

## **PART A - 2023 London Chess Championship - Summary**

### **2023 Championship Qualifier Event** (participation optional to 2023 Championship event):

Entry fee - \$10 or \$25 total for Championship event as well.

Dates - August 10th, 17th, 24th @ 6:10pm start.

Format - Regular swiss pairings, 6 rounds, 2 games per night.

Time control - 40 minutes sudden death.

Cash prizes - As per budget based on funds collected. Top score group finishers qualify into 2023 Championship A section group regardless of rating.

### **2023 London Chess Championship** (7 weeks, September 14th to October 26th)

Entry fee - \$ 20 - Registration deadline September 7th @ 7pm.

Dates - 7 weeks, Thursdays 6:10pm, September 14th to October 26th.

Format - 1 game per night, 7 rounds, 8 player single round robin groups by rating. Section winners play a title 2 game match in December 2023.

Time control - 85 minutes sudden death. Misc - All players must keep score and submit NCR score sheet provided or submit readable image of their score sheet. Registrants commit their ability to attend all dates of play. Some very limited flexibility is available. Section lot drawings and drafting on September 7th, 2023.

## PART B - 2023 London Chess Championship - Details

**Goal:** To determine two qualified winners into the 2023 Championship match.

**Format:** Two x 8 player round robin section events A1 & A2. One game per week, Thursdays @ 6:10pm.

**Dates:** Register before September 7, 2023 @ 7pm

Sept 7th, 2023	Draft & draw lots
Sept 14th, 2023	Round 1
Sept 21st, 2023	Round 2
Sept 28th, 2023	Round 3
October 5th, 2023	Round 4
October 12th, 2023	Round 5
October 19th, 2023	Round 6
October 26th, 2023	Round 7

**Re-scheduled games:** Allowed one per player (Rds 1-5) within reason, games must be made up by October 18th. No re-schedules allowed in rounds 6 and 7.

**Entry fee:** \$ 20, less \$ 5 if entry paid into 2023 Ch-qualifier of August 2023

**Time control:** Sudden death 85 minutes.

**Qualifying:** 16 spots for 2 x 8 player sections. Includes; players from top score group of previous qualifier. Most recent Club Active (Quick) Champion, Most recent Club B Champion, Highest club rated junior U18, Previous year section A1 & A2 winners. Remaining spots filled in by highest club rating. Preference is given to established rated players (within 100 rating points) over provisionally new rated players and those players active in the club within the last 5 years. In some cases club unrated players may also be deemed qualifying into the Ch-A section.

**Pairing placement:** Chosen randomly September 7th, 2023 @ club by choice of eight playing cards A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

**Prizes:** Top scorer of each section qualifies to the final 2023 City of London Ch-Match, plus a \$ 100 prize bond.

**Tie breaks:** Head to head results used when clear, next use playoff format appendix F.

**Declined spot:** If a player declines to move forward into Ch-Match, then the next in that section is offered their prize and vacant spot.

### **Section withdrawals:**

- by withdrawing the player forfeits their \$ 20 entry fee and is eliminated from the cycle.
- before 4 games are played, the players results are dropped from standings, but are club rated.
- after 4 games, results count and their remaining opponents receive unrated forfeit wins which count in the standings.
- If without valid reason, the withdrawing player is banned from competing in next year Ch. cycle.

## **Ch-Match**

**Goal:** To determine a championship match winner for title of 2023 London Chess Champion.

**Format:** 2 game match ( 4 game match if both players agree)

**Proposed dates:** Thursdays - December 2023

**Entry fee:** Covered by \$ 100 performance bond from Ch-Sections A1 & A2

**Time control:** Sudden death 85 minutes

**Match tiebreak system:** See Appendix F

**Colors:** Drawn by random lot at time of agreement by players.

**Setup:** Recommend a separate room or bids for location to Twitch live stream to club location.

**Withdrawal:** Player withdrawing forfeits their \$ 100 bond from the previous sections.

**Prizes:** City of London Championship title, plus \$ 200 immediate cash.

**Completion:** Once players complete their match participation commitment they can be paid their \$ 100 bond.

## **Appendix A - Prize fund and sample budget (subject to change) based on 16 entries.**

**Revenue** = (16 players x \$20) plus \$ 80 sponsorship (external) = \$400

### **Prize structure**

2023 Ch Winner = \$ 200, leaving \$ 100 for each section A1 and A2

2 x \$ 100 performance bonds for section A1 & A2 winners.

