



WELLS CHESS CONGRESS

West of England Chess Union members ONLY

WECU Ladies Championship:

The minutes of the WECU Council Meeting held on 31st May 2014 it was recorded in the WECU Congress Section:

“Clarification of how to determine Lady Champion. It was agreed that the lady with the highest number of points should be WECU Ladies Champion, regardless of which section they were in.”

WECU Championship:

British Chess Championship Qualification (BCCQ)

The highest placed player in the Open section who meets the following criteria will be given the West of England qualification place for the 2026 British Chess Championship and will have their entry fee to that tournament paid up to a value of £300 by the West of England Chess Union (WECU).

- is not an IM or GM (and therefore automatically qualified)
- is a member of a WECU affiliated chess club and has played an ECF rated game for that club in the last 12 months.

If two or more WECU players have the same highest score, then following tiebreak rules will be applied in this order:

1. The results between the individual players will be considered but only if they have all played each other with wins counting in favour and losses against a player.
2. The player or players with the higher 'sum of progressive score' will qualify for the BCCQ place.
3. If two or more players are still tied then the player with the higher 'sum of opponents' scores will qualify for the BCCQ place.

If the highest qualifying player does not wish to play in the 2026 British Chess Championships, then the place will be awarded to the next highest qualifying player and so on.

The tournament organiser's decision regarding qualification will be final.

The relevant part is that the criteria for the Championship and the British Chess Championship are the same **so you were either eligible for both of them or neither of them.**

You can only win the West of England Championship if you reside in the WECU; birth in the WECU, previous long-term residence in the WECU, or current attendance at an educational establishment in the WECU, no longer qualify you?

You could win the West of England Championship through residence, but not also get the British Championship qualifying place because you're not a member of a WECU affiliated chess club (e.g. someone who lives in Fleet (in Hampshire) and is a member of Fleet and Farnborough chess club (not affiliated to the WECU))?

You could get the British Championship qualifying place because you're a member of a WECU affiliated chess club, but not also get the West of England Championship title because you don't live in the WECU (e.g. someone who is a member of Chichester chess club (affiliated to the WECU through Hampshire Chess Association) and lives in Chichester (not in a WECU county))?