

# **The 55th Welsh Chess Championships**



**GOOD FRIDAY - EASTER MONDAY**

April 10<sup>th</sup> to April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

at

WHITCHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

(Upper School)

PENLLINE ROAD

WHITCHURCH

CARDIFF CF14 2XJ.

THE WELSH CHESS UNION GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE COST OF RUNNING THE CONGRESS  
FROM CJ DE MOOI and CHESS MAZE INTERNATIONAL  
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The Welsh Championship - See inside for qualifications ( a FIDE rated event)

The Welsh Ladies Championship

The Tom Weston Memorial Open/Major Championship is open to registered members of the WCU, ECF, or other National body ( no grading restrictions).

The John Bishop Memorial Minor Championship is open to registered members of the WCU, ECF, or other National body with a published grade of 1650 ( ECF 125 ) or below.

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## THE WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS

All the participants in the Welsh "Closed" Championship (Henry Golding Trophy only) must be registered members of the WCU and also "Welsh" qualified in at least one of the following ways:-

- a) Birth in Wales
- b) Child of a person who was born in Wales
- c) Spouse of a person who was born in Wales
- d) For the Welsh Championship (Henry Golding Trophy) and the Welsh Ladies Championship, any previous winner of the corresponding event
- e) Residence in Wales for at least two years immediately before the event in question
- f) Competing in the equivalent Championship in at least one of the three previous years

{Additionally for d) e) and f) the player must have played 7 gradable games in Wales IN EACH OF THE THREE YEARS prior to this championship} All players in closed championships must be registered members of the WCU at the time of entry to the event

In addition, all players must be qualified in at least one of the following ways:-

- 1) WCU grade of 1950 or above / FIDE grade of 1800 or above
- 2) Aged under 18 with a WCU grade of 1850 or above
- 3) Certified Welsh County Master
- 4) Players who achieved 4 or above in the 2008 Welsh Championship
- 5) Players who achieved 3.5 or above in any Open section of any of the following congresses:- 2008 Rhyl, 2008 Monmouth, 2008 West Wales, 2009 Newport, 2009 Dyfed.
- 6) Players who achieve at least 4/5 in the Open section of the last Welsh closed zonal individual championship held in each zone.
- 7) Previous or present Welsh Champions (Henry Golding trophy only)

### ENTRY FEES

*Championship : £25*

*Open/Major : £20    Minor £15*

*All juniors in Open/Major and Minor events entry fee is £5*

*All entries received after April 5th will be surcharged £5 extra*

### GUARANTEED MINIMUM FIRST PRIZES

*Championship : £300*

*+ Best under 21 - £75*

*Ladies Champion :- £75*

*Open/Major : £200*

*Minor :                    £150*

*Further prizes depend upon entries and will be announced at the championships*

*( In the Open/Major and Minor Championships, the highest placed Welsh player will receive a trophy to hold for one year)*

**In accordance with FIDE regulations Smoking is not permitted in the playing area.**

## ***TIMETABLE (All events)***

<b>Good Friday,10th April</b>	<b>Rd1</b>	<b>6pm-11pm</b>
<b>Saturday,11th April</b>	<b>Rd2</b>	<b>9.30am-2.30pm</b>
	<b>Rd3</b>	<b>3.30pm-8.30pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday,12th April</b>	<b>Rd4</b>	<b>9.30am-2.30pm</b>
	<b>Rd5</b>	<b>3.30pm-8.30pm</b>
<b>Easter Monday,13th April</b>	<b>Rd6</b>	<b>9.30am-2.30pm</b>
	<b>Rd7</b>	<b>3.30pm-8.30pm</b>

## ***RATES OF PLAY***

**All events - 35 moves in 105 mins,then all remaining moves in 45 mins.**

## ***Entry Form (Welsh Championships 2009)***

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Tel no: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Fide grade (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ National grade \_\_\_\_\_

Fide ID \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

WELSH CHAMPIONSHIP ONLY (Henry Golding) - I am qualified through clauses:

Byes requested in rd(s)

Entry Fee enclosed

Donation

**Please make cheques payable to "Welsh Chess Championships"**

**BYES :** (Championship only) A 1/2 pt bye may be claimed in rd 1 only  
(Other sections) A maximum of two 1/2 pt byes may be claimed in any of the first five rounds.

**All byes should be requested at the time of entry**

**WITHDRAWALS :** Regrettably, refunds will not be considered until the cost of overheads for the congress are met.

**EXCLUSIONS :** The organizers reserve the right to refuse or transfer entries.

**LATE ARRIVALS :** Will be allowed one hour on their clock in all rounds, AND THEN DEFAULTED

**GRADING :** The following grading lists will apply to this event:- April 2009 FIDE list, Jan 2009 WCU list, 2008 grading list of other federations.

**LADIES CHAMPION :** The Champion lady will have the highest score in the top section - a minimum score of 0.5/7 - if there are no entries in that section, then it will be the highest score in the next highest section etc.

**In all matters the Controllers`decisions are final**

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