

# BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011

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## 98th Championships of the British Isles

Organised by the English Chess Federation

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Sun 24<sup>th</sup> July – Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August 2011



An English Chess Federation Grand Prix Event

**BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2011**  
**Sunday 24 July - Saturday 6 August**

**Official Opening Ceremony**

Monday 25 July at 2:00 p.m. in the Arena

The ceremony will be followed by a short photography session before start of play.

**Control Team**

Congress Manager	David Welch
Chief Arbiter/ Congress Manager	Alex McFarlane
Principal Arbiters	Roger Edwards, Peter Purland, Kevin Staveley
Arbiters	Lara Barnes, Neville Belinfante, Adrian Elwin assisted by John Edwards
DGT Boards, Website	David Clayton, Stephen Connor
Bulletin	Lutton Family, Jack Rudd
Commentary	Andrew Martin
Coaching	Nick Nixon

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## Welcome from the President of the ECF

I'd like to welcome everyone to the Darwin Strategic 2011 British Chess Championships.

This promises to be a wonderful event with the strongest line up for decades. The opportunity to watch and play alongside such renowned grandmasters has inspired many new people to take part in this year's tournament meaning it will be representative of all levels within the game we love.

I went to college in Sheffield and am delighted the crown jewel of the domestic national chess calendar is able to visit the Steel City letting everyone see what a wonderful place it is.

I hope you enjoy this year's event as the anticipation and excitement have been building for months. With such a wide range of players from beginners, juniors, women, masters and World Championship finalists, 2011 promises to be an unforgettable year.



Thank you for adding to the magic and writing your part in the illustrious history of the British Chess Championships!  
CJ DeMooi

### *British Chess Championships 2012*

*22 July – 4 August*

*Parks Leisure Centre, North Shields*

*See Page 13 for more details.*

## British Chess Championships 2011

### Free Coaching!!

Calling all under 21s

Free coaching is available every day during the championships (except Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup>).

Just go to the coaching area and say what you want.

You could

- ✓ Analyse your games immediately after you have finished play.
- ✓ Get help to prepare before the game.
- ✓ Arrange a solo session on any aspect of the game.
- ✓ Join in a group session (and maybe win a prize!)

Group sessions will be held on afternoons when there is no play in junior events. Topics will be advertised on posters during the championships.

All this is absolutely free to any player under 21!

Check it out!!

## ANDREW MARTIN'S COMMENTARY

International Master Andrew Martin will be giving daily commentary on the British Championships. Audience participation is welcome. This year the commentary has been split into two sessions so that spectators have an opportunity to discuss the crucial part of the games around the first time control.

This year's commentary will be arranged as follows:-

**Session One:-** 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break. **Session Two:-** 4:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Times are approximate and may be subject to slight amendments.

## 2010 Canterbury Champions



Champion: Mickey Adams (2)  
 Senior: Paul Byway  
 Under 21: James Jackson  
 Under 18: Ryan Rhys Griffiths  
 Under 16: Adrian Archer-Lock,  
 Sebastien Muheim  
 Under 15: Brandon Clarke, Gordon  
 Scott  
 Under 14: Marcus Harvey  
 Under 13: Ravi Haria  
 Under 12: Tarun Malhotra  
 Under 11: Rohan Shiatis (b), Anna  
 Wang (g)



Women's : Jovanka Houska (3)  
 Under 10: Ashwin Kalyana  
 Under 9: Zheming Zhang  
 Under 8: Zheming Zhang  
 Under 18 Girl: Lateefah Messam-  
 Sparks  
 Under 16 Girl: Abigail Pritchard  
 Under 15 Girl: Megan Owen, Ali Roy,  
 Maria Wang  
 Under 14 Girl: Radha Jain  
 Under 13 Girl: Katherine Shepherd  
 Under 12 Girl: Anna Wang  
 Under 10 Girl: Akashaya Kalaiyalahan,  
 Imogen Turvey-Cross



