

**2024 EJCOA YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS
NATIONAL FINALS**

**Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED
Friday 5th July to Sunday 7th July, 2024**

Five-round FIDE-rated Swiss Tournaments,
plus coaching, lectures and simuls by leading FIDE Trainers
Sections: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18, Under 20
(ages as of 1/1/2024)

Organised by the English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association (<https://ejcoa.co.uk>)

Sponsors include:

**Chess and Bridge Ltd
Nottingham Chess Foundation
She Plays To Win (SPTW)**

Total Prizes: £3,000*



Schedule:

Round 1: Friday 5 July, 6:30pm

Round 2: Saturday 6 July, 9:30am

Round 3: Saturday 6 July, 2:30pm

Round 4: Sunday 7 July, 9:30am

Round 5: Sunday 7 July, 2:30pm

- Time control for all tournaments: All moves in 90 minutes, plus 30 seconds per move.
- Default time is 30 minutes after the start of each round.

Total Prizes: £3,000*

*(*Please note: The organisers reserve the right to adjust the prize fund, depending on the number of entries)*

- The top boy and girl in each age group will receive a cash prize and a Champion's Trophy. Cash and other prizes will also be awarded specifically for other male and female players in each age group.

Please note: Half-point byes may not be taken in Round 5

To request a half-point bye, write to: timpeterwall@gmail.com

Emails should be headed 'EJCOA National Finals BYE'

Entry Fee: £45

Qualified players may pay the entry fee online here:

<https://ejcoa.co.uk/online-payments/nyc-regional-final>

Training Schedule

- Your entry to the EJCOA Youth Championships National Finals entitles you to **free entry to training events** over the weekend
- Between rounds, players are encouraged to have their games analysed with a coach.
- In addition, there will be a total of 15 half-hour 'Open Lectures' for any player who has finished their game.
- The lectures will be delivered by experienced EJCOA Coaches:
- FIDE Senior Trainer and ECF Registered grade 4 coach - IM Andrew Martin
- FIDE Trainer and ECF Registered grade 4 coach - IM Lorin D'Costa
- FIDE Trainer and ECF Registered grade 4 coach - FM Tim Wall
- FIDE Trainer and ECF Registered grade 4 coach - CM Rob Willmoth

Simultaneous exhibition and 'She plays to Win'			
Date	Time	Subject	Fide Lecturer
Saturday 8th July	1.30pm - 2pm	The Queens Gambit Revolution. Female players only	IM Lorin D'Costa
Saturday 8th July	6.30pm - 8.30pm	Simul Event. Andrew Martin, Lorin D'Costa, Rob Willmoth and Tim Wall take on all comers	FM Tim Wall / IM Andrew Martin / IM Lorin D'Costa / CM Rob Willmoth

Date	Time	Subject	Fide Lecturer
Fri 9th July	7.45pm - 8.15pm	Attacking the King	Andrew Martin
Fri 9th July	8.15pm - 8.45pm	Tactics Quiz	Tim Wall
Saturday 9th July	11.00 - 11.30am	Pawn Endgames	Andrew Martin
Saturday 9th July	11.30am - 12.00am	Learn from the Greats - Bobby Fischer	Tim Wall
Saturday 9th July	12.00am - 12.30am	Important Rook Endgames	Lorin D'Costa
Saturday 9th July	4.00pm - 4.30pm	Gambit Play	Tim Wall
Saturday 9th July	4.30pm - 5.00pm	The Isolated Queen Pawn	Lorin D'Costa
Saturday 9th July	5.00pm - 5.30pm	Mate in Two	Andrew Martin
Sunday 10th July	11.00 - 11.30am	Learn from the greats- Garry Kasparov	Andrew Martin
Sunday 10th July	11.30am - 12.00am	Greek Gift Sacrifices	Tim Wall
Sunday 10th July	12.00am - 12.30am	Doubled Pawns	Lorin D'Costa
Sunday 10th July	3.30pm - 4.00pm	Hanging Pawns	Andrew Martin
Sunday 10th July	4.00pm - 4.30pm	Opening Traps and how to avoid them	Tim Wall
Sunday 10th July	4.30pm - 5.00pm	Learn from the Greats - Magnus Carlsen	Lorin D'Costa

How to Enter the EJCOA National Youth Championships

Qualified players can pay their entry fee online here: Entry fee is £45

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How to Qualify

Players must be ECF silver members or above in the U18 and below or gold members for the U20 to play in the EJCOA Youth Championships National Finals, as all tournaments are FIDE Standard Play rated.

You can qualify for the 2024 EJCOA Youth Championships National Finals in one of three ways:

By winning your age section in a Regional Final of the EJCOA Youth Championships (one boy and one girl qualify from Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20 age groups).

1) By rating. Any player with a published current minimum ECF or FIDE standard play rating (as below) is entitled to enter the EJCOA National Youth Championships:

Under 8: 800

Under 10: 1000

Under 12: 1200

Under 14: 1400

Under 16: 1600

Under 18: 1700

Under 20: 1800

1) Wild Card entries. These players will be invited by the EJCOA Selection Committee, based on a combination of:

A) Performance in an EJCOA Youth Championships Regional Final.

B) Performance in other recent events.

Please note that all entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Capacity at Nottingham High School is limited to 150 players.

If you would like to play in the National Finals but do not currently have a place under the first two criteria, please apply for a **Wild Card entry** to the EJCOA Youth Championships National Finals organiser, Tim Wall, at: timpeterwall@gmail.com

Successful Wild Card applicants will be notified by email.

You may then pay the entry fee online here:

<https://ejcoa.co.uk/online-payments/nyc-regional-final>

How to get to the venue

[Directions to Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham NG7 4ED](#)

[Nottingham High School](#), a co-educational independent school near the centre of Nottingham, is 12 miles from the M1 if you are travelling by car.

By public transport: The school is 2 miles from Nottingham Railway Station, a 12-minute journey by tram.

The English Junior Coaches and Organisers Association

EJCOA (<https://ejcoa.org.uk>) is a national non-profit organisation of more than 350 chess coaches and junior organisers dedicated to the promotion and organisation of chess events for young people and the training of chess coaches. EJCOA runs regular in-person and online tournaments for young players, and training events for coaches. We work closely with the English Chess Federation, the FIDE Trainers Commission and the European Chess Union.

For more information or to join EJCOA as a coach or junior organiser, please contact our National Chair, Rob Willmoth, on: rob@coachingservices.net

National Affiliation

In accordance with ECF guidelines, players affiliated to Russia or Belarus are required to change their affiliation to 'FIDE' before entering the EJCOA Youth Championships National Finals. The procedure for playing under the FIDE flag has been simplified. Instructions can be viewed here: <https://www.fide.com/news/1758>)

Disclaimer

The organisers will accept no responsibility for any loss, theft or accident to competitors or any other visitors at the venue or in other surrounding areas. Parents are responsible for their children at all times, and in all places, during the event. The organisers of the event and their helpers are not able to act in 'In Loco Parentis'. They are not able to take responsibility for the actions of those attending the event, or the actions of anyone that may affect those attending the event.