

Cotswold Congress Results 2019

Entries were significantly up at the 51st Cotswold Chess Congress, which took place on 25th-27th May at the King's School, Gloucester, located in the shadow of the city's magnificent cathedral. A total of 96 players took part in the six-round Swiss. For the first time, the Open incorporated the Gloucestershire County Individual Championship, which was awarded to the highest-placed eligible player. All three sections were closely-fought, with ties for first in each.

OPEN (35 players)

1st equal: Alex Bullen; John Jenkins (Gloucestershire champion); Dominic Mackle; Don Mason; Robin Moss. (4½/6)

Grading prizes: Richard Jennings (3½) and Toby Kan (3)

Junior prize: Shared between Nischal Thatte and Robert Ashworth (both scoring 3)

MAJOR U155 (31 players)

1st equal: Ian Clarke; David Pinch; Martin C Jones. (4½)

Grading prizes: Fenella Headlong (4) and Kenneth Hobson (3½)

Junior prize: Yuvraj Kumar (3½)

MAJOR U125 (30 players)

1st equal: Paul Foster; Ben Larkin. (5)

3rd equal: John Constable; Kevin Langmaid (4½)

Grading prizes: Arnav Sud (3½) and Hazel Welch (3½)

Junior prize: Daniel Hilditch-Love (3½)

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