

TEACHER GUIDE

2018/19



DELANCEY
UK SCHOOLS
CHESS CHALLENGE

CONTACTING US



Please see our website for further information on matters touched on in this booklet. This booklet is intended as a quick guide but the site contains much more detailed information.

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About the Chess Laboratory

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Thank you for entering the 2018/19 edition of the Delancey UK Chess Challenge. The competition is now in its 23rd year and last year 1,200 schools and 40,000 children took part.

Your pack should contain all the prizes and materials you need to run a successful competition. We have included rules for the competition as guidelines though most people include their own twists and variations so please feel free to do things your own way.

If you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact us at admin@ukchess.co.uk

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PACK CHECKLIST



If you are reading this then you have received your school pack. The quantity will depend on the volume you ordered.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x Rules | <input type="checkbox"/> Chess booklets x every player |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mascots x every player | <input type="checkbox"/> Chesskid flyer x every player |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badges x every player | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 x posters |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certificates x every player | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x tournament chart |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Qualifier slips x every player | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x gold spots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pairing cards x every player | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 x trophy |

If you are missing anything please contact kate@ukchess.co.uk

We have many other prizes and learning materials available in our store.

NEW FOR 2018/19



Even if you have ran this event in previous seasons please read this section as it contains information on what is new this year.

The first UK 'Online' Chess Challenge ('UKOCC') (see separate page)

Chess Laboratory (see separate page)

Greater Flexibility for Teachers

We are giving teachers and coaches more flexibility on how to apply the rules at the school stage and how to distribute prizes.

Megafinals

Each local organiser is able to set their own entry price for their event (to a maximum of £25).

This is unavoidable due to rising costs of venues and regional discrepancies in venue hire. In previous years the cost was £15 for every Megafinal.

TOURNAMENT OVERVIEW

SCHOOL STAGE

- 7 rounds - 1,200 schools
- Become School Champion
- 1st Online Chess Challenge

MEGA FINALS

- 52 events - 6,500 children
- 6 rounds using clocks
- Become County Champion

GIGA FINALS

- 3 events - 2,400 children
- Merchandise and fun activities
- Compete against the best

TERA FINAL*

- 1 Super Event - 200 children
- 'Live boards' and Grandmaster commentary
- £'000s in prize money
- 5 UK Schools' Chess Champions crowned (U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18)





TOURNAMENT RULES - OVERVIEW

The Challenge takes part in four stages. The first stage is the schools' stage. The next three stages require the parent to enter the child for the event (though teachers can register children for the Megafinals if they prefer).

To progress through the event you need to qualify from the previous event. Each stage has different qualification rules. The full rules can be found on the website www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge.com

Schools Stage (See next page).

Megafinals

For many children this is their first experience of competitive chess outside of their school. These are ran by local organisers and are typically 6 rounds. Children need to hit to meet the qualifying score to progress.

Gigafinals

A significant step up in standard – at the Gigafinals the top players in the region meet. Only the top 3 players in each section progress.

Terafinal

This is our flagship event where we have live Grandmaster commentary, games are broadcast online through our partner chess24 and generous prize money is at stake (2018: £15,625).

