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Arriving by Car

Oaklands Sports Centre is located in Acomb, two miles south-west of York. The following route avoids congestion in the city centre:

- Approach York on A64 from Leeds and M1
- Take first exit signed A1237 York (North)
- Follow A1237 1 mile north
- At new roundabout bear right towards Acomb (not Woodthorpe)
- Follow Askham Lane 0.6 miles
- Take third right turn, Cornlands Road
- After 0.4 miles turn right into Oaklands School
- Oaklands Sports Centre is beyond the school.

Arriving by Train

The First York FTR bus service number 4 runs from opposite York station every 10 to 15 minutes. The journey takes 20 minutes. For Oaklands Sports Centre get off at Oaklands School, which is the third stop on Cornlands Road. A taxi for the same journey will take 10 minutes and will cost about £6.

Accommodation

There is a wide variety of accommodation listed in the York Visitor Guide available from the York Tourist Information Centre:
Telephone: (01904) 550099
Email: info@visityork.org
Website: www.visityork.org

A booking service is available for which there is a small charge.



FULPRINT 22nd YORK CHESS CONGRESS

Qualifying event for the
British Championship 2009.
2nd January - 4th January 2009

Oaklands Sports Centre
Cornlands Road
Acomb York
YO24 3DX



An English Chess Federation
2008/09 Grand Prix Event

Open Tournament

Open to all players.

The highest placed eligible player not already qualified will receive a place for the 2009 British Championship, Torquay 26 Jul to 8 Aug.

Major Tournament

Limited to players graded 160 and below.

Intermediate Tournament

Limited to players graded 130 and below.

Minor Tournament

Limited to players graded 100 and below.

Entry Fee

In all sections £25.

All ECF Members £23.

Juniors born after 1990 may deduct £3.

Prize Structure

In all sections prizes will be as follows:-

Every player scoring 5 points £270

Every player scoring 4½ points £170

Every player scoring 4 points £ 70

Grading Prizes

There will be three grading prizes in each section, each of £30, awarded to the lowest graded players scoring 3½, 3 and 2½ points. In addition, in the minor tournament, there will be a prize of £30 for the best ungraded player, and three voucher prizes for juniors.

Times of Play

Round 1 Friday Jan 2 19.00 - 23.00

Round 2 Saturday Jan 3 09.30 - 13.30

Round 3 Saturday Jan 3 14.30 - 18.30

Round 4 Sunday Jan 4 09.30 - 13.30

Round 5 Sunday Jan 4 14.30 - 18.30

Re-pairing

The controllers may repair a player whose opponent is absent 30 minutes after the start of play. An absent player will be defaulted after 1 hour.

Rate of Play

42 moves in 1 hour 45 minutes. After Black's 42nd move both clocks are turned back 15 minutes and the game completed in the time then available. All the above tournaments will be five round Swiss. The committee reserves the right to refuse or transfer any entry. The controllers' decision will be final in all matters and entry is deemed to be acceptance of this. Mobile phones must be switched off during play.

Gradings

The Congress will use traditional ECF grades. Players should give their highest current published grade. Ungraded players should give an indication of their playing strength and/or last published grade.

The Congress is a member of the English Chess Federation 2008/09 Grand Prix and results are eligible for grading in the ECF National List. ECF Members are entitled to pay the reduced entry fee of £23.



Refreshments

Refreshments will be available at the venue. Other facilities are available locally in Acomb.

Bookstall

A wide range of chess books and equipment will be on sale at a stall provided by Chess Direct Ltd., whom the committee thank for supplying the equipment for the Congress.

Byes

Players may request a half point bye in any one or more rounds on the entry form. Players may also request a bye in any round by advising the controllers before play finishes in the preceding round.

Entries

Please make cheques payable to 'York Chess Congress' and send with completed entry forms to: **Mr. A.J. Griffith, 22 Whin Road, York YO24 1JZ. Tel (01904) 705752 or mobile 07896 141028,** (or Neville Pearce 01904 491287) postmarked not later than 29/12/2008. Late entries will be subject to a surcharge of £2.00. Any entries accepted on Friday January 2nd will incur a surcharge of £5.00. If acknowledgement of entry is required please enclose a S.A.E.

Entry Form

Forename _____

Surname _____

Email _____

Address _____

Post Code _____ Tel: _____

Club _____

Grade _____ Source _____

ECF Grading Code (if known) _____

ECF Member No. (if applicable) _____

Tournament _____

Half point bye in round(s) no.

Date of birth (all players please) ___/___/___

I request that information on my grading be withheld from the ECF website

Fees enclosed

Entry fee **£23/£25**

Late fee/donation **£**

Total..... £

