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28 DECEMBER 2015 to 5 JANUARY 2016

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(Masters Tournament)

Monday 28 December 2015 at 14.05

by

Councillor Bruce Dowling

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Mr Dominic Lawson, President, English Chess Federation

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PRIZE-GIVING CEREMONIES

Masters Tournament:

Tuesday 5 January 2016: Approx. 21.15

attended by

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Mr Dominic Lawson, President, English Chess Federation

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Christmas Morning Tournament:

Friday 1 January 2016: 15.00

Christmas Afternoon Tournament:

Friday 1 January 2016: 19.00

Weekend Congress:

Sunday 3 January 2016: 19.00

New Year Tournament:

Tuesday 5 January 2016: 19.00

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DONATIONS

The Congress organisers thank the following competitors for donations received with entries at the time of going to press on 8 December 2015. We apologise for any inadvertent omissions.

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Masters Tournament.**

The winner will receive £100 in addition to the trophy.

SPECIAL EVENTS

(All events are subject to change: watch for notices)

Tuesday 29 December 19.00 - 22.00 Hastings & St Leonards Chess Club

Open Evening

Wednesday 30 December 20.30 Pairs Tournament at the White Rock Hotel

Monday 4 January 20.30 Blitz Tournament at the White Rock Hotel

APPEALS COMMITTEE

(this applies to all tournaments in the Congress)

Appeals may be made against an arbiter's decision on the Laws of Chess or of administration. An appeal must be lodged in writing within one hour of the arbiter's decision, accompanied by a £10 deposit (returnable if appeal is successful). The appeals committee will comprise an international arbiter not involved in the original decision and two players' representatives of international status.

PAIRS TOURNAMENT AT THE WHITE ROCK HOTEL

Wednesday 30th December 2015

20.00 for 20.30hrs

Each team consists of two players who play alternate moves without consultation.

The total Rating of the combined team must not exceed 4400.

The December 2015 FIDE rating will be used

For players without a FIDE rating
ELO = (ECF grade x 7.5) + 700.

Advice: success in such an event is more likely to depend on the playing strength of the weaker player not the stronger.

PRIZES

£80 £40 £20 Best team name: £20

Best score by a team of mixed gender: £10

Rate of Play: All the moves in five minutes, add on five seconds per move from the first. The higher rated player will make the first move for his/her team in the odd-numbered rounds.

Format: Five round Swiss

Decision of the arbiter will be final. Anyone arguing with the ref., or failing to follow his instructions, will be shown a yellow card and then a red card for a second offence. Such a team will then either be banned from the event or have two points deducted from its score.

This event is often oversubscribed – please enter early.

OPEN EVENING at Hastings & St Leonards Chess Club,

2 Cornwallis Terrace, TN34 1EB

7-10pm. Tuesday 29 Dec. Free tea/coffee.

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THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all again to Hastings for the 91st Hastings International Chess Congress. As I mentioned last year, it is good to see both old and new players once again in Hastings. We are very proud of our long history in supporting and promoting the game of chess and have, in the past, welcomed some very famous players and others who went on to become so.

I remember when I was at school a teacher of mine, Mr Frank Rhoden. He was then an international chess referee. Together with my father, my teacher taught me to play chess, as he did many other boys at our school. He was a member of the Hastings Chess Club and helped a lot of people to appreciate chess, building on the interest shown in the game in Hastings over the years.

With the high standard of players that attend the Congress annually I believe this year will be another resounding success. I congratulate the organisers on the work they have done to organise this event and look forward to some challenging and exciting games.

I wish all of the organisers and competitors a very enjoyable time while in Hastings. May I also take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year for 2016.

With all best wishes

Cllr. Bruce Dowling.
Mayor of Hastings.