Under 9 Girl: Akashaya Kalaiyalahan

Under 8 Girl: Isabelle Gilbert

Under 180: Terence Turner

Under 160: Paul Jackson

Under 140: David Fowler, Charles Marsh

Under 120: Guy Baker, Matthew Wilson, Stephen Whatley, George Hollands

A full list of previous champions is on the Championship website

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

**Sunday 24 July – Simultaneous Display by Titled Player (Free)**

**Tuesday 26 July – Junior Blitz**

**Saturday 30 July – ECF Board Meeting**

**Sunday 31 July – Chess Arbiters Association AGM**

**Sunday 31 July – Cricket Match**

**Sunday 31 July – CSC Coach Training**

**Sunday 31 July - Quiz**

**Tuesday 2 August – Junior Blitz**

**Wednesday 3 August – Presentation from North Tyneside**

**\*Thursday 4 August – Mystery Tour**

**Thursday 4 August – Problem Solving Tournament**

**Saturday 6 August – Prizegiving**

**Other events to be added**

**\* to be confirmed**

## BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2012: How to Qualify

### Qualification from the British Championships

- 1 British Champion in any of the past five years
- 2 A score of 6½/11 (6/11 if born 1990 or later) or more in the 2011 Championship. These players receive half price entry.
- 3 The reigning British Under 21, Under 18 or Senior Champion. These players receive half price entry. Should there be a tie for any of these qualifying places, the tie will be split by average of opponents' FIDE Ratings. Should the Senior Champion prefer to play in the Senior Championship, entry shall be half price to that event.
- 4 A score of 7½/11 (7/11 if born 1990 or later) or higher in the Major Open, if eligible to play. These players receive half price entry.

### Qualification by Grading, Rating or Rating Performance

- 5 A rating of 218 (2350) or higher in a current British Isles national grading list (not Rapidplay) or any FIDE list between July 2011 and July 2012. If a player is not an IM or a GM, the rating must be active. The table shows the relevant ratings for various categories of players:-

For players born 1990 or earlier *active* rating of 218 (2350) or higher  
 born 1991 or later *active* rating of 215 (2320) or higher  
 born 1994 or later *active* rating of 210 (2280) or higher  
 born 1996 or later *active* rating of 205 (2240) or higher  
 born 1998 or later *active* rating of 200 (2200) or higher  
 born 2000 or later *active* rating of 190 (2120) or higher

For females born 1990 or earlier *active* rating of 190 (2120) or higher

For females born 1991 or later *active* rating of 180 (2040) or higher

- 6 For British Isles FIDE Rated tournaments or where the player represents a British Isles federation in an international event of 9 rounds or more: any player meeting at least 7 FIDE Rated opponents with a Tournament Performance of 2400 (or level 50 points higher than that given in the table above) or higher qualifies. **Such qualifiers must notify Neville Belinfante within 14 days of the completion of the event, with details of opponents and results.**

### Qualification by Nomination

- 7 Nominees of Chess Scotland, Welsh Chess Union, Ulster Chess Union, Irish Chess Union, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man.
- 8 The Champion, or nominee, of each of the English Chess Unions.
- 9 One nominee of each of the English Counties practising the membership only system.
- 10 One nominee per Officer of the Director of Home Chess, the Director of Junior Chess and the Manager(s) of the British Championships.

### Qualification from Congresses

- 11 The highest placed eligible competitor not already qualified, in the British Rapidplay Championship.
- 12 The highest placed eligible competitors in regional Open Swisses organised by each of the English Chess Unions. Each Union has three places.

- 13 The highest placed eligible player, not already qualified, from any British Isles Open FIDE rated event **subject to that event having had an entry of at least 24 entries in the previous year. New events should apply to the Championship Manager.**
- 14 The highest placed eligible player in each of the six **weekend** congresses with the highest number of long-play ECF graded games in season 2010-2011
- 15 **Chess Festivals of over 300 players and at least 7 continuous days duration may claim an extra qualifying place.**

**Tiebreak for qualification from Congresses (applying to Rules 11 – 14 above)**

*These qualifying routes cannot be combined to produce more than two qualifiers from one tournament. A second qualifier in an event must achieve at least 58%.*

