

## REFRESHMENTS

Tea, coffee, drinks and some sandwiches will be available at very reasonable prices.

Houghton town centre is approximately a 200 yard walk away.

## BOOKSTALL

CHESS DIRECT have very kindly agreed to supply their extensive bookstall for our event. If there is anything you specifically require you can call them on 01709 890565 to pre-order it to bring along to the congress, or you can view their extensive website on [www.chessdirect.co.uk](http://www.chessdirect.co.uk)

## ACCOMMODATION

### Chilton Country Hotel.

Blackboy Road, Fencehouses, Houghton.  
DH4 6PY Tel 0191 3852694 (Not on bus route)  
Double £50.00, Single £40.00. (To be confirmed)

### Highfield Hotel and Thai Restaurant.

101, Durham Road, East Rainton, Houghton.  
DH5 9QT Tel 0191 5120905 (On bus route)  
Double £60.00, Single £45.00. (To be confirmed)

To receive the above tariffs you must tell the Hotel that you are taking part in the Durham Chess Competition.

Other Hotels can be found on [www.bedandbreakfastavailability.co.uk](http://www.bedandbreakfastavailability.co.uk) and similar room booking sites.

## CATEGORIES

Open, Major (U165) and Minor (U125).

## PRIZES

Open:	1st £200	2nd £100	3rd £50
Major:	1st £150	2nd £ 75	3rd £50
Minor:	1st £150	2nd £ 75	3rd £50

The Tony Mezzo Memorial Shield will be awarded to the highest placed Durham County Association Player in the Major Section.

Grading Prizes: £40 per section

(Prizes may be adjusted upwards or downwards according to total income from entry fees in each section and donations, after deducting tournament overheads).

Details will be displayed on the Saturday.

## PLAYING SCHEDULE

Fri 2nd March 2018	Round 1	6.30 pm to 10.00 pm
Sat 3rd March 2018	Round 2	10.00 am to 1.30 pm
	Round 3	2.00 pm to 5.30 pm
Sun 4th March 2018	Round 4	10.00 am to 1.30 pm
	Round 5	2.00 pm to 5.30 pm

Presentations will be made as soon as possible following completion of the final round on the Sunday evening.

List of winners will be made available on website as soon as possible following the event.

If you are a winner and cannot wait please leave your details and Prizes will be forwarded on to you. Entries, pairings and results will be available on [www.CHESS-RESULTS.com](http://www.CHESS-RESULTS.com)

## HOW TO GET THERE

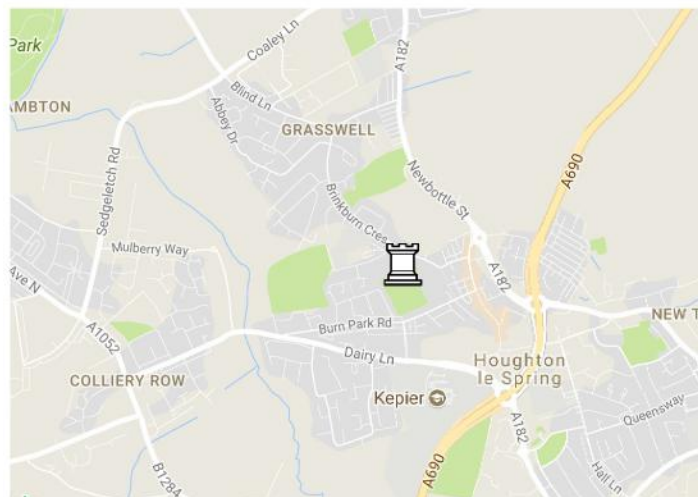
Houghton Sports Centre is situated off Newbottle Street in the centre of Houghton le Spring.

Houghton le Spring is situated at the A182 junction off the A690, about 6 miles from Sunderland and Durham.

Buses run regularly from Newcastle, Durham and Sunderland. Stopping within 200 yards of the venue.

Or visit [www.multimap.com](http://www.multimap.com) and type in post code DH4 5EF

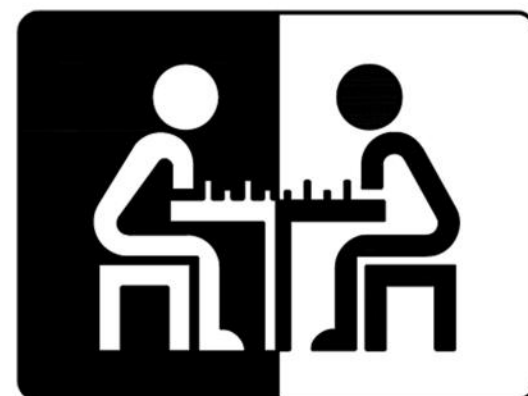
Car parking is free and plentiful adjacent to the venue.



# Durham County Chess Association

## 39th COUNTY DURHAM OPEN CHESS CONGRESS

March 2nd-4th 2018



### Venue

HOUGHTON SPORTS CENTRE  
STATION ROAD  
HOUGHTON le SPRING  
DH4 5EF  
(Plentiful Free Parking)

Congress Controllers  
IA Lara Barnes and IA Alex McFarlane

Organized by the  
Durham County Chess Association  
For further tournament information  
go to [www.dcca.org.uk](http://www.dcca.org.uk)

## RATE OF PLAY

90 minutes plus a 10 second increment from move 1.  
Each player may stop recording moves once they have less than 5 minutes remaining on their clock.

## CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Late Entry Fees of £5 apply to entries after 23/02/2018.

All mobile phones and other electronic devices must be switched off and put in a bag whilst in playing area.

No Smoking is allowed on the premises, this includes e-cigarettes.

Players without a current grade must indicate their best ever held grade on this entry form.

Ungraded players will not be eligible for grading prizes unless they can provide acceptable evidence of playing strength.

A Player can generally only win one monetary prize.

Addresses will be saved for sending out future congress entry forms and players' grades will appear on the ECF website.

Default time is 30 minutes after start of play.

A new pairing may be made for any player whose opponent has not yet arrived or who was initially awarded a bye. Players not present at this time will be defaulted.

If for any reason a player needs to withdraw it would be courteous to inform the Controller as soon as possible.

Contact Lara Barnes (Congress Controller)

Mob 0752 7529034  
Email [larabarnes@btinternet.com](mailto:larabarnes@btinternet.com)

In all disputes the decision of the Congress Controller is final.

## ENTRY FORM

Name: .....  
Address: .....  
.....  
Tel. No: .....  
E-mail: .....  
Club (if any): .....  
ECF Grade: July 2017 .....  
If estimated, indicate by tick (.....)  
Date of birth.....

Entry Fee  
Open £32.50 Major /Minor £30  
Less £7.50 for ECF Platinum/Gold/Silver Members  
Less £5.00 for Juniors  
ECF membership Number .....  
Please state if a half point bye is required:  
Please circle Rd.1 Rd.2 Rd.3 Rd.4

Entry Fee £.....  
Late Fee £.....  
ECF Deduction Platinum/Gold/Silver -£.....  
Deduction Juniors born after 31/08/1999 -£.....  
Optional Donation £.....  
Total Fees Enclosed £.....

## PAYMENT OPTIONS

1. Please contact our Treasurer Keith Smith

Email [kjs@nechess.org.uk](mailto:kjs@nechess.org.uk) and he will forward you bank account details to pay by bank transfer.

2. Please make cheques payable to:

DURHAM COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Post to Keith Smith

Flat 15 Central Buildings  
Church Street  
Hartlepool  
TS24 7EB

3. Pay on the day Indicate by tick (.....)