

Newport Junior Chess Club



Welcome Pack



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Welcome

Newport Chess Club has been competing in the Shropshire League for over 60 years. We have been one of the more successful sides in recent year's with numerous title wins for our various teams. But more importantly we consider ourselves a friendly club and a great place to spend an evening.

We are really excited to announce the launch of our dedicated Junior Club. We welcome all juniors aged 10-18. All standards are welcome as our volunteers will teach the basics of chess before progressing to more challenging concepts.

The club will meet on Tuesday's 6.30pm at the Royal British Legion.



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What's On

For those just starting out our junior club provides a safe space where you can play against your friends. Our volunteers will also be on hand providing 1 to 1 training covering concepts suited to your ability.

Players can also challenge each other on the ever popular ladder. Are you good enough to reach the top?

Throughout the season Newport will enter teams in the Shropshire leagues. The Shropshire season runs from September-May.

The junior club may end at 7.30pm each evening but our main club is just beginning. All juniors are welcome to stay as long as they want but after 7.30pm will need to be quiet when matches are in progress.



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What's On

Shropshire League

Newport enters teams in the Shropshire League. There are multiple divisions and we play against all teams in that division twice; one match at home and one match away. Teams consist of 4-5 players and the time limit is 1 hour 25min + 10 second increment.

Think you're not good enough? We all had to start somewhere and in division 2/3 you have the opportunity to learn against other players of similar strength and experience.

As soon as we are able we plan to start entering junior teams in the league.

Shropshire Rapidplay League

The rapidplay league features 4 teams on each fixture night. Each team will play 3 matches with a time limit of 20minutes.

Individual Tournament

Players can enter either the open individual or the grade restricted minor individual. The crowned winner will take home the individual trophy for 1 year.



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Junior Congresses

2 junior congresses are held each year. The Shropshire Junior Congress is the most prestigious junior event and is held annually. The Shropshire Megafinal is the regional stage of the UK Chess Challenge and is held in spring.

Shropshire Congresses

The main Shropshire Congress is usually held in the first week of January.

Knockout Tournaments

The knockout team events are held at the end of the season.

Newport Events

Other Newport events are held throughout the season including the internal club championship and our highly popular summer blitz events.

Club Nights

Competitive chess not for you? No problem! You will find players not playing a match will always be willing to play friendlies at the club.



Do parents have to stay?

For older children parents are not required to stay.

For those parents that do want to stay you are free to enjoy the legion's bar or even enjoy a game of chess yourselves.

Please note it is not permitted to bring your own food and drink!



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Membership Fees



Membership fees are £2/week. We accept cash or can take card payments on the day. Members of the junior club are automatically members of the main club.

Alternatively payments can made online into the Newport Bank Account:

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How do I improve?

There are no shortcuts to improving one's chess ability. Most top players took year's of practise to reach their goal and even then there is still plenty further to go. But where to start?

The best way to improve is to play more and more chess, and not just at our club. There are numerous other opportunities to get more playtime including entering junior tournaments and playing online.

Our volunteers will help you learn new concepts, analyse your matches with you and develop your understanding of the game.

There are 2 main online chess platforms where you can play against players from right across the world, challenge your friends to a game or get access to a huge library of chess training videos and other content.

<https://www.chess.com/>

<https://lichess.org/>



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Chess Resources

<http://www.newportchessclub.com/>

Find out all about the history of our club and all the goings on through our website.

<https://www.shropshirechess.org/>

The Shropshire Chess Association is the organising body for chess clubs across Shropshire. Track your teams progress in the numerous Shropshire league and find out about future chess events in Shropshire.

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/event-calendar/>

Use the ECF calendar to find junior Tournaments and events across the country or online.

<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-ratesand-joining-details/>

The English Chess Federation is the governing chess organisation in England. Membership offers many benefits including increased access to ECF tournaments and the ability to obtain a grade.



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Child Protection and Safeguarding

Newport Junior Chess Club recognises our obligations to protect children in our care and keep them safe.

We believe that:

- children and young people should never experience abuse of any kind
- we have a responsibility to promote the welfare of all children and young people, to keep them safe and to practise in a way that protects them.

Full details of our child protection policies and procedures can be viewed on our website.

<http://www.newportchessclub.com/child-protection-and-safeguarding-policy-statement/>



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