*The tiebreak system will be sum of progressive score, failing that two players may qualify, with sum of opponents' grades being used as a further tiebreak if necessary.*

*Any entry fee reduction is as decided by the event organisers.*

*If the qualifier does not play, the place can only be offered to a player on the same score, who did not qualify because of tiebreak. Those players who did not qualify because of this rule, or because of the tiebreak will be placed on a reserve list. Substitution for an extra place created due to a tie on sum of progressive scores is limited to players who also tied on sum of progressive scores.*

More information, including those qualified already, and the events at which qualification can be gained, may be obtained from the British Championship Website. This site is regularly updated as information is received.

## PLAYING CONDITIONS & RULES

**Mobile phones** – Competitors and spectators should avoid bringing phones to the venue. Players will be immediately defaulted if their mobile phone, or other electronic device, makes any sound in the playing area. Spectators whose phones make any sound may be barred. Players must not receive text messages, nor use any form of electronic storage, communication or computing device. To avoid accusations of cheating such as having a chess engine running or by receiving moves by text message all phones must be turned off. N.B. a phone which is in silent mode has NOT been switched off. Should any player consider that they have a sufficiently good reason for having a phone which is not switched off, e.g, a seriously ill relative, then the permission of the tournament arbiter must be obtained.

**Smoking** – This is not permitted anywhere in the playing venue.

**Conduct of players** – The dress code is smart, casual. Players should be on their best behaviour.

**Defaults & withdrawals** - Players who default or withdraw from any event without good cause may be barred from future events. They will anyway be liable to pay a full entry fee at any future event organised by the Federation together with a bond returnable on satisfactory conduct during such events. If for any reason you have to withdraw please tell your arbiter promptly, certainly before the pairings for the next round are made

**Discussion of games** - The Laws of Chess specifically prohibit discussion of games in play. This includes what may seem like a harmless question like, 'How are you doing in your game.' While you are playing please do not visit the Bookstall, the Commentary Room, or the analysis room, nor analyse or play through someone else's game.

**Reporting of results** - The top two copies of the scoresheet must be handed in as soon as the game has finished to the arbiting point attached to your playing section. The bottom copy is for your use.

**Recording of games** - The official Championship score sheets must be used by all players to record their games. Use of scorebooks/pads is not allowed. If you wish to use these please copy your game afterwards, not during the game.

**Byes** – First round byes must be claimed on the entry form. Byes in subsequent rounds must be notified to the appropriate control team at the event and at least 24 hours before the relevant round. Entrants to Junior Championships and the Major Open will take byes in the Major Open unless obtaining the permission of the Chief Arbiter at least 24 hours in advance. Before making a decision the Chief Arbiter will consult with the relevant Principal Arbiters as to the overall effect on both events.

**Adjournments** - Games will not normally be adjourned. If exceptional circumstances require an adjournment, an arbiter will explain the procedure.

**Appeals** - Appeals may be made against an arbiter's decision on matters of the Laws of Chess or of administration. Appeals should be made to one of the following: Alex McFarlane, Peter Purland, Roger Edwards, Kevin Staveley or David Welch. If a player is dissatisfied with the decision he may further appeal to an Appeals Committee. An appeal to the Appeals Committee must be lodged with the Congress Manager in writing, stating the grounds for the appeal, and accompanied by a £20 deposit which is returnable if the appeal is successful. The grounds for appeal must be declared in writing within one hour of the Principal Arbiter's decision regarding administration and within one hour of the end of the game for matters concerning the Laws.

The Appeals Committee will be: -

A Senior Arbiter in the chair, not connected with the dispute

Two other qualified Arbiters not connected with the dispute

Two players' representatives.

**Grading** - Players without a current grade are not eligible for any grading prize. All standard play tournaments will be graded, using the 2011 Grading List as the basis for the calculations. Rapidplays will use the January 2011 list.

**Notice of pairings** - Arbiters will endeavour to ensure that pairings for all events are posted as soon as possible. Arbiters cannot be expected to answer individual queries whilst working on the pairings.

