

Players entering the tournament agree to abide by **the FIDE Laws of Chess** and the decisions of the controllers, which will be final. *We reserve the right to refuse entries or transfer entrants from one section to another at any point.*

**Mobile phones and electronic devices** are only permitted in the playing area provided the device is completely switched off. During play, such devices must be placed in a bag as agreed with the arbiter. Both players are forbidden to use this bag without permission of the arbiter.

**Prizes** will be paid by direct bank transfer within seven days of the end of the congress. No player may receive more than one individual prize. Prizes will be shared in the event of a tie.

**Refreshments** will be available on the premises, provided by the Cokethorpe School catering team, and will include a comprehensive range of hot and cold food and drinks.

The title of **Oxfordshire Chess Champion** and the **Championship Trophy** will be awarded to the eligible player with the highest combined score in the Open sections of the Witney Weekend Congress and the 2018 Kidlington Chess Tournament.

**Cokethorpe School** is set in a parkland estate of nearly 150 acres, 2 miles south of Witney and 10 miles from Oxford. See map and help with directions here: [www.witneychess.co.uk/5thwitney\\_location.htm](http://www.witneychess.co.uk/5thwitney_location.htm).

Visit our website [www.witneychess.co.uk](http://www.witneychess.co.uk) for congress news and updates.

<p><b>Pairing Request</b> <i>Please try to avoid pairing me with:</i></p> <p>Name 1:</p> <p>Name 2:</p> <p><b>We will try to satisfy this request but no guarantee is given.</b></p>
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# 5th Witney Weekend Congress

## 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017

Cokethorpe School, Witney, OX29 7PU

[www.cokethorpe.org.uk](http://www.cokethorpe.org.uk)



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## An ECF Tradewise Grand Prix Event

<b>Prizes:</b>	<b>Open</b>	<b>U170</b>	<b>U145</b>	<b>U120</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	£200	£200	£200	£200
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	£125	£125	£125	£125
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	£75	£75	£75	£75
<b>Grading</b>	£40	£40	£40	£40
<b>Rd 1 Loser</b>	£40	£40	£40	£40
<b>Veteran (60+ at 1 September 2017)</b>				£40

## PLAYING SCHEDULE:

<b>Round 1</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Round 2</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2.00 p.m.</b>
<b>Round 3</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.30 p.m.</b>
<b>Round 4</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9.30 a.m.</b>
<b>Round 5</b>	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2.00 p.m.</b>

**Rate of Play:** All moves in 90 minutes plus 15 seconds per move increment from move 1.

Any player arriving more than 30 minutes late will be deemed to have lost unless re-pairing is possible. His/her opponent, however, must expect to be paired again if another player is otherwise without an opponent after 30 minutes. *The time allowance is subject to alteration in the case of such re-pairings.* Pairings will be made using Swiss-Manager.

**Byes:** You may take a half-point bye in any *one* of the first four rounds. Please notify us if possible on the entry form or at the beginning of the tournament.

**Withdrawals:** If withdrawing during the tournament, please notify a controller or note it on your result slip. If you withdraw before the first round we will refund your entry fee less a **£3.00** administration fee.

**Grading:** All sections will be ECF graded. Grades will be taken from the ECF's latest revision of the August 2017 grading list. (If you do not have an ECF grade, please give any other official grade, or, if you have none, provide other evidence of your playing strength, e.g. other tournament results.) **Only players with a current ECF standard-play grade are eligible for grading prizes.** Please note that it is a condition of entry that players agree to their grading information being published on the ECF website.

**Analysis:** A separate area will be available for analysis and discussion.

**ECF membership:** Under ECF membership arrangements (for more details, visit the ECF website) there will be no charge for the grading of the games of those who are ECF members at Silver level or higher, but the tournament organizers will be charged extra for the grading of the games of non-members or Bronze-level members. Entry fees and discounts reflect these arrangements.

ENTRY FORM				
5 <sup>th</sup> Witney Chess Tournament, 21st and 22nd October 2017				
Name				<b>Please tick (✓) below as applicable</b>
Address				Junior <input type="checkbox"/>
				Veteran <input type="checkbox"/>
				Disabled <input type="checkbox"/>
				Female <input type="checkbox"/>
Email address				
Telephone				
Club			Date of birth	
ECF Grade (standard-play)			ECF Grading Code	
If no ECF standard-play grade, other grade (e.g., FIDE, National Elo, ECF Rapid)				
<b>Please tick (✓) chosen section</b>	<b>Open</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>U170</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>U145</b> <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>U120</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>I would like to take a half-point bye (rounds 1-4 only) in round:</b>				
Are you an ECF member? (Yes/No)	<input type="checkbox"/>	ECF Membership Level and Number		
<b>This is a registered ECF Game Fee event. Games played by current Silver or higher level ECF members will be graded free of charge.</b>				
Entry fee				£ <b>24.00</b>
Grading surcharge for non-ECF members or Bronze-level ECF members (£7.50)				+£
Donation				+£
Total enclosed				=£
Donations are vital to our long-term survival and are gratefully received.			Enter online at <a href="http://www.witneychess.co.uk">www.witneychess.co.uk</a> , or send entry form and entry fee cheque (made payable to Witney Chess Club) to Mike Truran, The Old Farmhouse, 7 Church Street, Ducklington, Witney, Oxon OX29 7UA.	