PAST WINNERS OF PREMIER/MASTERS

1895	H.Pillsbury	1961	M.Botvinnik	1990	E.Bareev
1920	F.D.Yates	1962	A.Kotov	1991	E.Bareev
1921	B.Kostich		S.Gligoric	1992	E.Bareev
1922	A.Rubinstein	1963	M.Tal		J.Polgar
1923	M.Euwe	1964	P.Keres	1993	J.D.M.Nunn
1924	G.Maroczy	1965	W.Uhlmann	1994	T.Luther
1925	A.Alekhhine		B.Spassky	1995	S.Conquest
	M.Vidmar	1966	M.Botvinnik		A.Khalifman
1926	S.Tartakower	1967	F.Gheorghiu		B.Lalic
1927	S.Tartakower		S.Suetin		M.Hebden
1928	F.Marshall		L.Stein		J.D.M.Nunn
	E.Colle		V.Hort		E.Rozentalis
1929	J.Capablanca	1968	V.Smyslov	1997	M.D.Sadler
1930	M.Euwe	1969	L.Portisch	1998	I.Sokolov
1931	S.Flohr	1970	L.Portisch	1999	E.Sutovsky
1932	S.Flohr	1971	V.Korchnoi	2000	S.Conquest
1933	S.Flohr		A.Karpov		K.Sasikiran
1934	Sir George Thomas	1972	B.Larsen	2001	A.Barsov
	M.Euwe	1973	G.Kuzmin		P.Harikrishna
1935	R.Fine		L.Szabo	2002	K.Sasikiran
1936	A.Alekhhine		M.Tal	2003	PH.Nielsen
1937	S.Reshevsky		J.Timman		VK.otronias
1938	L.Szabo	1974	V.Hort	2004	J.Rowson
1939	F.Parr		D.Yanovsky	2005	V.Below
1945	S.Tartakower	1975	D.Bronstein	2006	V.Neverov
1946	C.H.O'D.Alexander		V.Hort		M.Gagunashvili
1947	L.Szabo	1976	W.Uhlmann	2007	V.Neverov
1948	N.Rossolimo	1977	O.Romanishin		VM.alakhako,
1949	L.Szabo	1978	R.Dzindzhashvili	2008	N.Mamedov,
1950	W.Unzicker	1978	U.Andersson	2009	V.Neverov
1951	S.Gligoric	1979	U.Andersson		I.Kurnosov
1952	A.Medina	1980	J.D.M.Nunn		R.Edouard
	J.Penrose	1981	U.Andersson		M.Hebden
	H.Golombek	1982	V.Kupreichik		D.Howell
1953	D.Bronstein	1983	R.Vaganian	2010	A.Istratescu
	C.H.O'D.Alexander		L.Karlsson		S.Deep
1954	V.Smyslov	1984	J.S.Speelman	2011	A.Das
	P.Keres	1985	E.Sveshnikov	2012	Y.Wang
1955	F.Olafsson	1986	M.Petursson	2013	G. Jones
	V.Korchnoi		M.G.Chandler		M.Mchedlishvili
1956	S.Gligoric		S.Lputian		I.Khenkin
	B.Larsen		B.Larsen		Q.Ma
1957	P.Keres	1987	N.D.Short		J.Vakhidov
1958	W.Uhlmann	1988	N.D.Short		J.Sarkar
1959	S.Gligoric	1989	S.Dolmatov	2014	J.Radovanovic
1960	S.Gligoric				M.Hebden
					J.Zhao

PLAYERS IN THE HASTINGS MASTERS 2015 - 2016

Ferenc Berkes HUN GM 2650. We are being invaded by Hungarian players this year - well there are 5 of them. He has been a GM since 2002. He scored 6/7 in Southend this year. Perhaps he, and many of the GMs here, finds it difficult to make progress as a player as most of his activity is in open Swisses.

Igor Khenkin GER GM 2605. Tied for first place in the Masters in 2013-4.

Aleksander (Alek) Mista POL GM 2567 had a good result in May, scoring 6½/8 against a field of similar rating to his own.

Gyula Pap 2551 GM is here with two of his IM friends, **Mate** (What an appropriate name!) **Bagi** 2440 and **Gabor Nagy** 2403 all HUN.

Jahongir Vakhidov UZB GM 2546 was also in the big pile-up in 2013. He is a frequent visitor to England and unsurprisingly, being 20 years old, is continuing to make progress. He scored 6½/9 here last year.

