

## IAPS Over the Board Chess Championships

### The Blue Coat School, Saturday 21 March 2026

Bookings open – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 08:00

Bookings close – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 23:55

Cost of entry - £35 + VAT per individual entry

#### 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.
- If your chosen location is fully booked, please join the waiting list. Should space become available, we will contact you to offer you the space. There is no guarantee we can find schools an event to attend.

##### 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

### Event information

Date: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026

Location: The Blue Coat School, Birmingham

Timings: 10.00-18.00pm

### Age groups

- U9 and U13

### Championship tournament

- 6 rounds of 15 + 10 with a 70-minute inter-round time.
- Individual format – U9 and U13
- Team format – Sum of the top four U13s, sum of the top four U11s, sum of the top four U9s.

Schools to bring their own refreshments (no nuts)

### Competitor details

- School will be asked to provide competitor details before attending the qualifier. In line with GDPR, only essential information is collected to be able to organise the event.

## Rules and regulations

- The national governing body for chess in England is the [English Chess Federation](#).
- All IAPS chess championships are conducted under [the English Chess Federation Rules](#).
- Please read the rules and regulations in full before entering the event.

## 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](#).