

## Grades and Ratings

The following order of priority will be used to determine section eligibility for the Rapid:

FIDE Rapidplay Rating (February 2018)

ECF Rapidplay Grade (January 2018)

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

The Blitz will use a player's FIDE Blitz rating for the purposes of pairing and prize calculation. A player without a FIDE Blitz rating will have a rating assigned using the lists provided above for the Rapid.

All Rapid tournaments will be FIDE-rated and ECF-graded. The Blitz tournament will be FIDE-rated.

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 may 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

All players must be ECF Silver members or above to play in the Rapid, or pay a £7.50 surcharge. There is no ECF membership requirement for the Blitz.

Prizes may be changed subject to numbers of entries.

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 Holiday Inn Birmingham - Walsall M6,Jct.10:

£39.50 BB per person per night (based on two sharing)

£69.00 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.

Online booking is available here:  
<https://www.guaranteedevents.com/rapid-play-blitz/>

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

## Organiser

IO Alex Holowczak. Please e-mail enquiries to:

[alexholowczak@gmail.com](mailto:alexholowczak@gmail.com)

## Arbiters

IA Alex Holowczak + FA Thomas Thorpe + 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 RAPID & BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

Holiday Inn Birmingham - Walsall M6,Jct.10,  
20 Wolverhampton Road West, Walsall WS2 0BS

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/gb/en/walsall/bhxwa/hoteldetail>

**Four Rapidplay Sections:**

**Open**

**Under 2000**

**Under 1750**

**Under 1500**

**Prize fund £2,680**

**[www.mccu.org.uk](http://www.mccu.org.uk)**

## Sections

### Open

Open to all players

**1st £500; 2nd £250; 3rd £100**

Plus best performance prize of £50 each

**Entry fee £25**

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### Under 2000, Under 1750, Under 1500

Open to players with rapidplay ratings below 2000,  
1750 or 1500 as appropriate  
Rating = 7.5 x ECF Grade + 700

**1st £250; 2nd £100; 3rd £50**

Plus best performance prize of £50

**Entry fee £25**

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### Blitz

Open to all players

**1st £150; 2nd £60; 3rd £30**

Plus three performance prizes of £30 each

**Entry fee £15**

**Less £10 if also playing in the Rapid**

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### Special Prize

Open to all players who enter the Open and Blitz

**1<sup>st</sup> £100**

Awarded to the player who scores the most total  
points scored in the Rapid Open & Blitz

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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 for each tournament 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:

<Link>

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

Saturday		Sunday	
Round 1	13:00	Round 6	11:00
Round 2	14:10	Round 7	12:10
Round 3	15:20	Round 8	13:20
Round 4	16:30	Round 9	14:30
Round 5	17:40		

**A maximum of two ½ point byes may be taken in  
rounds 1 – 8.**

Blitz (9 rounds) Saturday 21:00 – 23:00 approx.

## Time Control

**Rapid:** All moves in 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per  
move from move 1.

**Blitz:** All moves in 3 minutes plus 2 seconds per  
move from move 1.

Players who arrive with time on their clock may still  
play their game. There will be no re-pairings.

## Entry Form

I wish to enter the:

**Rapid**

Open

Under 2000

Under 1750

Under 1500

  
  
  

**Blitz**

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 / 5 / 6 / 7 / 8

Accommodation requirements \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Discounts: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Donation: £ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: £ \_\_\_\_\_