



2017 Ayr Chess Congress

A Scottish Chess Tour Event

Friday 26th May to Sunday 28th May, 2017

**Venue – Windows on the Ocean, Mercure Hotel,
Dalblair Road, Ayr, KA7 1UG**



**All Events: Five round Swiss tournaments played
under the rules of Chess Scotland.**

TOURNAMENTS

OPEN

Open to all players
OPEN WILL BE FIDE RATED

MAJOR

Under 1850 (ECF Under 167)
MAJOR MAY BE FIDE RATED DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF
PARTICIPANTS ALREADY FIDE RATED

MINOR

Under 1450 (ECF Under 127)
NOT FIDE RATED



PLAYING SESSIONS

Round 1 - Friday	6.30pm to 10.30pm
Round 2 - Saturday	10.00am to 2.00pm
Round 3 – Saturday	3pm to 7.00pm
Round 4 – Sunday	10.15am to 2.15pm
Round 5 – Sunday	3pm to 7.00pm

The Venue

The venue for the tournament, the Mercure Hotel in Ayr, is centrally located in the heart of the town. The hotel is conveniently placed for those travelling by bus, car or rail. The beach and promenade are just a short walk away and the sea can be seen from the playing area.

www.mercureayr.co.uk



Accommodation

Special room rates for the tournament are available.

Double or twin room at £97.00 per room

Family rooms at £107.00 per room.

Single room at £73.00 per room.

All players can book direct on 0844 815 9005 opt 3 quoting booking ref AYR270517.

This is the only method which guarantees the agreed rates on offer.

Open, Major and Minor

Entries should be received by Wednesday 24th May 2017.

ENTRY FEES

TITLED (GM, IM, WGM, FM, WIM, WFM)

FREE if entry received before 18th April 2017, otherwise £25

JUNIORS (under 17 at 27/05/17) - £17

ADULTS - £25

DISCOUNTS

Chess Scotland Members – Chess Scotland members may deduct £2.

Details of Chess Scotland membership and Chess Scotland fees can be found on the Chess Scotland website www.chessscotland.com .





Rate of play: Incremental Time Control. All moves in 90 minutes with 30 second increments from move 1. There will be no quickplay finishes.

Players without opponents will be repaired after 30 minutes where possible. A ½ point bye may be taken in any round, provided it is done so before the congress starts.

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

All the latest news on the congress and other events at

www.scotchesstour.co.uk

Follow us on twitter [@scotchesstour](https://twitter.com/scotchesstour)

Find us on Facebook – Scottish Chess Tour

GRAND PRIX EVENTS

Events will form part of the ChessBase Grand Prix and (where appropriate) the Walter Munn Junior Grand Prix organised by Chess Scotland



CONDITIONS

The organisers reserve the right to:

- Increase or decrease prize money.
- Transfer entrants between events.
- Split or merge events depending on numbers.
- Withhold prizes from ungraded players if they play in events below their known strength.
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse entry without assigning a reason.
- Take any other measures deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the congress.

PRIZES

Open

1st - £200, Phyllis Anderson Cup & Gold Medal.

2nd - £100 & Silver Medal 3rd - £50 & Bronze Medal

Grading Prize – £25



Major

1st - £200, George Congalton Cup & Gold Medal.

2nd - £100 & Silver Medal 3rd - £50 & Bronze Medal

Grading Prize 1 - £25 Grading Prize 2 – £25



Minor

1st - £200, Catharine Orrock Cup & Gold Medal.

2nd - £100 & Silver Medal 3rd - £50 & Bronze Medal

Grading Prize 1 – £25 Grading Prize 2 – £25 Iain Fraser

Junior Cup

1st - £75, Iain Fraser Cup & Gold Medal.

2nd - £50 & Silver Medal

3rd - £25 & Bronze Medal

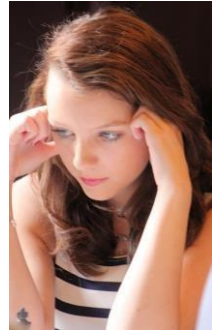


Open to all graded juniors under 17 at 27th May 2017, regardless of section. Placings will be determined by tournament performance against live grade as given on the CS grading database at the start of the tournament.

Ali Roy Cup

1st - £50 & Ali Roy Cup.

Open to all graded females, regardless of section. The winner will be determined by tournament performance against live grade as given on the CS grading database at the start of the tournament.



Carol Wright Senior Cup

1st - £50 & Senior Cup.

Open to all players over 55 at 27th May 2017, regardless of section. The winner will be determined by performance against live grade as given on the CS grading database at the start of the tournament.



Prize Giving will begin as soon as possible after the completion of round 5. Advertised prizes are based on a similar entry as 2016.

AYR CHESS CONGRESS 2017 ENTRY FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Club: _____

Grade: _____ Pnum: _____

DOB (if under 17 or over 55): _____

Event: _____

Half Point Bye Required YES/NO Round ____

Entry Fee: £ _____

Donation (Thank You): £ _____

Deduction Chess Scotland Member/Junior £ _____

Total: £ _____

Please return completed forms to:

Ayr Chess Congress

5 Riley Close

Leyland

PR25 3FL



Tel – 01772 434060 Between 6pm and 10pm weekdays and 10am to 10pm at weekends. If no answer, please leave a message on answer machine and I'll return your call. No calls after 10pm please.

E-Mail – ayr@scotchesstour.co.uk

Entries by email MUST include a postal address.

Please make cheques payable to Ayrshire and Arran Chess Fellowship