

## 2025 Coventry 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 2025 Coventry 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 (March 2025) – 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 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, 23rd March	1100
	Round 2	Sunday, 23rd March	1200
	Round 3	Sunday, 23rd March	1300
	Round 4	Sunday, 23rd March	1400
	Round 5	Sunday, 23rd March	1500
	Prize Giving	Sunday, 23rd March	1600
Pairings Published for each Round	1045 for Round 1, ASAP thereafter		
Tournament Sections	Under 18 (01/09/2006 or later)	Group A Group B Group C	Open Under 1400 Under 1000
	Under 11 (01/09/2013 or later)	Group A Group B Group C Group D	Open Under 1000 Under 800 Under 600
Entry Fee	£15		
Refund Policy (Withdrawals)	Before 17 <sup>th</sup> March	£5 admin fee deducted 100% refund on remaining money paid	
	17 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	£5 admin fee deducted 50% refund on remaining money paid	
	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	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 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.