

# Wells Autumn Rapidplay 2025 Competition Rules

## Entries

It is not necessary to be an ECF member to enter any section. However:

- Entrants to ALL sections who are not ECF Gold or Platinum members must pay an additional £15 (£6 for juniors). The ECF will use this fee to upgrade Bronze members.
- Players without an official rating may enter any section (at the organising committee's discretion) but must provide some indication of playing strength (recent tournament or match results, etc.).
- A Junior (under the age of 18 on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2025) discount of £9 may be applied in all sections.
- Entry fees less an administration charge of £2 will be refunded for withdrawal notifications received by 1st October. Refunds are not offered after this date. The organizers reserve the right, without giving a reason, to either refuse an entry or to transfer a player to another section.

## Ratings

The September 2025 ECF rating list will be used to determine section eligibility for the Congress.

The October 2025 published ECF rating list will be used to determine pairings.

**Unrated players will be requested to provide evidence of their playing strength/past grade or rating to enter them in the suitable section - The organiser reserves the right to change the section of player/s or withdraw them**

It is a condition of entry that all entrants agree that their results will be forwarded to the ECF for rating purposes.

## Rate of Play

Each player will have 25 Minutes with zero Increment from start.

## Playing Schedule

Please aim to arrive by 10:00 - 10:15 am to allow a prompt start to the first round.

Round 1: 10:30	Round 2: 11:30
Round 3: 12:30	Round 4: 14:00
Round 5: 15:00	Round 6: 16:00
	Planned Finish: 17:00

## **Pairings, Byes & Default Time**

All pairings will be done using 'Swiss Manager' software and displayed on Chess-Results.com

One half Point bye may be requested for Rounds 1 to 6 (or a request may be cancelled) either:

- At the time of entry, or
- At any point before the pairings are published for each round.

Where the pairings are published as soon as they are available, the request should be made no later than the conclusion of the last game in the round being played. Such requests should be made to the Chief Arbiter at the tournament.

Default time is 5 minutes and no repairing will take place. If a player does not show up for a round without informing the Organising/Arbiting Team in time, then the player shall be excluded from the tournament for all the remaining rounds automatically. Reinstatement of the excluded player will be at the discretion of the Organiser / Chief Arbiter.

## **Accessibility**

Each room at the venue is accessible through using lifts and ramps. Doors and corridors are wide enough for standard wheelchairs. Players with accessibility requirements should contact the Organiser about any special requirements they may have. Such requirements will be catered for wherever possible.

## **Prizes**

- a) All cash prizes are subject to the number of entries.
- b) Except in the Open section, players without a current published ECF rating will not be eligible for rating prizes.
- c) In the Major & Minor sections, only players with a current published ECF rating and/or a published FIDE rating will be eligible for rating prizes.
- d) Except in the Open Tournament, an unrated player may not win more than the value of £50.
- e) No player may win more than one prize (the highest value prize will be paid).
- f) All cash prizes will be forwarded within 21 days of the Congress.

## **Tie-Breaks**

The following methods will be used in order:

1. Result of individual game (if applicable)
2. In the event of a Tie by any other means, the Prize money will be shared equally.

## **Privacy Policy**

Wells Autumn Rapidplay is committed to protecting and respecting your privacy.

Photographs may be taken

The [Privacy Policy](#) on the Congress website explains when, how, and why we collect personal data about people.

Players' details will be held electronically for the purposes of administering and marketing Wells Chess Congresses, Blitz and Rapidplay events. Their entries and results will be published on the congress website; chess-results website and tournament results will be submitted to the English Chess Federation for rating purposes and may be published online.

Players' details held are mainly name and email address and will be kept for several years in order to keep them informed of future Events. Data will be deleted or updated if requested to do so by the individual. Such requests should be directed to the Congress Secretary by sending an email to [wellschessclub@outlook.com](mailto:wellschessclub@outlook.com).

## **Disputes**

In all disputes the decision of the Congress Controllers shall be final.