

THE BRITISH LAND UK CHESS CHALLENGE 2010

Following last year's event in which

67,000 children from 2005 schools and clubs

took part, we are launching the 15th 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 2010, 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, enclosing a cheque made payable to UK CHESS CHALLENGE. Don't delay - enrol today!

Closing date for entries: 12th December, 2009 (later entries pay a penalty fee of £6)



Please enrol my school into The British Land UK Chess Challenge 2010.

Send to UK Chess Challenge, 7 Billockby Close, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2ED

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, 3 full points are given to the player with no opponent. This is known as a **bye**. 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 **Shaggy Pencil**
- 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 31/08/09.

There will be an entry fee per player of £12 to the Megafinal and £10 to the N/S Gigafinal.

There will also be an entry fee of £10 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 (07715 041320) or email: ukchesschallenge@aol.com.
10. Several area Megafinals will be held on either Saturday 1st May, Sunday 2nd May 2010 or Monday 3rd 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 on 10th and 11th July, 2010; the Southern Gigafinal will take place on Saturday 3rd July and Sunday 4th July, 2010 at Wellington College, Crowthorne in Berkshire. In the Northern Gigafinal the U7-U10s will play on Saturday, and the U11-U18s will play on the Sunday. In the South, U7-U10 Boys will play on Saturday, U11-U18 Boys and all Girls will play on Sunday. The Terafinal will be a two day event, held on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd August, 2010 at Warwick School in Warwickshire.

11. The organiser reserves the right to refuse entry without explanation.

12. **Website: www.ukchesschallenge.com for results and more information**

