## **Grades and Ratings**

FIDE ratings from the August 2017 list will be used for the FIDE-rated sections, and ECF grades published in the July 2017 list will be used for the U130 section and unrated players in FIDE rated sections. If necessary, players will be transferred between sections to take account of rating/grading movements after date of entry (see below).

The FIDE Open and FIDE U1900 sections will be both FIDE rated and ECF graded. The ECF U130 section will be ECF graded.

Players without a current FIDE rating or ECF grade must give details of estimated playing strength, including any previously grading or rating information. The Organiser will assign a grade or rating for the tournament, where possible. If assigned, this grade or rating will be used for the purpose of pairings, and grading and performance prizes.

# **Notices**

English-registered players must be ECF Gold or Platinum members in the FIDE Open and FIDE U1900 sections, or pay a £10 surcharge.

All players must be ECF Silver members or above in the U130 section, or pay a £7 surcharge.

Prizes may be changed subject to numbers of entries.

The Organiser reserves the right to transfer players between tournaments at any time, and reserves the right to refuse any entry without explanation.

All pairings will be made using FIDE Swiss pairing rules using Swiss Manager.

The submission of an entry form and payment of the entry fee denotes acceptance that the MCCU's decision is final in all matters.

A list of entries will be maintained on the MCCU website.

## **Accommodation**

The following rates have been negotiated with the Park Inn by Radisson Birmingham West:

£34.00 BB per person per night (based on two sharing)

£58.00 BB per person per night (single occupancy)

Dinner is available from the hotel restaurant.

Please use the entry form below to let us know your accommodation requirements.

Please ensure that you read the bedroom booking terms and conditions on the MCCU website.

# **Organiser**

IO Alex Holowczak. Please e-mail enquiries to:

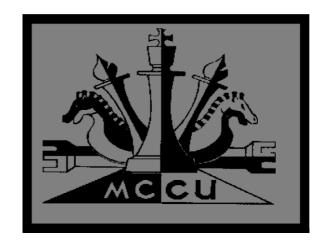
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# **Arbiters**

IA Matthew Carr + others TBC

## **Disclaimer**

The MCCU accepts no responsibility for any damage, theft or accident to the person or property of anyone attending this event.



# MIDLAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS

11<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Park Inn by Radisson Birmingham West, Birmingham Rd, West Bromwich B70 6RS

https://www.parkinn.co.uk/hotel-birminghamwest

Three Sections:
FIDE Rated Open
FIDE Rated U1900 (U160)
ECF Under 130

Prize fund £1,800

www.mccu.org.uk

# **Sections**

#### **FIDE Open**

Open to all players

1st £500; 2nd £250; 3rd £100 Plus best performance prize of £50 each

The leading MCCU Player will win the title of Midland Champion 2017, and qualify for the 2018 British Chess Championships

Entry fee £30

#### FIDE U1900 (ECF U160)

Open to: (1) FIDE rated players rated below 1900 FIDE; AND (2) players without a FIDE rating graded below 160 ECF

1st £250; 2nd £100; 3rd £50 Plus best performance prize of £50

Entry fee £30

#### **ECF U130**

Open to players graded below 130 ECF

1st £250; 2nd £100; 3rd £50 Plus grading prize of £50 each

Entry fee £30

No player may win more than one prize. All place prize money will be shared equally between tied players.

The method for allocating grading and performance prizes can be found in the Terms and Conditions, available on the MCCU website.

## **Late Entries**

Entries may be accepted on the day subject to availability and payment of a £10 surcharge.

## **Entry Forms**

Online entry and payment can be made here:

http://www.mccu.org.uk/m\_congress/entryform.htm

Postal entry forms, together with the appropriate entry fee (cheques should be made payable to "MCCU") should be sent to:

Midland Open Championships Alex Holowczak 48 St. Brades Close Oldbury Worcestershire B69 1NX

## **Playing Schedule**

Round 1 Friday 19.00 – 23.00 Round 2 Saturday 10.00 – 14.00 Round 3 Saturday 15.00 – 19.00 Round 4 Sunday 10.00 – 14.00 Round 5 Sunday 15.00 – 19.00

A  $\frac{1}{2}$  point by may be taken in rounds 1 – 4.

# **Time Control**

All moves in 90 minutes plus 30 second increment per move from move 1.

Re-pairing will be offered 30 minutes after the start of a round. Players who have not arrived will be defaulted 30 minutes after the scheduled start of a round.

### **Entry Form**

I wish to enter the Midland Open Championship:
<ul><li>□ FIDE Open</li><li>□ FIDE U1900 (ECF U160)</li><li>□ ECF U130</li></ul>
Name
Address
Telephone
Email
Club
ECF Grade
ECF Grading Code
FIDE Rating
FIDE Code
ECF Membership No
Federation
Date of Birth (Required)
Bye in Round (please circle) 1 / 2 / 3 / 4
Accommodation requirements
Entry Fee: £
Discounts: £
Donation: £
Total Enclosed: £