Afternoon events - Pairings should be displayed by 11:00 a.m.

Morning events - Pairings should be displayed by 10.30 p.m.

**Photocopying service** - Copies of games from earlier rounds will be available at 20p a sheet on a self-serve basis from the Congress Office.

**Under 8 and Under 9** - Competitors for these events are asked to meet the event controllers prior to the commencement of play as follows:

Under 8 to meet at 9:30 am on Friday 31 July in the Commentary Area

Under 9 to meet at 11:30 am on Saturday 1 August in the Commentary Area

**Major Open Change-Over** - After 6 rounds, players with poor scores may transfer to a junior championship or a 5-day tournament. A fee of £19 is payable, which is the equivalent to 50% of the normal entry fee.

**British Championship Play-off** - Should the Championship be tied, a play-off will determine the title. The play-off will commence on Saturday 8 August immediately after the prizegiving. 10% of the prize fund will be withheld for players involved in the play-off as follows:-

2 player play-off	£1200
3 player play-off	£1450
4 player play-off	£1,020

The prize fund held back will be distributed as follows in the event of a play-off.

2 players	Winner £720	Runner-Up £480		
3 players	Winner £720	2 <sup>nd</sup> £480	3 <sup>rd</sup> £250	
4 players	Winner £720	2 <sup>nd</sup> £480	3 <sup>rd</sup> = £250	4 <sup>th</sup> £150

The play-off will take the following form:- **2 player play-off** Two Rapidplay games 20 minutes each + 10 seconds per move.

Should there still be a tie; an Armageddon game will be played.

**3 or 4-player play-off** An all-play-all with a faster rate of play  
Again should there still be a tie; an Armageddon finish will be used.  
Should more than four players tie for first place the same principles will apply.

**Other Championships** - In the event of any other championship being tied, the title and any prize money will be shared.

#### **Rates of Play –**

**7 hour sessions (Afternoon events):** 100 minutes for 40 moves followed by 50 minutes for 20 moves, then 15 minutes for the remaining moves with 30 seconds cumulative increment for each move starting from first move

**6 hour session (Senior):** 40 moves in 2 hours, followed by all moves in 1 hour.

**4 hour sessions:** 40 moves in 100 minutes followed by all moves in 20 minutes

**Under 9:** All moves in 1 hour per player

**Under 8:** All moves in 30 minutes per player

**Rapidplays:** 20 minutes + 10 seconds per move

## **OFFICIAL PRIZE GIVINGS**

**Sunday 24 July** 7.30pm Main Hall

Rapidplay

**Friday 29 July** 3:00 pm The Commentary Area

Events - Under 11; Under 180/2000;

Under 140/1400 Championships; 5 Day Week 1 Morning.

**Friday 29 July** 6:45 pm The Commentary Area

Events - Under 8 Championship; 5 Day Week 1 Afternoon (if finished).

**Saturday 30 July** 3:00 pm The Commentary Area

Events - Under 13; Under 15/16 Championships.

**Sunday 31 July** 7:30 pm The Commentary Area

Events - Under 9; Rapidplay Week Two; Weekender Tournaments.

#### **Main Prize Giving**

**Saturday 6 August** 9:30 am Main Hall

Events - All remaining Championships (including the British); Major Open; Under 14;

Under 12; Under 10; 5 Day Week 2 Morning and Afternoon.

Trophy winners who have attended an earlier prize giving should indicate if they want to have their trophies presented again at the Main Prize giving.

Failure to attend without the prior permission of the Congress Manager and/or a Principal Arbiter will result in the forfeiting of the prize concerned.

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS

**English Chess Federation Grand Prix** All events are part of the Grand Prix.

**Blitz** - Playing five-minute or speed chess with tournament clocks is forbidden. No chess games of any kind other than tournament games are permitted in the tournament hall.

Clocks may be hired for speed chess at a charge of 50p daily together with a refundable £5 deposit. These will be available from the congress office. These clocks may be used only in the analysis rooms.

