

Essex Chess Association

Online Programme 2020-21 - Overview

- Timing of events – see [Schedule](#)
 - Series of Blitz and Rapid tournaments, starting at 7pm on Monday evenings. To complete within a 3 hour session.
 - Online Team Blitz – 10am to 1pm on a Sunday morning. A “Christmas Team Blitz”. Maximum 10 teams;
 - 5 round Online Championships run on a two week schedule. Players allowed to adjust timing of their match from the default if they so wish (as per the successful first event).
- All events to be played on lichess.org;
- All players to be ECA Members and ECF members;
- All games to be submitted to ECF Online Ratings thus supporting the ECF;
- All players to join the Essex Online team on lichess.org which will allow for messaging of communications via the platform;
- ECF Fair Play and Anti-Cheating (“OFPAC”) policy to apply;
- Zoom to be running during events, allowing for additional feedback and updates to all. Participation will be optional but encouraged;
- Vega to be used for pairings.

Blitzes and Rapids

The Blitz events will be a minimum of 5 rounds, according to entry, and will not all be the same rate; some will be quicker than others, so there should be something for everybody.

Rapids will be G10+5 allowing a comfortable five rounds in an evening session.

Team Blitz

Team Blitz will follow the same format:

- Teams of four from affiliated Clubs;
- Each game 7 minutes per player, no increments;
- Game points decide, Match Points tie-break;

Championships (standard play)

The previous standard play Online Championships, in the summer (2019-20), were popular, attracting over 50 entries. They offered three sections: Open, U150, U100. We anticipate something similar, dependent on entries.

Required Reading

We hope all who participate will enjoy these events. However, we can't do without Rules and Regulations, so please take some time to read the enclosures in this ECA Online Pack, 2020-21.

If you are new to playing chess online, take the time to familiarise yourself with the lichess.org platform requirements and procedures. Play some friendly games with a club colleague, to become familiar with issuing and receiving a Challenge (the way a game is set up online).

Links

ECA Website: www.essexchess.org.uk

Lichess: www.lichess.org

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Control Team

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