

Junior Master Series

1st Online Grand Prix and Showdown

We believe all Juniors must compete on a regular basis to maintain and improve ability.

We are proud to present a new annual event that provides this opportunity for regular competitive games throughout the year.

Collect points in the qualifying events towards the Grand Prix Standings.

Collect 12 points in the Cup Finals to qualify for the Grand Showdown in November.

Dates:

Winter Cup Challenge	17 January, 31 January, 14 February	Cup Finals	28 February
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There are two tournaments every month, falling on the second and last Sundays in the month (with the exception of January!).

Morning events:

Under 7 - 10am – 1pm
Year of birth 2014 or later

Under 11 - 10am – 1pm
Year of birth 2010 or later

Under 13 - 10am – 1pm
Year of birth 2008 or later

Afternoon events:

Under 9 – 3pm – 6pm
Year of birth 2012 or later

Under 18 - 3pm – 6pm
Year of birth 2003 or later

- Join for an individual Cup Challenge (access to 4 events) or buy a season pass to play in all five Cup Challenges.
- Each Cup Challenge has 3 qualifying events and then a Cup Final.
- Players scoring enough points in the Cup Finals will qualify for the Grand Showdown in November.
- At the same time you can collect points from your best qualifying events to improve your Grand Prix score.
- Younger players can participate in older age groups by purchasing an additional ticket.
- Results will be sent for Online Rating by the English Chess Federation. Ratings are published monthly so players can watch their ratings improve through the year.
- Any questions? Email Tonymicolichess@gmail.com or angelaeyton@aol.com

Help Guide: How it works:

Cost :

Cup Challenge ticket: £15 per age group.

Season Pass (covering all five Cup Challenges): £50 per age group.

The Cup Challenge ticket price covers one Cup Challenge of four events.

This includes all three qualifying events plus the Cup Finals.

You can play in as many qualifying events as you like, even if you have already qualified.

The Season Pass covers all five Cup Challenges in one age group only: up to 20 tournaments for £50

All games will be played on Lichess.org in a secure 'TEAM' area.

1. If your child does not have a lichess account, please register on Lichess.org and we recommend you set the security settings to 'kid mode'.
2. Complete entry form at Eventbrite and make payment:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/chess-junior-masters-tickets-136194823383>
We will need information such as date of birth for grading and contact details for parents.
3. When you register, you will be sent an automatic confirmation email with the details to join the correct team on lichess to play in the age group tournament you have selected. There is a security process to join the teams on Lichess.
4. Please join the tournament team in advance. There will be a delay for manual verification to take place.
5. Once accepted into the team, please join the tournament date you wish to enter. Please note this is not done automatically, you must enter the tournament by pressing the join button. The username will automatically appear in the list of participants once you have joined successfully.
6. If you would like your child to have extra practice using lichess before any Qualifying events, please contact Angela for assistance angelaeyton@aol.com

Here are the links for each competition age group section:

U7: <https://lichess.org/team/junior-masters-winter-cup-challenge-under-7>

U9: <https://lichess.org/team/junior-masters-winter-cup-challenge-under-9>

U11: <https://lichess.org/team/junior-masters-winter-cup-challenge-under-11>

U13: <https://lichess.org/team/junior-masters-winter-cup-challenge-under-13>

U18: <https://lichess.org/team/junior-masters-winter-cup-challenge-under-18>

Age limit for each section is taken from the year of birth:

- U7 – Born in 2014 or later
- U9 – Born in 2012 or later
- U11 – Born in 2010 or later
- U13 – Born in 2008 or later
- U18 – Born in 2003 or later

In advance of the tournament:

- a) Login to Lichess.org
- b) Using the link above or in the confirmation email, ask to join the team (expect a short delay for manual verification).
- c) The event that is due to be played will have a gold Rabbit.
Click on the event with the gold Rabbit and press the green join button.
Entrants' name will appear on the list of entries in rating order.
- d) You may join more than one Junior Masters age group event.