**Analysis Room** - Rooms have been reserved for post-match analysis after games. When evening events take place in these rooms, the analysis areas will be closed at around 7:30 pm.

**Charts** - These may be downloaded from the website.

**Car Parking** – There is limited car parking at the venue for which there is a charge. The charge is £1 per hour to a maximum of £6. An excellent public transport system is available.

**Mail** – British Chess Championships, Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, Sheaf Street, Sheffield S1 2BP . There is always a danger of such mail being lost thus valuable items should not be sent by mail to here.

**Disabled Access** - There is disabled access to the venue.

**Refreshments** - Only food and drink purchased in the playing venue is allowed to be consumed within the venue. Players and Spectators who wish to consume their own drinks must do so outside the venue. This is a standard clause when booking conference facilities. In the past certain players have ignored this. The Federation respectfully reminds players that as part of their entry they have signed a declaration that they have read and understood this condition and hopes and expects that all players will adhere to this rule. Refreshments will be available during playing hours.

Alcoholic drinks may not be consumed under any circumstances in the playing venue.

**Website** - The Congress website is on-line and will provide full up-to-date details of the Championship games and results on <http://www.britishchess2011.com>. You will find a great deal of information there prior to the event. Stephen Connor has done an excellent job as webmaster.

**Photographs** - Photographs taken at the event may be used for publicity purposes. Such pictures may appear on the Congress website or in chess publications.

**Please note that photographs will be taken at the event which may be used for publicity purposes. Any objection by an individual to the same being published should be notified to the event organisers.  
The ECF Data Controller is Tina Weddell.**

**Bulletins** - All Players in the British Championship will receive a bulletin of the Championship, on a daily basis, as part of their entry fee.

Daily Bulletins containing games from most of the events will be available daily at a cost of £2 each. A Commemorative Bulletin will also be available and may be ordered at the Championships at a cost of £18. Players are expected to help decipher their scoresheets.

**Telephones** – When this programme was printed, the telephone numbers were not available.

## TROPHIES & TITLES

**Trophies** - A trophy will be awarded to each Champion, as a permanent memento of the event. In addition certificates will be presented to junior championship entrants.

**The Roy Clues Trophy** will be awarded annually for the most meritorious performance by a Welsh player in the Congress.

**The City of Dundee Trophy** will be awarded annually to the winner of the Major Open.

**Perpetual Championships Trophies.** A very limited number of Championship trophies are awarded every year. Such trophies must be returned by the following year's Championship. If winners are unable to return them personally, arrangements must be made for their return by secure delivery to the Federation's offices at Battle by 8 July 2010 for this year's event.

**Titles** - The highest placed competitor in each of the Junior Championships will be awarded the title of Overall British Champion for that age group. In addition the highest placed boy or girl will be awarded the appropriate title so that the best result by a boy and the best result by a girl will each be rewarded with a title. In the Under 16 Competition which includes the Under 15 Championships, players eligible for the Under 15 Championship titles will not be awarded the Under 16 title.

## ENGLISH CHAMPION AND ENGLISH WOMEN'S CHAMPION

The highest placed English player in the British Championship will be declared English Champion, hold the Tony Miles Trophy for one year and receive £1500. Similarly, the highest placed English female player will be declared English Women's Champion and receive £500.

## JUNIOR BEST GAME PRIZE

The Littlewood family have again donated a cash prize for the Junior Best Game Prize. This prize is in memory of John Littlewood. The prize is available for any game played by a junior in any event played at the Championships. Entrants are asked to indicate if they think the game should be considered by marking the scoresheet with "Junior Best Game".

The best game will be judged by Paul Littlewood.

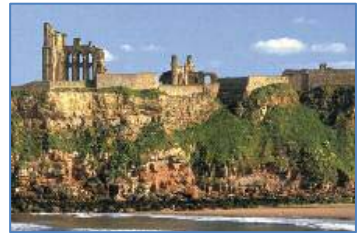
## 2012 Championship Location – North Tyneside

North Tyneside combines the perfect city and coastal mix with Newcastle/Gateshead just 20 minutes away and North East England's best days out on our doorstep. Home to the World Heritage Site of Segedunum Roman Fort, and the gateway to Hadrian's Wall, spend some time here and you could also be exploring magnificent Northumberland countryside within an hour's drive.



