

Sussex Junior Chess Grand Prix 2016-17



There are 6 tournaments that make up an annual Sussex Junior Chess Grand Prix (GP), similar to the one in motor racing.

Results in each of the constituent GP tournaments earn points towards the overall GP. These points are accumulated for all eligible participants. The up to date GP Tables are published on the GP Tables page on the Sussex Junior Chess website: www.sussexjuniorchess.org/GrandPrix.htm

The current list of Grand Prix tournaments (2016 - 2017 season) are as follows:

GP1 - Crowborough – 17th September 2016

GP2 - Worth – 15th October 2016

GP3 - Horsham – 13th November 2016

GP4 – Hastings – 2nd January 2017

GP5 - Eastbourne – 4th February 2017

GP6 – Worthing – 20th May 2017

GP Eligibility

Any player aged under 18 on 31st August 2016 is eligible to enter. You do **not** need to be resident in, or at school in Sussex.

To enter the Under 11 sections a player must have been aged under 11 on 31st August 2016 – usually school year 6 and below.

Playing Sections and Rules for Promotion through Sections

If after reading the notes below you are unsure which section to enter please email info@sussexjuniorchess.org for advice.

1. All GPs EXCEPT GP2

Players compete in one of 4 sections – Under 11 Minor, U11 Major, U18 Minor, U18 Major.

The **Under 11 Minor** is a developmental section where very young players or those new to competitive chess may gain experience. Players who are placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in this section will be promoted to the Under 11 Major section in subsequent events.

Players selected for the County Under 9 and Under 11 squads will be expected to enter the **Under 11 Major**. Those aspiring to selection should seek advice regarding their individual situation, but it is likely that they should be entering the Under 11 Major after GP3.

The winner of the **Under 11 Major** section will be promoted to the **Under 18 Major** section in subsequent events.

The **Under 18 Minor** is a developmental section for older players and as such is restricted to players with an **ECF grade of 100 or less** (as at the most recent published list). The winner of the Under 18 Minor will be promoted to the U18 Major in subsequent events.

2. GP2

This event is a qualifying tournament for the London Junior Chess Championships and as such the sections offered are Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 18.

Players should enter the section appropriate to their age. Players may enter a higher section if they wish.

GP Prizes

1. The first three juniors in each of the above age groups will receive a silver salver provided they have played in **at least 3** of the 6 Grand Prix.
2. All eligible players, who have played in at least **5** of the 6 GP tournaments during the season will receive a special loyalty medal.
3. All the above prizes are awarded at the prize-giving following the final GP tournament (currently Worthing).

Calculation of GP Points

Each player's **best 4 scores** count.

Tie Breaks

The tie break rules are designed to reward the loyalty of players who have played in more tournaments:

- ☒ Where both players have competed in 4 or more events; the 5th best score will be used to determine the tie break. If these scores are equal, the 6th best score will be used.
- ☒ Where a player has only played in 3 events, the 4th best score will be used to determine tie break.

Other GP Rules

1. Juniors playing in a nationally recognised chess tournament or chess fixture which clashes with a GP tournament will be deemed to have played in the clashing GP tournament for the purposes of the loyalty award. **No points** will be accrued in the Grand Prix. It is the responsibility of the player to notify the Grand Prix co-ordinator (email : info@sussexjuniorchess.org) of their claim within 7 days of the tournament.
2. Juniors playing in the Crowborough Chess Club Rapidplay on 17th September 2016 will be deemed to have played in the clashing GP tournament for the purposes of the loyalty award. Points scored **will** be accrued in the Grand Prix.
3. The GP Manager will decide any matter not covered above.
4. In the event of any dispute, the GP Manager's decision will be final.