Sarunas Sutskis LTU GM 2535 is a popular visitor and last played in 2012-2013. He may be staying with

Rasa Norinkeviciute WEM LTU 2036 who played the Chess/Archery game against **Francis Rayner** WLS 2106. Both are members of Hastings Chess Club.

Daniel Gormally ENG GM 2506 heads the English cast. He performed exceptionally well in the British Championship, unbeaten with 8/11.

Keith Arkell ENG GM 2490 still plays a great deal of chess. He scored 7½/9 in the Vienna Open. He is the most recent of our 13 GMs to enter. The lure of Hastings was simply too great.

Tamas Fodor HUN GM 2492 lives in London. He is a professional chess coach. He won the Major Open at the British Championships. That is hardly surprising, several of his opponents were at least 400 points lower rated.

Oleg Romashin UKR GM 2462 won the Premier in 1976. He was one of the giants of chess in that period.

Mark Hebdon ENG GM 2469. He and Keith remain very active. Recently his results have slipped disappointingly. But in June he score 7/9 in Oslo and came 2=3 in the British Rapidplay with 9/11. He is another player who featured in the tie in 2013.

Glenn Fear ENG GM 2459 scored 6/9 in both the last Hastings Masters and when playing for England in the World 50+ Team Championship. He is also active as a chess coach and is bringing some students here.

Simon Williams ENG GM 2439 scored 7½/1 in the British Championship. He is a well-known commentator on chess, having starred in several DVDs. He is one of the commentators on the new TV series 'Checkmate', which should be on British TV next year.

Justin Sarkar USA IM 2407 was also in the 2013 monster tie.

David Egglestone ENG IM 2396 is quite active all over the place. He scored 5/9 in the Poker/Stars IOM Open.

Chandraparti Krishna IND IM 2367 did very well in the Delhi Open in January scoring 6½/10 against a very strong field.

Robert Bellin ENG IM 2350 isn't very active these days. He scored 5½/8 against rated opponents here last year. Few of you will be old enough to remember that he was King of the Weekend Swisses in the early 1970s.

Richard Bates ENG IM 2331 is another home-grown player.

Vladimir Prosvirnikov USA IM 2232 is quite active. He has played in Hastings several times and scored 4½/9 last year, fading in the second half of the event.

David Gluckman RSA IM 2219 is here with his son **Paul** 1742. When David last played in Hastings, he had to play as ENG as South Africa were barred from FIDE at the time.

Bernard Cafferty ENG FM 2096 has now lived in Hastings for many years. He used to edit BCM and has written several chess books.

CONGRESS DIARY - DATES AND PLAYING TIMES

	MASTERS	OTHER EVENTS
Mon 28 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 1: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 1: 14.15 – finish
Tues 29 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 2: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 2: 14.15 – finish
Wed 30 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 3: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Thurs 31 Dec	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 4: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 4: 14.15 – finish
Fri 1 Jan	14.15 – finish	Christmas Morning Round 5: 09.30 – finish Christmas Afternoon Round 5: 14.15 – finish Weekend Round 1: 19.00 – finish
Sat 2 Jan	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 2: 09.30 – finish Weekend Round 3: 14.15 – finish
Sun 3 Jan	14.15 – finish	Weekend Round 4: 09.30 – finish Weekend Round 5: 14.15 – finish
Mon 4 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Round 1: 09.30 – finish New Year Round 2: 14.15 – finish
Tues 5 Jan	14.15 – finish	New Year Round 3: 09.30 – finish New Year Round 4: 14.15 – finish

PLAYERS' REPRESENTATIVE

The Hastings Chess Congress Committee includes a Players' Representative. Nominations are invited for this post for the forthcoming year. Nominees must have played in at least two of the last four Hastings Congresses including this one. Nominations may be made before the Congress in writing or by e-mail. These will be shown on the Congress website. Nominations may also be made at the Congress before 31st December. 2015. Voting will take place during the Congress after that date. See the Congress website for further details. *Anyone wishing to find the Players' representative, please ask an arbiter who will point him out.*

CONGRESS WEBSITE www.hastingschess.com

A selection of Masters games will be shown as well as results (including final cross-tables) of all tournaments.