Junior Master Series - All Cup Final and Qualifying Events:

- Morning tournaments will start at 10 am and afternoon events at 3pm.
- Time control is 10 mins + 5 second increment.
- There will be six rounds.
- We expect each event to take approximately 3 hours for completion.
- Please do not enter late as you will not be paired and will be given a ½ point bye for the round.
- Byes in the final round will not count for final score unless it is given due to no opponent.
- Once the first round starts the tournament will run continuously, there will be no official breaks. When the last game of each round is finished there will be a 5 minute count down timer for the next round to start for everyone. You can check on how many games are still in progress; clock times are on display; this will give an indication of how long is left until the next round.
- To play in the Under 7, Under 9, Under 11 and U18 Cup Finals, players must score 3.5 points or more in one of the corresponding qualifying events in the same Cup Challenge.
- Please note you can keep playing in Cup Final qualifying events after you qualify.
- You may join more than one Junior Masters age group event.

Collecting Points for the Grand Prix:

- Grand Prix points come from the Qualifying events only
- The highest score obtained from any one of the three qualifying events in each Cup Challenge will count towards the Grand Prix standings.
- Play in multiple qualifying events to improve your score.
- Grand Prix points will be recorded and updated after each event.

The Grand Showdown:

Collect 12 points or more from the five Cup Finals to qualify to the Grand Showdown in November. This is the big end of year 'Finale' with big prizes

Showdown Sideshow:

Last chance to qualify for the Showdown.

Prizes:

1st, 2nd and 3rd Place for all events.

We plan to have lots of prizes including books and free places at GM training camps. Further details to be announced.

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OFFICIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Junior Master Series is the name of the competition run by The Chess Training Company Ltd.

Organisers hope to:

- 1) Offer fun competitive chess online at a time when over the board chess is unable to take place.
- 2) Grow the event to make it a permanent online competition used for development purposes.
- 3) Run ECF and Fide rated events when chess is able to return over the board.

2. Eligibility:

Junior Master Series 1st Online Grand Prix and Showdown is open to anyone born in 2003 or later with ECF membership at Silver level or above. Membership is free for the first year and costs £6 a year after that.

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-rates-and-joining-details/>

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3. Rating and GDPR:

It is a condition of entry that players agree to their rating information being published by the ECF (English Chess Federation).

This information (Rating Reference Number, Name, Club(s), Ratings(s), Rating Category) is published as part of the Rating / Grading list on the ECF website.

If you wish to have these details withheld from the website version of the ECF Grading/Rating List please contact the [ECF](#).

4. Format:

All events are swiss competitions, not knockouts. This means that all players are expected to play in every round, unless awarded a bye for not having an opponent. If you need to withdraw from the event there is a withdraw button you must press to leave the tournament.

5. Timings for Qualifying Events:

Qualifying events will start at 10am and 3pm as per the published schedule and will run continuously for six rounds without any pre-set round times. Players must be ready to play at the start times.

Late arrivals: For Round 1 any late arrival will be given a ½ point bye.

There is a 5 minute break between the end of a round and the next round starting; the countdown begins when the last game is finished.

Time control is 10 mins plus 5 second increment.

6. Dates for Qualifying Events, Cup Finals and Showdowns:

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7. Qualification to the Finals.

To play in the Under 7, Under 9, Under 11 and U18 Cup Finals, players must score 3.5 points or more in one of the corresponding qualifying events in the same Cup Challenge.

Players who qualify for the Finals of a Cup Challenge may play in the other qualifying events to improve their score for the Grand Prix standings.

8. Byes

The expectation is that all players will play in every round but when there is an odd number of players available for a particular round, Lichess will award a player a one point bye.

Players joining late will given a single half point bye regardless of number of rounds missed.

A player may miss a game by going on pause. A half point will be awarded only once per event.

Byes in the last round will not count towards final scores.

Players scoring 3/5 should NOT go on pause and expect to be able to qualify.

9. Prizes and Trophies

Prizes for 1st, 2nd 3rd place in all events.

10. Cost of entry

One payment of £15 covers the cost of one Cup Challenge, i.e. three qualifying events and Cup Finals. One payment of £50 covers all five Cup Challenges; Winter, Spring, Summer, Holiday and Autumn.

11. Conditions of entry - Parental responsibility

Parents must agree to:

- the terms and conditions of Lichess
- the terms and conditions of this event
- sign the Fair play agreement as condition of their entry before their child can participate in this event.

Further details can be found here: <https://Lichess.org/terms-of-service>

12. Appeal Process

Lichess has an appeal process for anyone who has been flagged for breaching their terms and conditions.

<https://lichess.org/contact#help-appeal-cheat>