

58th Torbay Chess Congress



20th-22nd November 2026

Open (FIDE rated),

U-1950, U-1700 & U-1500

Five Round Seeded Swiss Tournaments

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at

TLH Carlton Hotel,

Falkland Road,

Torquay

TQ2 5JJ

Congress Details

Open Any player may enter, FIDE and ECF rated
Major For players rated under 1950, standard play, ECF rated
Intermediate For players rated under 1700, standard play, ECF rated
Foundation For players rated under 1500, standard play, ECF rated
The total entry will be limited to 150 players.

Schedule

| Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Opening 18:50 | Rd 2 10:00 | Rd 4 10:00 |
| Rd 1 19:00 | Rd 3 15:00 | Rd 5 15:00 |

Default and re-pairing time: 30 mins after the scheduled start times.

Rate of play: All moves in 90 mins, plus 30 second increment throughout.

Byes: Except for round 5, players may request one half point bye.

Entry fees etc

All tournaments: £55 (ECF gold members, and above, may deduct £16).

Juniors (U18 on 1st September) may deduct £5 across all tournaments.

October FIDE and ECF ratings determine eligibility to play in different tournaments.

When a player has both an ECF and a FIDE rating, the FIDE rating will be used in the Open and ECF rating will be used in the other three tournaments. A FIDE ID is required for the Open Tournament. Players without a FIDE ID must contact their own federation if they do not wish to be registered as England with FIDE. If your rating increases between entering the Congress and the publication of the October list, this may mean a change in tournament allocation. This will be shown on the Torbay Chess Congress website. If you wish to withdraw as a result, please contact the Congress Secretary who will arrange a full refund of your entry fee. Alternatively, your rating may decrease. If you become eligible for a lower tournament, and you wish to change, you should contact the Congress Secretary before 17th November 2026.

Prizes

Prizes for each tournament: 1st £300, 2nd £180, 3rd £120.

We give generous rating and slow starter (0/2) prizes according to the number of entries. Unrated players may not win rating prizes and not more than £30 in any tournament except the Open. Unrated players must provide details of any online rating they hold, evidence of previous ratings and recent tournament performances on a separate sheet. A prize is awarded to the top team of 4 players from the same club. Team entries must be submitted before the end of round 2.

Entry Form

Tournament entered: _____ DOB: _____

Full name: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Club: _____

ECF Code: _____ FIDE Code: _____

½ point bye in round: _____

Avoid pairing me with: _____ (if possible)

Entry fee: _____

ECF fee deduction: _____ (ECF gold+ members only)

Junior discount: _____

Congress donation: _____

Thank you!

Enclosed cheque: _____ Payable to Torbay Chess Congress

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the information I have given is correct.
I accept the conditions of entry as listed on the website in their entirety.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you have any special requirements, please attach them separately.
If a receipt is required, please enclose a sae or visit the website.

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Our Venue

We are delighted to hold our Congress at the TLH Carlton Hotel. Car parking is free for residents booking direct for overnight accommodation at any of the hotels at TLH Leisure Resort. For all non-residents, please view the resort's parking terms at www.tlh.co.uk/parking/. Should the hotel car parks be full, please use the large park at Torre Valley, nearby, TQ2 5JY.

Accommodation

Special deals are available for entrants to the Congress. Call 01803 400500 or email rooms@tlh.co.uk for more details. Please quote booking ID number 57219 at the start of the conversation. Bookings made online or with any third parties will not qualify for this offer or enjoy free parking. TLH Direct Bookings – Inclusive parking for direct bookings is valid from the day of arrival and expires on the day of departure.

Terms and Conditions

A full list of the conditions of entry can be found on the Congress website torbaycongress.com. Entry using this form implies agreement to these conditions.

Further information

The easiest way to enter the Congress is by using the website. Your entry will be shown at once and you can see who else has entered. For more information about this event, past events and the venue, visit the congress website, torbaycongress.com
Paper entries and cheques to:
Phil McConnell, The Keep, 17 Mount Boone, Dartmouth, TQ6 9PB
Email: secretary@torbaycongress.com
Telephone: 01803 834135 (before 9.00pm).
During the Congress, in an emergency, contact the Carlton Hotel 01803 400300.