

## REFERRAL SCHEME – EARN £8 FOR EACH NEW PLAYER YOU INTRODUCE!

We've once again boosted the rewards in our special 'referral' scheme that allows you to earn money by attracting new entrants to the Congress. This year, we'll pay you a reward of £8 for each new entrant you introduce to the 2024 Congress, provided that they enter the Congress online and identify you as their 'referrer' when they enter. (See below for detailed conditions.) You may 'refer' as many new entrants as you want, and will receive £8 for each one – potentially earning back your entire Congress entry fee, or more!

**Conditions:** A 'new entrant' is a player who has not entered any of the last three East Devon Congresses (March 2019, March 2020, April 2023). Before you can make a referral, you must have registered your own entry to the 2024 Congress and received your unique entry number. You will then earn £8 for every new entrant who registers online for the 2024 Congress and identifies you as their 'referrer' (by typing your name & entry number into the 'Referral' box of the form) – provided that they pay the requisite Congress entry fee, and go on to participate in the Congress. In the event of any dispute, the Entry Secretary's decision will be final. Referral payments will be made in person during the weekend of the 2024 Congress. These conditions are subject to alteration – an up-to-date version will be maintained on the 'Referral scheme' page of our Congress website: [www.eastdevonchesscongress.com](http://www.eastdevonchesscongress.com).

## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

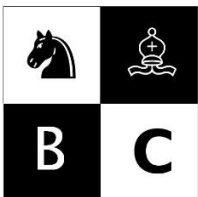
A selection of local hotels and guesthouses appears below – please make your booking directly with the hotel/guesthouse. For further options, please search online (e.g. TripAdvisor, Booking.com, Airbnb) or call Exeter Visitor Information on 01392 665700.

### HOTELS

	White Hart Hotel	66 South Street	01392 279897
	City Gate Hotel	1 Iron Bridge	01392 495811
NEW!	Hotel Indigo	3 Catherine Street	01392 301801
	Mercure Exeter Southgate	Southernhay East	01392 412812
	Hotel du Vin	Magdalen Street	01392 790120
	Mercure Exeter Rougemont	Queen Street	0871 3769018
	Premier Inn City Centre	Southernhay Gardens	0871 5279570
	Southernhay House Hotel	Southernhay East	01392 439000
	Holiday Inn Express City Centre	Tudor Street	0800 8778987
	Queens Court Hotel	6-8 Bystock Terrace	01392 272709
	Leonardo Hotel (Jurys Inn)	Western Way	01392 312400
	Premier Inn St Davids	Bonhay Road	0871 5279278

### GUESTHOUSES

	Townhouse	54 St Davids Hill	01392 494994
	Oakcliffe	73 St Davids Hill	01392 258288
	Telstar	77 St Davids Hill	01392 272466
NEW!	Bendene	15-16 Richmond Road	01392 213526
	St Andrews	28 Alphington Road	01392 276784
	Raffles	11 Blackall Road	01392 270200
	Park View	8 Howell Road	01392 271772



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# 47th EAST DEVON CHESS CONGRESS *at Exeter*

**Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th April 2024 at the  
Exeter Corn Exchange, Market St, Exeter EX1 1BW**

**PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TWO-DAY FORMAT FOR 2024**

- ★ *One of the most popular Congresses in the SW, attracting 130+ entrants!*
- ★ *Spacious venue in the city centre – close to stations, car parks and hotels*

## THREE SECTIONS

**OPEN**

**Any player can enter**

**U-1900 MAJOR**

**For players rated under 1900 [March 2024]**

**U-1650 MINOR**

**For players rated under 1650 [March 2024]**

All tournaments are five-round Swiss, with 3½-hour play sessions

**Part of the ECF Grand Prix**

Enter via our [online entry form](http://www.cognitofirms.com/EastDevon2024/EntryForm) (with easy payment by cheque or bank transfer) and receive an extra discount! Simply visit:  
[www.cognitofirms.com/EastDevon2024/EntryForm](http://www.cognitofirms.com/EastDevon2024/EntryForm)



Dedicated Congress website (including current entry list):  
[www.eastdevonchesscongress.com](http://www.eastdevonchesscongress.com)



Innovative 'referral' scheme – earn £8 back for each new player that you introduce to the Congress!

## CONGRESS DETAILS

### PRIZES

All prizes are conditional on the number of entries received. The organisers may increase the prize fund further if entry numbers are particularly high.

