IAPS Online Schools Chess Competition 2024-25 – Abridged Rules

Competition Overview

The IAPS Online Schools Chess Competition will consist of 2 sections: an U13 competition and an U9 competition and they will be played on the Lichess website – http://www.lichess.org. The competition is open to players/teams from any IAPS school. School chess organisers will be given full support to help them to set up a school team on Lichess and support students to set up their own Lichess accounts.

Under 13 Section

Entry fee £90 per school for unlimited pupil entries

Children must be under 13 years old on 31st August 2024 and therefore be born no earlier than 1st September 2011. This will usually mean they are in Year 8 or below. Players in year 5 and 6 should play up in the U13 competition.

The tournament will be conducted using the "Team Battle" feature on Lichess. The Team Battle will last for 60 minutes with a time control for each game of 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move. The team score will be determined by the sum of the four highest scoring players in the team. The player with the most individual points will win the individual competition.

Under 9 Section

Entry fee £90 per school for unlimited pupil entries

Children must be under 9 years old on 31st August 2024 and therefore be born no earlier than 1st September 2015. This will usually mean they are in Year 4 or below.

The tournament will be conducted using the "Team Battle" feature on Lichess. The Team Battle will last for 60 minutes with a time control for each game of 5 minutes plus 3 seconds per move. The team score will be determined by the sum of the four highest scoring players in the team. The player with the most individual points will win the individual competition.

Fair Play

It is forbidden for players to use any form of external assistance to play their games in the competition.

Support

Schools will be given full technical support to help them to set up a school Lichess team. Practice tournaments will be available to resolve any technical issues and help files provided.

See Chess Tournament Page for the full rules for IAPS Online Chess.