Stewart Reuben

RATES OF PLAY

Masters: 40 moves in 100 minutes, followed by 20 moves in 50 minutes, followed by all remaining moves in 15 minutes, with the addition of 30 seconds for each move from the start.

Christmas Morning and Afternoon and New Year Tournaments and Weekend Congress: all moves in 110 minutes, with an extra 10 seconds for each move. Each player must keep score until the time remaining on his clock has dropped below 5 minutes. Once a player has stopped scoring under this rule, he does not need to resume scoring if his time then increases to above 5 minutes.

Default time: Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session in any tournament shall lose by forfeit, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

PRIZE FUND

Masters

The winner(s) of the Masters will hold the Golombek Trophy for one year.

Prizes: £2000, £1,200, £750, £500, £350, £250, £200, Horniye "Winner of Best Game" Prize + trophy.

Plus £200 each for:

- the highest placed female player
- the highest placed player who is neither a GM nor IM
- best relative FIDE rating performance by a player rated under 2200.
- best relative FIDE rating performance by a player aged under 18.

No player may win both rating prizes

The three highest placed eligible players not already qualified will be entitled to play in the British Championship in 2016 in Bournemouth.

Alan Huswalye will present a prize for best performance against rating.

GM Chris Ward will provide commentaries on the games in progress, starting at 14.45 each afternoon.

Christmas Morning, Christmas Afternoon (for each section)

£130, £80, £50 plus a grading prize of £30

New Year (for each section)

£120, £75, £50 plus a grading prize of £30

Weekend Major – FIDE rated

£300, £200, £100, plus a Rating Prize of £50 for those with a published FIDE rating below 1900

Weekend Minor

£300, £200, £100 plus a grading prize of £50 for players below ECF 135

Weekend Under-120

£100, £75, £50, £25 plus grading prizes of £25 for players graded below ECF99-80 and ECF 80

Note: Only players with published current ECF grades may win grading prizes. No player may win more than one prize in any single tournament (this does not apply to the special £200 prizes in the Masters)

FIDE RATED BLITZ TOURNAMENT

Monday 4th January 2016

The White Rock Hotel

20.30hrs

Entry Fee: £2 if FIDE rated
£5 if not FIDE rated

Prizes: All entry fees will be returned as prizes

Rate of Play: All the moves in 3 minutes, add on two seconds per move from the first.

Once again we are running an event where players can have a good time, unrated players can get a blitz rating in one evening and players can improve their rating.

The Standard Play ratings will not be affected by the blitz or rapid play results.

Where players are already FIDE rated but do not have a blitz rating, their Standard Play rating will be used initially.

The tournament will be a Swiss. Unrated players will be able to secure at least a partial FIDE blitz rating.

The K factor for all players will be 20. If a rated player plays more than 35 games in a monthly period, then his new rating will be his Tournament Rating Performance for that period.

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MASTERS: (9 rounds 90 players) J.Zhao (CHN) 8, A.Fier (BRA) G.Kjartansson (ISL) A.Mista (POL) 7.

CHRISTMAS MORNING A: (5 rounds 16 players) P.Kelly (St.Leonards-on-Sea) 4, D.Heath (Mardstone) 3.5, M.Cutmore (Ashford), H.Hjort (St.Leonards-on-Sea), C.Howell (Bexhill), M.Lichte (GER), V.Rumsey (Folkestone) 3

CHRISTMAS B: (5 rounds 16 players) J.Wright (London) 4.5, A.Hibbitt (Newport), C.McAleenan (London) 4, B.Rouane 3.5

CHRISTMAS MORNING C: (5 rounds 17 players) D.Reid (Glasgow) 4.5, L.Bullock (Islington), J.Davis (Betchworth?) P.Smith (Howe), M.Stone (Orpington) 3.5, R.Bedwell, A.Roberts 4

