

THE BRITISH LAND UK CHESS CHALLENGE 2008

Following last year's event in which
72,503 children from **2161 schools and clubs**
took part, we are launching the 13th British Land UK Chess Challenge and hope for
even greater numbers this year!

These tournaments are massively popular because everyone in the school can take part and everyone wins prizes. The best players can then go through to the area MEGAFINAL and, skills permitting, to the NORTH/SOUTH GIGAFINAL and NATIONAL TERAFINAL!

In its first stage, the tournament is played once a week in school, either during a lunch break or in an after-school session. There is no travelling involved. Seven rounds are played, starting in the spring term, during which time children win badges, spots, mascots and other prizes. Rules of the tournament (given overleaf) have been kept simple, so that a teacher with only a basic knowledge of chess should be able to run it! All ages can take part and the qualifiers for the Megafinals are the top scorers in the tournament, plus leading girls and boys in 12 separate age groups from under 7 up to under 18.

Entry fee for the tournament is £36, which provides enough prizes for up to 30 players. If you wish to enrol further players, this can be done at a cost of £15 for each additional 15 players. **At the beginning of the Spring term 2008, you will receive your tournament pack of prizes etc., and you will be able to run your event straight away.** Along with your pack of badges, gold spots and mascots etc., there are full rules of the tournament and instructions for running it, plus tournament cards for each player and tournament score chart for the school notice board. Teachers find these tournaments stimulate interest in chess in their school, and many report large increases in the numbers of children in their clubs as a result.

NB Junior Chess Clubs are also able to enter.

To enrol just fill in the form below and send to Mike Basman, 7 Billockby Close, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2ED (0208 397 1826), enclosing a cheque made payable to UK CHESS CHALLENGE. Don't delay - enrol today!

Closing date for entries: 12th December, 2007 (later entries pay a penalty fee of £6)



Please enrol my school into The British Land UK Chess Challenge 2008.

I enclose my entry fee of £ _____

made up of 1 x £36 and _____ x £15 **PLUS** _____ extra trophies.
£36 for first 30 players £15 per extra 15 players @ £6 each (see over)

Cheque made payable to UK CHESS CHALLENGE

NAME OF SCHOOL _____ School Tel. _____

Address of School _____

_____ COUNTY _____ POST CODE _____

Parent/Teacher in charge _____ Tel. _____

Email _____ (For advice re despatch of package)

Senior School (over 11) Primary School (under 11) Other _____

Visit our website www.ukchesschallenge.com You can also enter and pay on line.

RULES (Primary, Secondary Schools and Clubs)

1. Seven rounds should be played in the tournament and sessions should last at least 20 minutes.
2. Minimum tournament size is 8 players.
3. Games are concluded by checkmate, opponent's resignation or agreed draw. If the game is not finished by the end of the session, points remaining on the board should be counted on the basis QUEEN = 9 points, ROOK = 5 points, BISHOP = 3 points, KNIGHT = 3 points, PAWN = 1 point. A player with an advantage of **3 or more points** is adjudged the winner, otherwise the game is drawn. Stalemate is also counted as a draw, as is not enough pieces to mate with (for example, king and knight v king; king and bishop v king; king and 2 knights v king).
4. Scoring in tournaments is 3 points for a win, 2 points for a draw, one point for a loss and 0 for absence. If there is an odd number of players in the tournament, a bye (scoring 3 points) is given to the player with no opponent. A player should not have more than one bye in the tournament. If a bye has to be given, it should be given to the lowest scoring player in the tournament if possible.
5. Pairings are to be done on a simplified **SWISS SYSTEM**. Before the first round, players are **roughly** listed in order of strength and the No.1 player plays No.16 (in a 30 player tournament), No.2 plays No.17 and so on. In a smaller tournament, say of 20 players, No. 1 would play No.11 and No. 2 would play No.12.
6. In the **second** round, players with **equal points** should play each other. Throughout the next 5 rounds, this principle should be observed as far as possible: that players on equal scores should play each other. Players can only encounter each other once in a tournament. As far as possible, colours should be alternated, i.e., if a player has white one round, he/she should have black the next. However, pairing players on equal scores takes precedence over alternating colours.
7. PRIZES (won as score is reached or passed)
 - 3 points **BADGE**
 - 6 points 1st Gold Spot
 - 9 points 2nd Gold Spot
 - 11 points **MASCOT**
 - 12 points 3rd Gold Spot
 - 15 points 4th Gold Spot plus **Victory Flag**
 - 17 points QUALIFIES FOR MEGAFINAL
(Players aged over 11 qualify on score of 15 points)
 - 18 points 5th Gold Spot
 - 21 points 6th **Gold Spot (plus JACKSPOT prize)**

The overall tournament winner will receive a trophy.

If you have run more than one tournament in your school and have more than one champion, you will need to send £6 for each additional trophy. (See Entry Form).
8. **Qualifying rules for Megafinal:** Any player scoring 17 points (15 points if aged over 11) or more will qualify for the Area Megafinal. **Besides this, the leading scorers at U7, U8, U9, U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U17 and U18, both boys and girls, also qualify, as long as they have played at least 5 out of the 7 rounds and providing that the place in the section has not already been taken by a player scoring 17 (15 seniors) or more points. If there is a tie for a place, the tied players all qualify.**
Ages are calculated as at midnight on 31.08.07.
There will be an entry fee per player of £9 to the Megafinal and £9 to the N/S Gigafinal.
There will also be an entry fee of £9 for the National Terafinal.
9. Disputes during the event are to be settled by the teacher/parent in charge, but any queries can be referred to the Tournament Organiser, Michael Basman (0208 397 1826) or email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com.
10. Several area Megafinals will be held on either Saturday 3rd May, Sunday 4th May 2008 or Monday 5th May; but many will be held later in May. You will be informed of your Megafinal by mid March and information will be posted on our website.
The Gigafinal, as last year, will be split into **North and South divisions**. The northern Gigafinal will be held at University of Manchester, Sackville Street M60 1QD on 5th and 6th July, 2008; the southern Gigafinal will take place on Saturday 12th July and Sunday 13th July, 2008 at Wellington College, Crowthorne in Berkshire. In both events the U10s will play on Saturday, and the 10s and over will play on the Sunday. It is not possible to transfer between Gigafinals. The Terafinal will be a two day event, held on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th August, 2008.
11. The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry without explanation.
12. **Website: www.ukchesschallenge.com for results and more information**

JACKSPOT PRIZE

FOR PLAYERS WINNING ALL THEIR
GAMES AND SCORING 21 POINTS

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when it is vital to make friends. The
outside of the mug is adorned with
attractive alien designs.*