

## SPTW Warwickshire Women's Rapidplay Rules

### Section A: General Rules

#### Rating

The tournaments will be submitted to the English Chess Federation (ECF) for national rating. Additionally, the Open will be submitted for FIDE-rating. It is a condition of playing in the SPTW Warwickshire Women's Rapidplay that the data submitted at the time of entry will be forwarded to the ECF and FIDE as required to enable the games rated by the ECF and FIDE.

#### Allocation of Ratings in All Sections

The ratings used for the tournament will be the following in sequence until a rating is found:  
ECF Rapidplay Rating (April 2024) – A, K or P categories only

Where a player has no ECF Rapidplay Rating, the organisers will assign an estimate based on all available data on a case-by-case basis, failing which the player will be assigned a rating of 0.

#### Level of ECF Membership Required

All entrants must be a Silver member of the ECF.

### Section B: Tournament Specific Regulations

Number of Rounds	5
Number of Half Point Byes Permitted	0
Time Control	Game/15 + 10'
Default Time	None: The player has until their time expires to begin their game
Schedule	Round 1                      Sunday, 28th April                      1300 Round 2                      Sunday, 28th April                      1400 Round 3                      Sunday, 28th April                      1500 Round 4                      Sunday, 28th April                      1600 Round 5                      Sunday, 28th April                      1700 Prize Giving                      Sunday, 28th April                      1800
Pairings Published for each Round	1245 for Round 1, ASAP thereafter
Tournament Sections	Open                      Open Secondary                      Under 1600                      Born on 01/09/2005 or later Primary                      Under 1600                      Born on 01/09/2012 or later
Entry Fee	£10
Refund Policy (Withdrawals)	Before 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                      £5 admin fee deducted 100% refund on remaining money paid 23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> April                      £5 admin fee deducted 28 <sup>th</sup> April                      No refund
Points Prizes (Open)	1 <sup>st</sup> £250 2 <sup>nd</sup> £100 3 <sup>rd</sup> £50
Points Prizes (Secondary and Primary)	>= 4½ points                      Gold medal >= 3½ points                      Silver medal >= 2½ points                      Bronze medal

### Section C: Prize Calculation

#### Entry Limit

Entry for the SPTW Warwickshire Women's Rapidplay is limited to 60 players in total.

The place prizes in all tournaments will be awarded to the player scoring the most points. There will be no tie-breaks applied, and in the event of a tie on points, any prize money will be shared equally between all tied players.

### **Prize lists**

Full prize lists for each tournament will be published online as soon as possible at the end of the tournaments. The event organisers will contact all prize winners as soon as possible to arrange for the payment of prizes.

## **Section D: Registration, Defaults & Pairing Alterations**

### **Re-pairings**

No re-pairings will be offered in the event of a player defaulting their game, the opponent will win their game by forfeit. If the opponent who wins their game by forfeit wishes to play a game, the organiser will make every effort to find another player to play against them in a ECF Rated game.

## **Section E: Miscellaneous**

### **Mobile Phones**

During play mobile phones and other electronic devices (such as smartwatches and fitbits) must be left with parents in the waiting area. A player must not have any such device about their person or carry it with them during play.

A player will be immediately forfeited if during the game any such device either

- (a) makes any sound; or
- (b) is found to be switched on; or
- (c) is found to be about their person or being carried by them.

### **Parental Responsibility**

Parents or guardians are responsible for their children during the tournament. The organisers and helpers are not able to act "in loco parentis" and are not able to take responsibility for any child's actions, or for the actions of anyone that may affect your child.

### **Liability**

The organisers accept no responsibility for any loss, theft or accident during the tournament.

### **Right to Refuse Entry**

The Chief Organiser reserves the right to refuse entry without being required to state a reason, and to transfer players between tournaments at any time.

### **Postal Entries**

No postal entries can be accepted.

### **Zero Tolerance to Abuse**

The Chief Arbiter is empowered to expel a who shows dissent by word or action towards an arbiter, or any member of staff connected with the tournament.