

2018 Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge Rules

General Rules

Parents or guardians must be present and remain responsible for their children at all of the tournaments with rules provided herein.

English Chess Federation (ECF) Grading, Membership & Data

The Gigafinal and Terafinal will be graded by the English Chess Federation. Megafinals in England may or may not be graded, at the discretion of the organiser of each Megafinal. This will be made clear on the website.

All data provided at the time of entry to the Megafinals will be shared with Megafinal Organisers to:

- Enable them to run the tournament, e.g. put players into the right tournament.
- Pass on to the ECF for the purpose of grading. The player's age at 31/08/2016 and 01/01/2017, school or club, name, sex, and results against other players will appear on a profile on the ECF website. The player's date of birth will be submitted to the private database, accessible only to the ECF graders.
- In addition, Megafinal Organisers in England may make a child a Junior Silver member of the ECF. This membership will expire on 31/08/2018. The player's name, school or club, sex, and membership category will appear on the ECF membership list, which is publicly accessible via the ECF website.

For the Gigafinals and Terafinal, the UK Chess Challenge will supply the ECF with the information outlined above for the purpose of ECF Grading, and will make players Junior Silver members of the ECF if they have never been a member before.

Megafinals (Entry fee £15 by qualification only)

The Megafinals are open to:

- Under 7-11: Players who have qualified from one of the tournaments held in a school, club, or a Last Chance Saloon
- Under 12-18: All players

Dates

40+ events Between 1st March and 9th June 2018

Sections

24 – Under 7 Boys, Under 7 Girls, Under 8 Boys, Under 8 Girls ... Under 18 Boys, Under 18 Girls.

Megafinal Organisers may merge sections as they see fit. It is recommended that organisers have as many sections as possible, to reduce the number of inter-age group pairings.



General

1. The competition is a 6-round Swiss tournament.
2. Organisers are encouraged to use Swiss-Manager. The UK Chess Challenge can provide a full license to all Organisers.
3. Organisers are recommended to apply the FIDE Laws of Chess regarding illegal moves will be applied, except for the Under 11 age groups, where three illegal moves will lose. Should the Megafinal be ECF graded, then this recommendation becomes a requirement.
4. Organisers are recommended to use clocks in all sections. The recommended time limit for the game is all moves in 15 minutes plus 10 seconds per move.
5. The decision of the Chief Arbiter of the Megafinal is final.

Titles and Qualifiers

1. The Supremo title will be awarded to the highest-scoring boy in a section, and will qualify for the Gigafinals.
2. The Suprema title will be awarded to the highest-scoring girl in a section, and will qualify for the Gigafinals.
3. All players scoring 3.5/6 will qualify for the Gigafinals.
4. All players will receive a certificate of participation.
5. There will be prizes for all qualifiers, trophies for the winners and medals for those placed 2nd and 3rd. If there is a tie for 3rd= all players tied will win a medal.
6. Supremo/a titles and trophy will only be awarded to players from that county. This means you need to live in the county or go to school in the county to win the title.
7. Players can attend more than one Megafinal as long as they have not already qualified for the Gigafinal.

Tie-Breaks

If there is a tie for the position of Supremo or Suprema, then the following tie-breaks should be used in the order below. Note: Swiss-Manager can be set up to calculate these tie-breaks for you.

1. Direct Encounter
2. Median-Buchholz
3. Buchholz Cut 1
4. Buchholz
5. Drawing of Lots

Please see here for a full description on what these tie-breaks are, and how to calculate them: <https://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=187&view=article>

If at any point the number of players involved in the tie is reduced by applying one of the above tie-breaks from 1 to 4, then the remaining tied players should be split by the same procedure, starting back at 1. Direct Encounter.



Gigafinals (Entry fee £15 – entry by qualification only)

Dates

Southern	30th June – 1st July 2018	Orleans Park, School, Richmond Road, Twickenham. TW1 3BB
Midlands	7th – 8th July 2018	Grace Academy, Solihull. B37 5JS
Northern	14th – 15th July 2018	Wright Robinson College, Abbey Hey Lane, Manchester. M18 8RL

Sections

24 – Under 7 Boys, Under 7 Girls, Under 8 Boys, Under 8 Girls ... Under 18 Boys, Under 18 Girls.

The Tournament Director may merge sections as he sees fit. It is recommended that organisers have as many sections as possible, to reduce the number of inter-age group pairings.

General

1. The competition is a 6-round Swiss tournament.
2. The FIDE Laws of Chess regarding illegal moves will be applied, except for the Under 11 age groups, where three illegal moves will lose.
3. The time limit will be all moves in 20 minutes, plus 10 seconds per move.
4. The decision of the Chief Arbiter of the Gigafinal is final.
5. The tournament will be ECF graded (Rapidplay).

Titles and Qualifiers

1. The Ultimo title will be awarded to the highest-scoring boy in a section, and will qualify for the Gigafinals.
2. The Ultima title will be awarded to the highest-scoring girl in a section, and will qualify for the Gigafinals.
3. The top 3 players in each section will qualify for the Terafinal.
4. All players will receive a certificate of participation.

Tie-Breaks

Ties for all places will be split using the following tie-breaks should be used in the order below.

1. Direct Encounter
2. Median-Buchholz
3. Buchholz Cut 1
4. Buchholz
5. Drawing of Lots – note: this will only be applied to determine the Ultimo and Ultima titles, or any of the top 3 qualifiers.

If at any point the number of players involved in the tie is reduced by applying one of the above tie-breaks from 1 to 4, then the remaining tied players should be split by the same procedure, starting back at 1. Direct Encounter.



Terafinal (£15 – entry by qualification only)

Date

15th-16th September 2018

Holiday Inn Hotel, Peterborough West. PE3 6SG

Sections

5 – Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 18

General

1. The competition is a 6-round Swiss tournament.
2. The FIDE Laws of Chess regarding illegal moves will be applied.
3. The time limit will be all moves in 60 minutes plus 10 seconds per move.
4. The decision of the Chief Arbiter of the Terafinal is final.
5. The tournament will be ECF graded.
6. Qualifiers can move up to a higher category if they wish.

Tie-Breaks

Ties for all places will be split using the following tie-breaks should be used in the order below.

1. Direct Encounter
2. Median-Buchholz
3. Buchholz Cut 1
4. Buchholz

Prize Fund

	U18	U14	U12	U10	U8
1st	£2,500	£1,500	£1,000	£750	£500
2nd	£1,250	£750	£500	£375	£250
3rd	£625	£375	£250	£190	£125
4th	£375	£225	£150	£110	£75
5th	£250	£150	£100	£75	£5
Girl	£1,250	£750	£500	£375	£250

Disclaimer

The UK Chess Challenge reserves the right to change these rules at any time

