact/howtofindus.php](http://www.stedwards.co.uk/senior/contact/howtofindus.php)

**From M5 and town centre:** Leave M5 at junction 11. Follow signs A40 Cheltenham and Oxford for approximately 4 miles to traffic lights at junction A40 Oxford/A435 Cirencester. Take right fork A435 Cirencester. The school entrance is 600m on the right, 50m before next traffic lights.

**From Cirencester:** Follow A435. At Moorend Road traffic lights continue straight across. The school entrance is 50m on the left.

**From London & Oxford:** Follow A40 from Oxford. After entering Charlton Kings continue for ¾ mile. Turn left into Copt Elm Road and at crossroads turn right into Lyefield Road West. At traffic lights turn right into Cirencester Road. The school entrance is 50m on the left.

**By rail:** Cheltenham Spa railway station is approximately 10 minutes by taxi.

**45th Cotswold Chess Congress**

**Tournaments**

All 6 round Swiss Entry Fee

OPEN £30

MAJOR (Grade: Below 160) £27

MINOR (Grade: Below 120) £24

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are current ECF Members at Silver, Gold or Platinum level on the date of the congress may deduct £6 (£4 for Juniors) from their entry fee.

(Bronze ECF members should note that their membership will be upgraded to Silver by the ECF following processing of the congress results for grading. Some delay is inevitable, and in the meantime the undiscounted entry fee will apply in any future congresses. Upgrading prior to the congress – online or via the ECF office – is recommended.)

U18s as at 25/05/13 may also deduct £4 from their entry fee.

Ungraded players must provide evidence of their playing strength, including recent results, previous grades, prizes won and a reasonable estimate of grading. Prizes for ungraded players will be at the discretion of the congress committee.

Competitors may request a ½ point bye in any round (except the final round) before the start of the congress.

The congress committee reserve the right to refuse entry and to transfer competitors to other sections and to cancel or split any section at their discretion. If a player has not turned up for their game within 30 minutes of the start time the controllers may re-pair games.

**If you are likely to be delayed or cannot turn up for a game, please telephone 077 4801 4988.**

Controllers: K. D. Markey (ECF Arbiter), P. J. Meade and M. G. Powis

Players must abide by the FIDE laws of chess and any decisions made by the controllers in interpretation of the Laws are final.

**Prize Money**

 1st 2nd 3rd

OPEN £210 £140 £70

MAJOR £180 £120 £60

MINOR £150 £100 £50

Other prizes, including grading and book prizes, may be awarded at the discretion of the congress committee depending on the number of entries in each tournament.

**Timetable**

Saturday 25th May Round 1: 10.00am Round 2: 3.00pm

Sunday 26th May Round 3: 10.00am Round 4: 3.00pm

Monday 27th May Round 5: 10.00am Round 6: 3.00pm

**Rate of Play**

(Clocks set at 4.30 at the beginning of play). 36 moves in 1½ hours. After Black’s 36th move clocks set back 30 minutes and all further moves are to be made in the time remaining (flag fall at 6.00).