

PLAYING CHESS — the key to success

BOOST THEIR BRAIN POWER, GIVE THEM CONFIDENCE

DEVELOP THEIR ENTHUSIASM

... it all comes from the Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge:

www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com

Learning with enjoyment is every teacher's holy grail, and this happens in the UK Chess Challenge, to over 60,000 children from 1800 schools, primary and secondary, every year.

The competitive element, and the fascination of chess itself, absorbs the children completely, and the fact that all contestants win small prizes encourages everyone to do their best.

"Out of a small school of 120, no less than 40 played in the Chess Challenge. Thank you for running such a worthwhile event" writes a primary school teacher.

"We as a school, students and staff, everyone who was involved, thoroughly enjoyed it. The Challenge also helped build much needed confidence in some of our SEN students" writes a secondary school maths teacher.

The tournament is EASY TO RUN, only one session a week is needed at lunch time or after school in the Spring Term; chess sets and boards are cheaply available from the UK Chess Challenge.

TEACHERS DON'T NEED TO BE GENIUSES! – almost no knowledge of the game of chess is required to run the event – full instructions and a set of prizes is provided.

FREE CHESS BOOK available from ukchesschallenge@aol.com – just ask for "CHESS, ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW".

Boys and girls compete on a level playing field.

THE NEW CHESS EVENT BEGINS SPRING TERM 2013 – apply now through the attached entry form or on line through the website.

Entry fee is still only £40 for up to 30 players! Don't delay, sign up today and get on board the greatest event of the year!

THE DELANCEY UK SCHOOLS' CHESS CHALLENGE 2013

Following last year's event in which
60,000 children from 1750 schools and clubs
took part, we are delighted to be launching the 18th Chess Challenge!

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 £40, 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 2013, 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, 2012 (later entries pay a penalty fee of £6)

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Please enrol my school into The Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge 2013.

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

I enclose my entry fee of £-----

made up of 1 x £40 and ----- x £15 **PLUS** ----- extra trophies.
£40 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 -----

Senior School (over 11) ☐ Primary School (under 11) ☐ Other -----

Visit our website www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.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 plays No.11 and No. 2 plays 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)**

JACKSPOT PRIZE

For players winning all their games
**ULTIMATE CHESS SCORE
BOOK**

Watch your opponents tremble when you turn up with this ultimate score book! Fits neatly into your inside top pocket or shoulder bag with flash pen, refill and state-of-the-art storage system.
A match winner!

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 31/08/12.

There will be an entry fee per player of £15 to the Megafinal and £15 to the N/S Gigafinal.

There will also be an entry fee of £15 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 4th May, Sunday 5th May or Monday 6th 2013 but many will be held at other times 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**. Southern Gigafinal will take place on Saturday 6th July and Sunday 7th July, 2013, at Rivermead Leisure Centre, Reading, Berks. The Northern Gigafinal will be held on Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July, 2013, venue NEW CHARTER ACADEMY, Broadoak Road, Ashton under Lyne, Lancashire, OL6 8RF. In the Northern Gigafinal the U7-U10s will play on Saturday, 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 17th and Sunday 18th August, 2012 at Loughborough Grammar School.

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

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