



Venue

Prettygate Junior School
Plume Avenue
Colchester
Essex
CO3 4PH

A map of the venue can be found [here](#)

Car parking is available at the school, with overflow parking, and accessible off-road Sunday parking nearby

Sections

Our event is divided into five sections, depending on age or rating.

- Under 9
- Under 11
- Under 14
- Under 18 Minor
unrated players or ECF rating below 1300
- Under 18 Open

Organisers reserve the right to merge sections if needed

Ages are as before 1st of January

Schedule

U18 Minor Section

The U18 Minor section is for those under 18 years of age
These players are unrated in the ECF or have an ECF rating below 1300

ECF Membership & how to get started

You can learn more about the ECF Membership [here](#). This includes how to join to make the most of a free Silver Membership in your junior's first year, and how to take advantage of other member benefits (including a discount to our tournament!)

You can find out more about the ECF ratings, how to find the ECF rating code, and more [here](#)

Time Control

25 minutes plus 5 seconds increments for all categories

Default time will be 10 minutes after the actual start time

The event is a Swiss System pairing tournament of 6 rounds

All players are expected to play in all 6 rounds, this is not a knock-out tournament

Results

Tournament results will be submitted to the ECF for grading

Points from this tournament will be transferred to the Essex Junior Chess Association (EJCA) towards the Essex Junior Grand Prix. For more information on the EJCA Grand Prix, [click here](#)

Prizes:

Under 9, Under 11, Under 14

Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Under 18 Open and Minor

Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place

The number of entrants will determine the final cash prize

We will also offer 'Best Performance from Colchester Juniors Award'

Closing date of entry: gpm 22 September 2022, or if capacity has been reached before this date

Organisers

This event is organised by the [Colchester Junior Chess Club](#) and partnered with Essex Junior Chess Association (EJCA)

Colchester Junior Chess Club is a non-profit chess club in Colchester, Essex

Any donations made to the organisation or from this event will help the organisation grow, enabling junior chess players in Essex to gain greater access to learning about and improving their chess

Please send all enquiries to colchesterjrchess.org@gmail.com or via our [contact form](#)

Organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without explanation

Arbiter's decision will be final in all chess-related matters

Refreshments

Cold drinks, including coffee, tea, sandwiches and cake will be available for purchase at the event. Contactless available!

Hot takeaway food from [Crazy Chef](#) is just a 4 min walk away. They serve fish and chips, kebabs, pizza, and other hot food. Their phone number is 01206 514989, and you can find walking directions [here](#)

There is a Co-Op Food Store, only a 4 min walk from the school. You will find ready-made sandwiches there, along with other items for lunch and snacking. You can find directions [here](#)

Boots is also nearby and may have sandwiches, drinks, and nibbles. [Here](#) are the walking directions from the venue

Please be mindful of the food allergies (i.e., nut allergies) of some players when choosing snacks and food to bring to the venue - NO NUTS PLEASE

Photography

Chess Photographer, [Melinda Wilde](#), will take photos of the event. The photos will be used in our blog or other chess related publications. If you do not want your player included in the photos, please [contact us](#) to let us know in writing. Player photos will be available to view and or purchase after the event.

Fun

Our goal is to have a memorable yet competitive junior chess tournament. These tournaments are a fantastic opportunity for players to challenge themselves, meet new friends, or catch up with kids they may play online with (and finally get to say hello to!). We hope everyone can follow the rules and have a wonderful day.

However, there are a few things we must mention prior to your booking.

Organisers will not take responsibility for children and will need parental supervision throughout the day. If your junior is old enough to stay at the tournament alone, please make prior arrangements with the organiser in writing by email and provide emergency details. Safety is a priority for us. Our arbiters and volunteer committee have DBS clearance. Parents must supervise children when taking a break outdoors. ***Under no circumstances are children permitted to play in the nursery area outside.***

Thank you!

We do not take responsibility for lost or stolen items.

We are happy to answer all your questions, so please contact us at any time. We look forward to welcoming you to our chess event!

*Please note - only players need tickets for the event

Refund policy - £3 processing fee will be deducted from refunds

Saturday, 24 Sept Schedule

ROUNDS	TIME
Arrival	9:00 - 9:25
Playing Hall Meeting	9:30 - 9:45
Round 1	9:45 - 10:35
Round 2	10:45 - 11:35
Round 3	11:45 - 12:35
Round 4	13:15 - 14:05
Round 5	14:15 - 15:05
Round 6	15:15 - 16:05
Prize Giving	16:40 - 17:00

Arbiters

Michael Catabay
Mohammad Rezaul Islam

Contact Information before the tournament

If for any reason your junior can no longer attend, please contact
Melinda at colchesterjrchess.org@gmail.com

Emergency phone number for the day only

Michael Catabay 07838 085656
Helen Chung 07930 334979

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