

English Chess Federation Team Chess Challenge 2023 Years 6-13

and Junior Team Chess Challenge (years 7 & 8)

National team tournaments for secondary schools – all standards welcome

SOUTH-WEST REGION to be held at Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Shiphay Manor Drive, Torquay Devon TQ2 7EL on Wednesday 8th February 2023 2-5pm

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to enter a team or teams into these competitions, which form part of the English Chess Federation's initiative aimed at stimulating chess in secondary schools.

The purpose of the competitions is above all participation rather than winning and, although the winners of the regional finals have the opportunity to compete in the national finals, the emphasis is very much on taking part and enjoying the experience of competitive chess. The event attracts teams of players of all abilities and all are welcome.

In both competitions **Teams** will consist of **four players**. In the **Team Challenge** players can be pupils in any **year from 6-13**. In the Junior Team challenge pupils should be in **years 7 and 8**. In each competition there will be **four rounds, each lasting 25 minutes** – in the event of less than 5 teams in a competition the section will be run as an all play all. Last year we had about 20 teams. The event will last about 2½ hours and will conclude with a prizegiving. Chess clocks may be used in matches between more experienced players. Schools are welcome to enter **more than one team in both competitions**. The players in the teams should be arranged in **descending order of strength**. Further details (directions etc.) will be sent to participating schools a week or so before the event. We are making a small charge to cover the cost of medals and certificates, of £4 per team payable on the day please.

If you would like your school to take part in this event please **complete and return the entry form attached to this letter** and return it to:

Tim Onions, Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Shiphay Manor Drive, Torquay, Devon TQ2 7EL.
e-mail: Tim Onions tonions@tbgs.torbay.sch.uk (e mail entries accepted)

There is no deadline for entries but obviously it is helpful to receive entries as early as possible. If you think you might be interested but have some questions please contact me by e mail.

We do hope that your school will enter teams into this very worthwhile competition and that it will help to encourage chess in your school.

Yours sincerely

Tim Onions

I/C Chess, TBGS

Entry Form

ECF TEAM CHESS CHALLENGE

JUNIOR TEAM CHESS CHALLENGE 2023

We would like to enter the South-West Regional Finals of the ECF Team Chess Challenges to be held at Torquay Boys' G.S. on Wednesday 8th February 2023.

Name of School:

Address:

Tel:

Team Chess Challenge (years 6-13) Number of teams:

Junior Team Chess Challenge (years 7 & 8) Number of teams:

Teacher in charge:

Contact details:

E mail:

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