

## 2024 Solihull Junior Open Tournament Rules

### Section A: General Rules

#### Rating

The tournaments will be submitted to the English Chess Federation (ECF) for national rating. Additionally, Under 18 Group A will be submitted for FIDE-rating. It is a condition of playing in the 2024 Solihull Junior Open 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 (June 2024) – A, K or P categories only

Where a player has neither of these, the organisers will typically assign a player to the section with the lowest rating limit, unless otherwise requested by the entrant.

“Under 11” players must play in one of the Under 11 sections, except that if their rating is more than 1400, they may choose to enter Under 18 Group A.

#### 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 Bys 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, 23rd June	1300
	Round 2	Sunday, 23rd June	1400
	Round 3	Sunday, 23rd June	1500
	Round 4	Sunday, 23rd June	1600
	Round 5	Sunday, 23rd June	1700
	Prize Giving	Sunday, 23rd June	1800
Pairings Published for each Round	1245 for Round 1, ASAP thereafter		
Tournament Sections	Under 18	Group A	Open
	(01/09/2005 or later)	Group B	Under 1400
		Group C	Under 1000
		Group D	Under 800
	Under 11	Group A	Open
	(01/09/2012 or later)	Group B	Under 1000
		Group C	Under 800
		Group D	Under 600
Entry Fee	£15		
Refund Policy (Withdrawals)	Before 18 <sup>th</sup> June	£5 admin fee deducted 100% refund on remaining money paid	
	18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	£5 admin fee deducted 50% refund on remaining money paid	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	No refund	
Points Prizes (per section)	>= 4½ points	Gold medal	
	>= 3½ points	Silver medal	
	>= 2½ points	Bronze medal	

### Section C: Prize Calculation

### **Entry Limit**

Entry for the 2024 Solihull Junior Open is limited to 150 players in total. Any section with more than 20 players may be split by the organisers into smaller sections.

### **Postal Entries**

No postal entries can be accepted.

### **Byes**

Zero Point Byes may be requested by the Organiser.

## **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.

### **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.