**Net surplus** = \$ 0

## **Appendix B - London B and C section championships**

The London B-Ch will in majority mirror the London Ch-A cycle outlined. The 2023 City of London B-Ch can seed into the 2024 City of London Ch-A the following year.

The London C Ch will in majority mirror the London Ch-A cycle outlined. The 2023 City of London C-Ch can seed into the 2024 City of London Ch-B the following year.

Ch-B & Ch-C prize structures based on \$320 = Ch match prize \$100, Section winners \$ 80.

Based on remaining participants after B-sections, the C-players may be split into C,D & E sections with comparable prize structures. Unrated players may be seeded into their estimated playing strength section.

### **Appendix C - Balancing of sections**

Once all players qualified into A sections are determined. Rank them in order by club rating placing those odd numbered listed 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 into section A1 and the even ranked players into section A2.

### **Appendix D - RR pairing lots**

#### **Annex 1: Berger Tables for Round-Robin Tournaments**

Where there is an odd number of players, the highest number counts as a bye.

#### **3 or 4 players:**

**Rd 1:** 1-4, 2-3. **Rd 2:** 4-3, 1-2. **Rd 3:** 2-4, 3-1.

#### **5 or 6 players:**

**Rd 1:** 1-6, 2-5, 3-4. **Rd 2:** 6-4, 5-3, 1-2. **Rd 3:** 2-6, 3-1, 4-5. **Rd 4:** 6-5, 1-4, 2-3. **Rd 5:** 3-6, 4-2, 5-1.

#### **7 or 8 players:**

**Rd 1:** 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5. **Rd 2:** 8-5, 6-4, 7-3, 1-2. **Rd 3:** 2-8, 3-1, 4-7, 5-6. **Rd 4:** 8-6, 7-5, 1-4, 2-3.

**Rd 5:** 3-8, 4-2, 5-1, 6-7. **Rd 6:** 8-7, 1-6, 2-5, 3-4. **Rd 7:** 4-8, 5-3, 6-2, 7-1.

#### **9 or 10 players:**

**Rd 1:** 1-10, 2-9, 3-8, 4-7, 5-6. **Rd 2:** 10-6, 7-5, 8-4, 9-3, 1-2. **Rd 3:** 2-10, 3-1, 4-9, 5-8, 6-7.

**Rd 4:** 10-7, 8-6, 9-5, 1-4, 2-3. **Rd 5:** 3-10, 4-2, 5-1, 6-9, 7-8. **Rd 6:** 10-8, 9-7, 1-6, 2-5, 3-4.

**Rd 7:** 4-10, 5-3, 6-2, 7-1, 8-9. **Rd 8:** 10-9, 1-8, 2-7, 3-6, 4-5. **Rd9:** 5-10, 6-4, 7-3, 8-2, 9-1.

### **Appendix E - Ch-A sections, draw by agreement rules**

**For Ch-A sections only, agreed draws cannot occur before White's 31st move is made. Failure to follow this rule will result in both players receiving a NIL point score into the event standings. This rule is not applicable to the Championship match of only 2 players in competition.**

### **Appendix F - Default tie-break systems**

**For two player tie-breaks, first default is head-to-head result, then next to playoffs on November 2nd, 2023;**

**- Two x Quick games, Time control 25 mins. + 10 second increment**

**- Two x Speed games, Time Control 15 mins. + 5 second increment**

**- Two x Blitz games continuously as required, Time Control 5 mins. + 3 second increment**

**For three players (plus) tie-break playoff system will be determined by LCC executive, unless in case one player has beaten all the other tied players head to head.**