



# 38<sup>th</sup> STOCKPORT RAPIDPLAY



## Sunday 25 January 2026

A one day chess congress organised by Stockport Chess Club

### THE GUILDHALL

169 Wellington Road South (A6), Stockport, SK1 3UA

**6 rounds: 25 min + 5 sec/move increment**

**OPEN**

**Open to all**

**MAJOR**

For players rated **below 1850**

**INTERMEDIATE**

For players rated **below 1650**

**MINOR**

For players rated **below 1400**

**Over £2000 PRIZES to be won**

**EACH SECTION**

**1<sup>st</sup> £180    2<sup>nd</sup> £120    3<sup>rd</sup> £60**

**Rating Prizes**

**£50**

**additional VETERAN and JUNIOR PRIZES**

**STOCKPORT LEAGUE MAJOR, INTERMEDIATE and MINOR TROPHIES**

#### **ENTRY FEES**

**ECF Gold or Platinum**

**ADULT**

**£27**

**JUNIOR (U18)**

**£20**

**ECF Bronze or Non-Member**

**£43**

**£26.50**

**Cash payment surcharge: £3**

**Late entry fee £5 after 17/1/26**

**GROUPS of 5 or more can deduct £3 per person from above fees**

## **TIMETABLE**

Round One        10.00 am  
Round Two        11.20 am  
Round Three      12.40 pm

Round Four    2.10 pm  
Round Five    3.30 pm  
Round Six      4.50 pm  
**Prizegiving    6.15 pm**

**RATE OF PLAY:** each player 25 mins + 5 sec/move increment from the start

**BYE:** players may request a First Round ½ point bye at time of entry

**REFRESHMENTS:** licensed bar on site; there is a Co-op next to the venue

## **RATINGS**

**ECF** ratings from **January 2026** will be used where available. **RP** ratings will take precedence over **LP**. **Ratings used will be subject to the discretion of the organizers.**

Rating history may be used to place a player in a higher section.

**UNRATED PLAYERS** must give details of their strength, previous results and any previous rating. Except in the Open section, they may only win one half of the first or second place prize. All other prizes will be paid in full.

## **PRIZES**

Trophies will be awarded at the prizegiving ceremony held shortly after the final round. Cash prizes will be paid by bank transfer after the event wherever possible. Prizes paid by cheque and posted out may have P&P deducted.

Players eligible for multiple prizes can win no more than the higher-value prize.

**A VETERAN PRIZE** will be awarded to the highest scoring **65yr-and-over** player in the whole tournament.

**JUNIOR & ADDITIONAL RATING PRIZES** will be awarded according to age and number of entrants.

## **STOCKPORT LEAGUE TROPHIES**

The highest scoring Stockport League registered player in the Major, Intermediate and Minor sections will be awarded an individual trophy.

**CHESS ESSENTIALS** will be selling DGT clocks, chess books, scoresheets, boards and sets, etc.

**Contact Howard at [chessbooksuk@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chessbooksuk@hotmail.co.uk) or 07594 896 591**

**ENTRIES:** it is a condition of entry that the **organizers' decision in any dispute is final**. Entry can only be effected by payment of the appropriate fee. Competitors requiring a receipt must enclose a S.A.E.

**ENTER ONLINE AT**      **stockportchessclub.org/rapidplay**

**POSTAL ENTRIES TO**      **STOCKPORT RAPIDPLAY**  
20 Mulberry Close, Heald Green, Cheadle, SK8 3NJ

**CLOSING DATE** for entries to be received is **SATURDAY 17 JANUARY 2026**

**LATE ENTRIES** received after this date accepted subject to surcharge of **£5**

**PAYMENT** by bank transfer to **Stockport Rapidplay**  
account no. **19266561**      sort code **01-01-75**      reference **entrant's name**  
**Cheques** payable to **STOCKPORT RAPIDPLAY**

**ENQUIRIES**      **online** please contact us via our website  
**tel**      Gareth Griffiths      **07717 051 603**

**ON THE DAY ENTRIES** accepted if numbers permit (check website for updates)

## **STOCKPORT RAPIDPLAY 2026 – POSTAL ENTRY FORM**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Club:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Post Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ECF Rating Code:** \_\_\_\_\_ *(6 numbers and a letter)*

**ECF Status:** \_\_\_\_\_ *(non-member / Bronze / Gold / Platinum)*

**Stockport League Registered?** \_\_\_\_\_ **First Round ½ Point Bye?** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOB / Age at 25/1/26:** \_\_\_\_\_ *(if junior or veteran)*

**SECTION:** \_\_\_\_\_ **RATING:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(unrated players see previous page)*

**Remittance enclosed:** £ \_\_\_\_\_ **Entry Fee**

£ \_\_\_\_\_ **Late Surcharge** *(entries rec'd after 17/1/26)*

£ \_\_\_\_\_ **Donation to Congress Expenses**

**TOTAL:** £ \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## TRAVEL

The **GUILDHALL** is on the **A6 (Wellington Road South: SK1 3UA)** less than **1 mile south** of Stockport Town Centre.

**By car** it is **5 minutes** from **Junction 1** of the **M60** Motorway.

There is a large **supervised** car park at the rear of the Guildhall, entrance on **Brentnall Street** (£3 per car payable on entry).

**Stockport Rail and Bus stations** are ½ mile walk up the A6 (10-15 minutes); **Davenport Rail** station is less than one mile walk (20-25 minutes) [or by bus 378A].

**Frequent 192 bus service** along the A6 from Central Manchester (stops outside venue).

## LAST YEAR'S SECTION WINNERS

### OPEN

Nigel Davies  
& Adam Ashton

5/6

### MAJOR

Eric Bennett

5/6

### INTER

Dave Jones

5.5/6

### MINOR

Dyfan Steele

5.5/6

Join us at

## STOCKPORT CHESS CLUB

Meets on **TUESDAYS** from **7.30pm** at

**The Ladybrook**

Fir Road, Bramhall, Stockport SK7 2NP

**[stockportchessclub.org](http://stockportchessclub.org)**