North Tyneside has a fantastic stretch of coastline with Tynemouth, Whitley Bay and Cullercoats all boasting award-winning beaches. They are used all year round for anything from walking, fitness boot camps and sandcastle building to surf contests, Premier League football training and even filming Hollywood movies!

Tynemouth Priory and Castle has stood guard at the mouth of the River Tyne for centuries and still stands proud today. With its 2000-year history, visitors can try to imagine what life might have been like all those years ago, while enjoying stunning coastal views from the ancient walls.



With weekend markets in the Victorian train station, beaches, historic attractions and some wonderful accommodation options all within walking distance.

Segedunum Roman Fort and Museum in Wallsend draws visitors from around the world as part of the Frontiers of the Roman Empire World Heritage Site. The gateway to Hadrian's Wall, Segedunum is the most excavated fort along the wall.

A 35metre viewing tower provides some outstanding views across the historic site and visitors can enjoy the large interactive museum.

Cullercoats was popular with generations of artists who drew inspiration from the breath taking coastal scenery and often used fishing as a theme. Winslow Homer, one of America's leading artists, spent some time living in Cullercoats. Many of his masterpieces, painted locally, hang in some of the world's most prestigious museums and galleries.

North Tyneside has strong links with the birth of the railways. The Stephenson Railway Museum was opened in 1986 to house the railway collections of Tyne and Wear Museums. Its name commemorates George and Robert Stephenson, the famous father and son who pioneered the steam railway. George Stephenson lived locally from 1802 until 1823.

The Tynemouth Volunteer Life Brigade, established in 1864, was the first of its type in the world and still operates today. The Watch House contains relics from various shipwrecks and rescue missions. It is overlooked by the statue of Admiral Lord Collingwood, dedicated to the man who took over from Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar.

There are many facts to uncover about the area for example international comedy star Stan Laurel lived with his father in North Shields.

For the young, and young at heart, Whitley Bay is noted for its nightlife.

## British Chess Championships 2011 – Timetable

Event	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Simultaneous	■													
Opening Ceremony		■												
Prizegiving & Play-offs														■
Championship		■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	
Senior							■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
U180/2000		■	■	■	■	■								
U160/1800									■	■	■	■	■	
U140/1600		■	■	■	■	■								
U120/1400									■	■	■	■	■	
Under 16/15			am	■	■	■	■							
			pm											
Under 14								am	■	■	■	■	■	
								pm						
Under 13		■	■	■	am	■	■							
					pm									
Under 12								am	■	■	■	■	■	
								pm						
Under 11			am	■	am	■								
			pm		pm									
Under 10									■	am	■	am	■	
										pm		pm		
Under 9							■	■						
Under 8							■							
Major Open		■	■	■	■	■	■		■	■	■	■	■	
5 Day am wk1		■	■	■	■	■								
5 Day am wk2									■	■	■	■	■	
5 Day pm wk1		■	■	■	■	■								
5 Day pm wk2									■	■	■	■	■	
Rapidplay wk1	■													
Rapidplay wk2								■						
Weekenders							■	■	■					

## About Darwin Strategic

Darwin Strategic provides a variety of equity funding alternatives to quoted (primarily AIM-listed) companies. Darwin's core offering, Equity Financing Facilities ("EFFs"), provides our partner companies with quick, need based and long term access to capital via secondary market equity placements. Darwin Strategic is capitalised to provide up to a total of £100 million of EFF funding.

Darwin Strategic aims to create long term financing partnerships with our partners and has put in place a team of experienced professionals to achieve this goal. With extensive experience in corporate finance and secondary market trading as well as strong ties with other small cap principal investors Darwin can offer a bespoke funding package to suit our partner company's specific funding need.

In addition, Darwin's close relationship with Evolution Securities allows Darwin partner companies to benefit from direct access to Evolution's equity research capability, corporate finance know-how and large institutional client base.

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