**OPEN** 1st £250, 2nd £170, 3rd £100, plus rating prizes  
**U-1900 MAJOR** 1st £200, 2nd £140, 3rd £90, plus rating prizes  
**U-1650 MINOR** 1st £200, 2nd £140, 3rd £90, plus rating prizes

There is a maximum of one prize per player. Only entrants with an ECF standard-play rating are eligible to win a rating prize. An unrated player may not win more than the value of the 3rd prize, except in the Open section. Prizes will be sent out by post after the Congress.

### ENTRY

**Entry fee: Open £45, Major £43, Minor £43. Sizable discounts apply this year – see below!**

This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Players who are ECF members at Silver, Gold, or Platinum level (or the equivalent Junior levels) on the date of the Congress may deduct £9 from the entry fee. There is a separate and additional discount of £3 for all Juniors. (A 'Junior' is any player who was under 18 years of age on 1st September 2023.)

Online entry is very strongly preferred and qualifies for an additional discount of £2.

Late entries (received after 5th April 2024) will be accepted only at the organisers' discretion and will cost an extra £5 – or an extra £15 if received after 10th April 2024.

The East Devon Chess Congress is not sponsored, and we again invite your kind donations. Many thanks for helping to support the future of the Congress!

Entries will be accepted from January onwards, but the March 2024 ECF standard-play rating list will be used to determine section eligibility and seedings. Conversions from other rating systems and estimates of unrated players will be decided by the organisers.

The Committee reserve the right to transfer an entrant to another section or to refuse entry without giving a reason. The decisions of the Committee and arbiters are final in all matters.

All games will be submitted for rating. It is a condition of entry that players agree to their details being used for rating and mailing purposes. Details of all entries received will be displayed on the 'Entries' page of our Congress website: [www.eastdevonchesscongress.com](http://www.eastdevonchesscongress.com).

### OUR REFERRAL SCHEME *[Rewards enhanced again for 2024]*

Please see the back cover of this leaflet for details of our exciting referral scheme!

### FOOD & DRINK

Players may not bring food and drink into the Exeter Corn Exchange for consumption on the premises. Food and drink will be available for purchase at the venue throughout the weekend.

### TEAM COMPETITION *[Free of charge]*

A team prize will be awarded for the best total score by four players from the same club, university, or league (who may compete in any combination of sections). Entry is free, but you must submit your team list by 10:45am on the Saturday morning. A player may only participate in one team. Additional prizes may be offered depending on entry.

## SCHEDULE OF PLAY

Saturday (13th April 2024):

09:45 - 13:15 Round 1

14:15 - 17:45 Round 2

18:45 - 22:15 Round 3

Sunday (14th April 2024):

10:00 - 13:30 Round 4

14:30 - 18:00 Round 5

Time limit: Each player receives 90 minutes plus 15 seconds increment per move. Default and re-pairing time will be 30 minutes after the start of play, unless the arbiter decides otherwise. Half-point byes are available in rounds 1-4 only, and must be indicated at the time of entry.

## ENTERING THE CONGRESS

**To streamline the entry process, the organisers would be delighted if all entrants could register for the Congress via our easy-to-use online entry form:**

[www.cognitofrms.com/EastDevon2024/EntryForm](http://www.cognitofrms.com/EastDevon2024/EntryForm)

You will not be asked for any bank details – instead, payment can be made either by direct bank transfer or by cheque. Full details will be provided once you have submitted your entry. If you have any further queries, please email [eastdevonchesscongress@gmail.com](mailto:eastdevonchesscongress@gmail.com).

### PAPER ENTRY FORM – For entrants without internet access

**Please note: If you have internet access, we'd hugely appreciate it if you could enter the Congress via our online entry form (above), rather than a paper form. Online entries are far easier for the organisers to process, much less error-prone, and £2 cheaper for you!**

I wish to enter the \_\_\_\_\_ section and accept the conditions of the Congress.

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

ECF Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_ ECF Rating Code \_\_\_\_\_

Latest Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Round for bye (if required) \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are unrated, please attach detailed information to indicate your current playing level, including estimated rating (if available), results achieved at your last three tournaments, last known rating (with year), and any other ratings (e.g. online, FIDE, Welsh).*

Entry Fee – Please add £5 / £15 if late (see entry rules) £ \_\_\_\_\_

Discount – State reason \_\_\_\_\_ – £ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation – Thank you so much for your generosity! + £ \_\_\_\_\_

Remittance enclosed for: TOTAL £ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please make cheques payable to 'East Devon Chess Congress' and post to: The EDCC Entry Secretary, 12 Elvis Road, Exmouth, EX8 2QB. Email: [eastdevonchesscongress@gmail.com](mailto:eastdevonchesscongress@gmail.com).  
Emergency contact during the Congress: Sean Pope, 07443 493141 (before 10pm, please).