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99th Hastings International Chess Congress

**Sunday 28 December 2025
to Sunday 4 January 2026**

**Hornbye Park Sports Complex
Bohemia Road, Hastings, TN34 1EX**



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"A chessboard, like the sea, has unplumbed mysteries" Lord Dunsany

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❖ Con Power Christmas Tournaments

Sunday 28 to Tuesday 30 December 2025

❖ New Year Tournaments

Wednesday 31 December 2025 to Friday 2 January 2026

- ❖ Five-round Swiss tournaments, played over 3 days
- ❖ Various rating sections - all FIDE rated



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Hastings Weekend Congress

Five-round Swiss tournaments, played over 3 days

Friday 2 (evening) to Sunday 4 January 2026

- ❖ Multiple rating sections (all FIDE rated) — including an Open
- ❖ Friendly, competitive atmosphere for all levels
- ❖ *No clash with the Hastings Masters!*

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Hastings Masters



A nine-round Swiss played over 6 days - FIDE rated

28 December 2025 to 2 January 2026

Chief Arbiter: Alex McFarlane

Time Control: 90' + 30" per move

Free entry: GM / WGM / IM / WIM

26 Federations represented last year with 8 GMs and 11 IMs

Hastings: The Crown of Chess!

Few tournaments in chess history rival the legacy of the Hastings International Chess Congress. From its inaugural event in 1895—widely regarded as one of the greatest tournaments ever held—Hastings has drawn many of the world's top players. That first edition saw giants like **Wilhelm Steinitz**, **Emanuel Lasker**, **Siegbert Tarrasch**, and **Mikhail Chigorin** compete, only to be sensationally defeated by **Harry Nelson Pillsbury**, a relatively unknown American master whose victory stunned the chess world.

Since then, Hastings has welcomed an extraordinary list of champions, contenders, and creative forces, each leaving their mark on the game and on Hastings itself.

Some of our most legendary guests include:

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From world champions to trailblazers, Hastings has long been the meeting ground of chess legends past, present, and future.

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