CHRISTMAS MORNING D: (5 rounds 18 players) I. Brooke (Oxford), D.Fowler (Snodland), J.Hudson (Bexhill-on-Sea) 4 T.Allen, A. Cload (Hastings), C.Fraser 3

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON A: (5 rounds 20 players): S.Blewitt (Hastings), D.Cutmore (Woodford Green) J.Goldenboog (GER) 4, H.Hjort (St Leonards-on-Sea) J.Wells 3.5

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON B: (5 rounds 20 players) D.Lowe (Bartle) 4.5, T.Crouch (London), P.Foley (Rainham), E.Kyrkjebo(NOR) 3.5 M.Gunn (Guildford), J.Hudson (Bexhill), H.Tassell (T.Wells) 3

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON C: (5 rounds 18 players) F.Ainscow (London) 4.5, C.Fraser 4, S.Rowles (Aberystwyth), R.Smart (Eastbourne), R.Webb (Hastings) 3.5

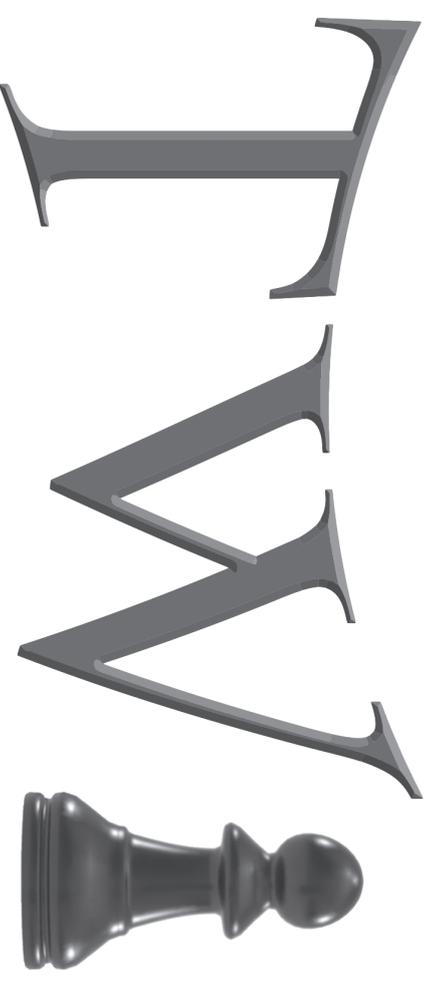
NEW YEAR A: (4 rounds 21 players) H.Hjort (St Leonards-on-Sea), J.Wright 3.5, J.Anstead, P.Kelly (St.Leonards-on-Sea) 3 D.Lawson, N.Regan, J.Wells, P.Wood (Hastings) 2.5

NEW YEAR B: (4 rounds 21 players) O.Jebari 4, A.Fraser (Orpington), R.Kearsley (London), A.Pay 3, D.Howes, F.Pearce, S.Rowles, O.Selby 2.5

WEEKEND MAJOR: (5 rounds 36 players) K.Kalayannan (Coulson) 4.5, J.Wright (London) 4, H.Cove (Hawkhurst), P.Jackson (Kenley), B.O'Gorman (London) 3.5

WEEKEND MINOR: (5 rounds 42 players) C.Heath (Rudgwick) 4.5, D.Gilbert (Welling) R.Poolley (Heme Bay) M.Wilson (Paignton) 4, C.Cook, J.P. Opedal, D.Ort (Bexley), A.David (Birkenhead) 3.5

WEEKEND U-120: (5 rounds 27 players) L.Brockwell (Bexleyheath), R.Rattesan (Kingston) 4.5, C.La Baigue (Margate) 4, D.Howes (S.Croydon), P.Hughes (Birmingham), N.Lang (Bromley) 3.5



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DRINKS

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Coffee	£1.00	Soup of the day + roll	£3.00
Cappuccino/Latte/	£1.00	Jacket Potato –	£4.00-£5.00
Hot Chocolate	£1.60	Choice of Fillings	
Fruit Juice	£1.30	(plain/butter,cheese,beans, tuna,prawn).	Extra filling £0.50
Bottled Water	£1.00	Half pizza with salad or chips	£4.50
Canned drinks	£1.00	Whole pizza	

