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| **SURREY COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024** | | |
| Open to all members of the SCCA who are at least ‘Bronze’ members of the ECF | | |
| ENTRIES are invited for the following tournaments, listed in order of strength (with ‘1’ being the highest): | | 1 - CHALLENGE CUP  2 - SLATER-KENNINGTON CUP  3 - FELCE CUP 4 - WERNICK CUP |
| Each competitor can play in only one tournament, to be decided by the SCCA.  PRIZES are dependent on the number of entries; section winners are guaranteed a prize. **ENTRY FEE**: £20.00 - Students and Juniors under-18 on 1st January 2024 – £12.00  Each tournament will be divided into all-play-all sections of not more than 10 players. In small sections (4 or 5 players), each player will play each other twice. Groups of 6 and above will be all play all once. The section winners will then play each other to determine the final placings. Three or four games per month will be scheduled, and the full list of dates will be circulated to the players. Venues for each section will be determined by demand: this may mean that a venue is not used this year for one or other tournament.  **RATE OF PLAY FOR ALL COMPETITIONS** 75 minutes plus 10 second increment per move. Alternatively, by mutual consent, 35 moves in 75 minutes, then 28 in the next hour, then all remaining moves in 20 minutes. Unfinished games will be adjourned and completed as in the schedule.  The SCCA may reject any entry without giving a reason.  CHOICE of playing day and venue (all 7.30pm) | | |
| EPSOM  SURBITON  WIMBLEDON | Monday  Wednesday  Monday | Epsom Christian Fellowship, 22 West Hill, Epsom, KT19 8JD  Fircroft, 96 Ditton Road, Surbiton, KT6 6RH  Sultan Pub (function room), 78 Norman Road, SW19 1BT |
| SOUTH NORWOOD | Thursday | Small Hall, West Thornton Community Centre, London Road, Thornton Heath CR7 6AU |
| DORKING | Thursday | Crossways Baptist Church, Junction Road, Dorking RH4 3HB |
| Tournament Controller: Mike Williams, Tel: 07921 932276; email: m\_j\_williams2004@hotmail.com  Tournaments will commence in the week commencing **29 April 2024**  **CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES –19 April 2024** | | |
| ENTRY FORM (BLOCK LETTERS, PLEASE)  Entries are to be made by email attachment. Bank details for transfer of the entry fee are:  NatWest Epsom, 60-08-01 55606970. **Please ensure the payment is referenced "Individual" followed by your name**.  **Please pay before you submit the entry form.** If you cannot pay by bank transfer please contact the Controller. | | |
| VENUE PREFERENCES: 1st………………………. 2nd ………………………… 3rd ……………………………  4th ………………………………… 5th …………………………………… | | |
| \* I am a member of the company (SCCA)  or, if not, I enclose my application for membership as:  \* a Club Member (no payment required)  \* a Full Member of the Association for £5.00 | | \* Please delete whichever is not applicable. |

**SCCA Individual Tournament Rules 2024**

1. Players are expected to observe the usual standards of etiquette and conduct during play. The Laws of Chess apply as set out in Bye Law 2.2 and the use of mobile phones and electronic devices is governed by Bye Law 2.8.
2. The SCCA may reject any entry without giving a reason.
3. A Venue Controller is appointed for each venue by the Tournament Controller. It is the duty of the Venue Controller to ensure that the venue is available, to oversee games played at the venue and to report the results of the games to the Tournament Controller.
4. Games may be played at any place, or time, before the scheduled date but, if not, must be played as stated, unless authorised by the Venue Controller. All games must be completed by the deadline given in rule 11. Players must be proactive in making arrangements to reschedule games that cannot be played on the scheduled dates and resume adjourned games on free dates. The Tournament Controller will default either or both players if in his opinion they are not making sufficient effort to agree a suitable date and players should inform the Tournament Controller immediately if they believe their opponent is repeatedly making themselves unavailable.
5. Clocks must be used for all games. The time limits in all competitions are as follows:
6. **RATE OF PLAY FOR ALL COMPETITIONS:** 75 minutes plus 10 second increment per move. Alternatively, by mutual consent, 35 moves in 75 minutes, then 28 in the next hour, then all remaining moves in 20 minutes. Unfinished games will be adjourned and completed as in the schedule.
7. The start time shall be 7.30pm with a minimum playing time of 3 hours. The Venue Controller may allow a different start time. Any player who is absent at the starting time will have their clock started by the Venue Controller and, if still absent after 30 minutes later, may forfeit the game at the discretion of the Venue Controller.
8. All results should be notified to the Venue Controller within one week by the winner or by the player with white, if drawn. If the Venue Controller is unavailable, players should contact the Tournament Controller.
9. If you wish to make use of the other venues you should note that Epsom and Wimbledon (Mondays) may not be available on bank holidays. South Norwood & Dorking are available on Thursdays. Most (not all) clubs have a summer break.
10. If a section is tied then the winner is determined using the following tie-break rules, starting with a):
    1. The tied players are ranked based on their record against each other. Any players who do not have the highest or equal highest score in these rankings will be eliminated. If a clear winner has not been established after applying this rule, go to rule b)
    2. The tied players are ranked based on the number of games played with the black pieces in the section. Any players who do not have the highest or equal highest score in these rankings will be eliminated. If a clear winner has not been established after applying this rule, go to rule c)
    3. The tied players are ranked based on their number of wins in the section. Any players who do not have the highest or equal highest score in these rankings will be eliminated. If a clear winner has not been established after applying this rule, go to rule d)
    4. The remaining tied players will play additional games against each other to establish a winner. The format of this will be decided by the Tournament Controller at the time, as appropriate.
11. Section winners must play off against other section winners for prizes. All initial sections must be completed by the end of July with those matches potentially deciding the outcome of the group prioritised at the discretion of the Tournament Controller who will mandate Quickplay if he thinks this is required to maintain the play-off schedule. Play-offs between section winners must be completed by the end of September.
12. The winner of each tournament will hold the cup for one year and, except for the winner of the Challenge Cup, will have the right (though not an obligation) to enter the next higher tournament the next year.
13. In the event of a player withdrawing or being disqualified from a group, the following rules apply:
    1. If the player has played more than half of their games, they will remain in the standings and forfeit their remaining games by default
    2. If the player has played half of their games or fewer, they will be removed from the standings and the results of any games played will not count for the purposes of the Tournament
    3. All games played will be graded, even if one or both involved players have been removed from the standings
14. As per Bye Law 2.1.1, all chess-related matters and disputes arising in any of the Company’s competitions shall be dealt with by the Tournament Controller.