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Prep Schools

## IAPS Online Chess Competition

Bookings closed for Spring 2025, please contact [sport@iaps.uk](mailto:sport@iaps.uk) to enquire about spaces, or to be added to the waiting list.

### Entering the competition

#### Booking onto an event

- All bookings are made online via the IAPS website.
- Only a member of school staff with a school email address can book onto an event.

#### Eligibility

- All competitors must attend an IAPS School.
- Competitors ages are taken from 1st September.
- Only competitors who are part of the Prep School are eligible to take part.
- Competitors in Year 7 and Year 8 who are part of the Senior School are not eligible to take part in U12 and U13 events.
- Pupils **can only participate in one age group** throughout the competition. The competition is defined as both qualifying events and the finals.
- All schools must bring first aid and additional first aid might be provided.

#### Terms & conditions

- Please make sure to read our [booking terms and conditions](#) before booking onto an event.

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### Championship format

#### Date of team battle

The competition will take place on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 3.30pm UK GMT** for a 1-hour team battle.

#### Teams

This is a team event of 4 players, or more, per school. There is no maximum number of competitors per school.

There will be individual winners incorporated into the team event.

#### Age categories

The IAPS Online Schools Chess Competition will consist of 2 sections:

- Under 9 (Normal school years Yr3 – Yr4)
- Under 13 (Normal school years Yr5 – Yr8)

They will be played on the Lichess website – <http://www.lichess.org>.

The competition is open to players/teams from any IAPS school.

### Rules and regulations

Please read the rules and regulations in full before entering the event.

#### Under 13 Section

Children in school years 5 and 6 should enter and compete in this section.

Children must be under 13 years old on 31st August 2024 and therefore be born no earlier than 1st September 2011.

The tournament will be conducted as a “Team Battle” on Lichess. This is a type of “Arena” tournament (see Annex), where you cannot play other players from your own team. The Team Battle will have the following parameters:

- a. The duration will be 60 minutes. Only games that finish within this time will count.
- b. The time limit for each game will be 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move.
- c. An unlimited number of players may play for each school team.
- d. The Lichess “Arena Streaks” feature will be disabled. (see Annex).
- e. The Lichess “Berserk” feature will be disabled. (see Annex).
- f. The team’s score will be determined by the total of the four highest-scoring players in their team.
- g. The team with the most points at the competition will win the Team Competition.
- h. The player with the most points at the end of the competition will win the Individual Competition.

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### Under 9 Section

Children must be under 9 years old on 31st August 2024 and therefore be born no earlier than 1st September 2015.

The tournament will be conducted as a “Team Battle” on Lichess. This is a type of “Arena” tournament (see Annex), where you cannot play other players from your own team. The Team Battle will have the following parameters:

- a. The duration will be 60 minutes. Only games that finish within this time will count.
- b. The time limit for each game will be 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move.
- c. An unlimited number of players may play for each school team.
- d. The Lichess “Arena Streaks” feature will be disabled. (see Annex).
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- f. The team’s score will be determined by the total of the four highest-scoring players in their team.
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### Fair Play

1. It is forbidden for players to use any form of external assistance in the competition. Sources of external assistance include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Other human assistance, such as other students, parents, teachers or chess coaches
  - b. Chess educational material, such as books or videos
  - c. Chess engines
2. The Competition will implement the following Fair Play measures:
  - a. PGN files of the games will be checked using the FIDE (World Chess Federation) Screening Tool. Players thought to have used external assistance will be reported to Lichess by the Organisers.
  - b. Lichess will monitor the tournaments as part of their routine monitoring of games played on their website.
3. The organisers will not be involved in any Fair Play decision or appeal, other than as stated in 2.a. above. In the event of a player’s Lichess account being flagged, players may appeal to Lichess here: <https://lichess.org/appeal>

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4. Players may only use one account for the purpose of this competition. A player whose account has been flagged by Lichess for using external assistance will not be permitted to participate in the remainder of the competition; whether the assistance happened in this competition or in any other games or activity on Lichess. If Lichess grants permission for a “second chance” account on the website, this is not a reversal of their initial fair play decision, and this account will not be permitted to play in this competition.
5. In the event of a player’s account being flagged for a Terms of Service violation, the organisers reserve the right to take any of the following decisions to ensure the fairness of the competition:
  - a. Adjustments to the scores of any player.
  - b. Disqualify a player from the competition.
  - c. Disqualify a school from the competition.

### Tie-break rules

1. The Tie-Breaks for each tournament are determined by the platform. (see Annex link below)

### **Annex**

Arenas – (includes Arena Streaks and Berserk): <https://lichess.org/tournament/help>

### **Risk assessment**

A full risk assessment is carried out by the host. If you would like a copy of the risk assessment, please contact [IAPS Sport](#).

### **IAPS policies**

Please make sure you have read and understand our policies before booking onto an IAPS Sport event. All policies and procedures can be found on our website [here](#).