

# Fun and education guaranteed!

When your pupils take part in The British Land UK Chess Challenge they are guaranteed fun and excitement and they will also learn to think and achieve as well!



The Chess Challenge is the most popular tournament in the world because it blends so many important factors together to make a chess experience appealing to everyone.

The tournament is very easy to run. All you need are a few chess sets and boards, a lunch-time or after school session and piles of enthusiastic pupils.



74,000 children took part last year because everyone is guaranteed a prize. First they win a badge, then gold spots to stick on the badges for each victory, then a special furry chess mascot – and so on.

The teacher does not need to be able to play chess, although it does help. Ability to organise children is far more important. The children benefit enormously in developing their spatial abilities, logical thinking, self control, determination and interactive skills.

**For new chess teachers, a special book is available "Teaching Chess the easy way to Learn". Apply to UK Chess Challenge, 7 Billockby Close, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2ED or email: UKChessChallenge@aol.com.**



**There are also excellent on-line lessons at [www.ukchesschallenge.com/lesson\\_passwords.html](http://www.ukchesschallenge.com/lesson_passwords.html) for new players at bronze and silver levels.**

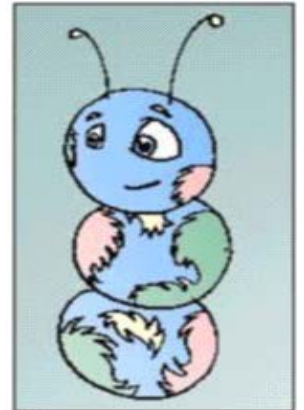
There is no travelling involved in the first stage of the competition which is held **in your school**. After that the best players from your school will qualify for the area or county stage held in 36 different venues in May 2007. Parents will usually take their children to these tournaments for a day of competition against the top players in their area. Here the section winners can achieve the title of Supremo (boys) or Suprema (girls) plus trophies and rosettes. About one third of the players qualify for the next stage, the Northern or Southern Gigafinals in July.





The North and South Gigafinals each attract about 1,000 players, and there is a top prize in each age/sex group of £100 plus the title of Ultimo or Ultima. Last year 65 players (32 boys and 23 girls) won this title. From those events, the last 250 players compete in the Terafinal and Challengers sections in August where there is over £10,000 distributed in prize money, including £2,000 top prize, £1,000 for the top girl, £1,000 for the top under 11 player and £300 for the top under 9 player. This year's winner of the top £2,000 prize and title of STRAT was James Hanley of Lancaster.

The British Land UK Chess Challenge strives to be representative, so at least one player from each age group goes through to every stage of the competition. In other chess competitions, girls are out-numbered by a factor of 10:1 by boys, so, in order to ensure a greater proportion of girls participating, there are separate sections and prizes for girls.



Unlike so many other sports that are physically based, chess does not put girls at a disadvantage; both sexes play happily together and often friendships are struck up which last a lifetime!



Nowadays all activities have to pass the ecological test. Chess passes this test with flying colours. It uses very few of the earth's natural resources and provides enormous enjoyment and satisfaction for a very small outlay on equipment. Chess sets and boards are inexpensive and last for years. There are many chess pieces extant which are over 1,000 years old!

Finally, it is vitally important to train our children in intelligent, logical thought and decision making to help them meet the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, and for this chess is the ideal pastime. Its international character makes it a PASSPORT OF FRIENDSHIP the world over.

So don't delay – give your children the gift of chess – the world's greatest game for young and old, boys and girls, men and women of all nations, all creeds, in the past and in the future!

**Entry forms available from UK Chess Challenge, 7 Billockby Close, Chessington, Surrey, KT9 2ED or download from the website [www.ukchesschallenge.com](http://www.ukchesschallenge.com)**