BREAKFAST 8.30HRS – 11.00HRS

Danish Pastries	£1.50	LUNCHES 12.00HRS – 15.00HRS	
Croissant/Pain		There will be two options to choose	
au Chocolat	£1.50	from each day	
Toast/Butter/Lam	£2.00	See daily “Specials” boards	
Egg on Toast	£2.50	£4.50 - £6.00	
Beans on Toast	£2.50	Chilli con Carne/Vegetarian Chilli –	

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Sausage, 2 slices bacon, egg, beans or tomatoes & toast	£5.00	Rice or Jacket Potato	
With tea or coffee	£5.50	Fish, Chips and Peas	
		Ham, Egg and Chips	
		Roast Chicken dinner or vegetarian option	
		Cauliflower Cheese	
		Curry with Rice or Jacket Potato – Vegetarian option	

SNACKS – available all day

Selection of sandwiches from	£2.00	Vegetable pasta & Garlic bread	
Sausage Rolls	£1.20	Sausage, Chips, Beans or Egg	
Vegetable Pasty	£1.40	Yorkshire Pudding, Sausage & Mash	
Cheese & Onion Pasty	£1.40	Lasagne, chips or Salad & Garlic bread	
Cornish Pasty	£1.60	Cottage Pie & vegetables	
		Meat pie, Mashed potato & Peas	

HOT SNACKS 11.00HRS – LATE

Chips	£1.80	A SELECTION OF DESSERTS, CAKES	
Cheesy Chips	£2.10	AND FRUIT WILL BE AVAILABLE AT	
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Cheeseburger	£3.20		

IMPORTANT: ONLY FOOD AND DRINK, INCLUDING ALCOHOL, PURCHASED ON THESE PREMISES MAY BE CONSUMED HERE

GENERAL RULES AND NOTICES

Laws: Games are to be played according to the FIDE Laws of Chess except that “descriptive” notation is allowed in tournaments other than the Masters and Weekend Major. The English Chess Federation tournament rules may be used as a guide in cases not provided for in the FIDE Laws.

Default Time: Players arriving 30 minutes or more after the start of a session in any event shall lose by forfeit, unless the arbiter decides otherwise.

Swiss System tournaments: All matters related to the running and drawing of rounds in these tournaments will be conducted in accordance with the rules formulated by the English Chess Federation and applied in its own tournaments.

Times of Play: These may be varied only with the express permission of or by direction of the arbiters.

Score Sheets: In all tournaments each player must hand in the top copy to the arbiter immediately the game is finished.

English Chess Federation Grand Prix: All eligible results will count for the Grand Prix and other appropriate competitions.

International Rating: Results in the Masters and Weekend Major tournaments will be submitted to FIDE, with whom these tournaments have been registered. The FIDE Rating List of December 2015 applies.

The-break, Masters Tournament: If needed to decide the places in the British Championship, tie-break will be (a) Sum of Progressive Scores and, if still necessary, (b) Sum of Opponents Scores, (c) the results between players involved in the tie, provided that they have all played each other.

Mobile Phones and Electronic Devices: During play, any electronic device should be left outside the playing venue or be completely switched off and placed in a bag in the playing area. The bag must then not be moved until a player’s game is over. The playing area for a player is the large hall. The playing venue extends to adjoining corridors, toilets, refreshment areas and smoking areas adjacent to the nearest exits of the building. During play, a player may not leave the playing venue at any time without the permission of an arbiter.

Smoking: Smoking, including the use of e-cigarettes, is not allowed in the playing venue. Smoking is only permitted outside the Horntye building.

Award of Prizes: Where players finish equal, cash prizes will be shared. However, if a player wins more than one cash prize they will receive the larger of the prizes. The smaller prize will be distributed to other players (in the case of level scores or re-awarded to the next placed eligible player(s)).

The application and any interpretation of this rule will be decided by the Director, whose decision shall be final. This rule does not apply to the special £200 prizes in the Masters.

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