SCHOOLS' STAGE - RULES

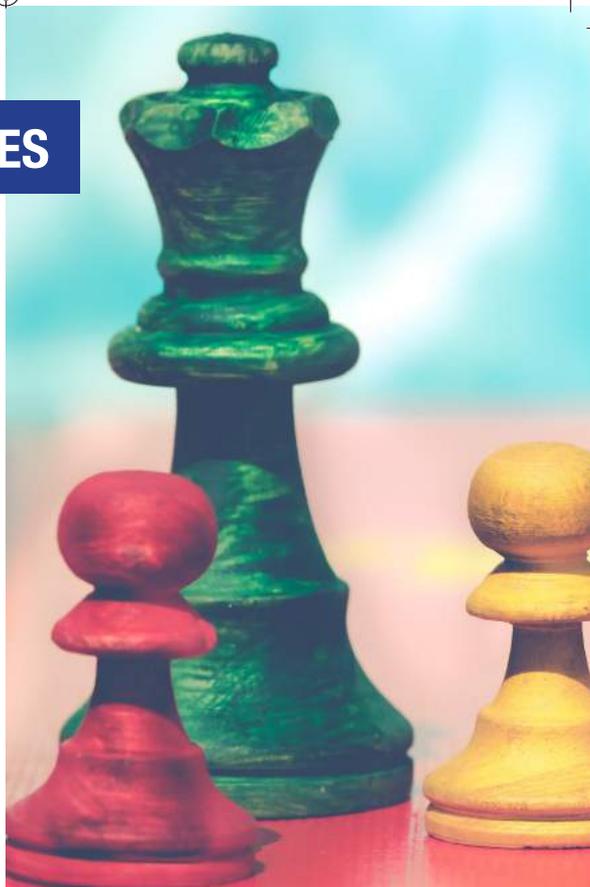
The suggested rules are below. However, teachers/coaches have flexibility on how they apply these rules depending on the circumstances. Remember – the tournament is supposed to be fun and a gentle introduction to competitive chess.

The tournament is 7 rounds.

Scoring is as follows

- 0 points for an unauthorised absence
- 1 point for a loss
- 2 points for a draw
- 3 points for a win

Bonus points can be awarded for completion of special activities.



Qualification for the Megafinal can be achieved by any of the following means:

- Score a minimum of 17 points
- Highest scoring boy and girl in each year group (U7, U8...)
- Players aged U12-18 qualify automatically*

**Ages are calculated as at midnight on 31/08/2018*

Please send any queries regarding the rules to admin@ukchess.co.uk

Notes on how to “pair” players up

If you have your own method that works then go with this.

For more information on the ‘Swiss System’ please see the website.

CONTENTS AND 'PRIZES'

The pack contains the following for every child:

- Tips and puzzle booklet
- A mascot
- A badge
- A certificate of participation

We recommend everyone receives the tips and puzzle booklet as this should help their chess. But how you distribute the prizes is entirely up to you. Some teachers like to offer them as rewards. In previous years some teachers used the following table.

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| • 3 points | Badge | • 15 points | 4th Gold Spot +
Puzzle Book |
| • 6 points | 1st Gold Spot | • 17 points | Qualifies for Megafinal |
| • 9 points | 2nd Gold Spot | • 18 points | 5th Gold Spot |
| • 11 points | Mascot | • 21 points | 6th Gold Spot |
| • 12 points | 3rd Gold Spot | | |

The trophy is generally given to the overall champion.

Remember, more prizes and content can be purchased at our online store. Also – check out the Chess Laboratory for further resources.

1ST UK ONLINE CHESS CHALLENGE



One of key goals at the UK Chess Challenge is to better utilise technology to bring chess education and competition to more children. So for the first time we are trialling an online competition in partnership with chesskid.com – the global leader in online chess education for children.

We want to keep this simple for teachers and children. Included in the pack is a flyer for every player with simple instructions about how to register for the competition and how to take part.

The online competition will launch on 1st February 2019. More details will follow on the website. It is free for children to take part and there will be prizes for the winners (and school prizes).

Please encourage the children to create an account so they can take part in the competition and also benefit from the superb learning resources that chesskid offers.

They must fill
in our unique
registration key
to take part:
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ChessKid offers

- Video lessons
- Puzzles
- Play games against other children (or against the computer)
- Chess 'Workouts'
- Training
- and much more...

Delancey UK Schools' Chess Challenge



CHESS LABORATORY

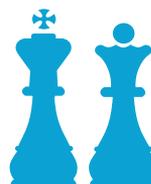
Another online initiative – the Chess Laboratory is an online resource which can be accessed via the UKCC website and is intended for use by both children and teachers/organisers.
www.delanceyukschoolschesschallenge/chesslab.com

This is very much a work in progress but we are planning to build this resource up over time to become a free online resource to aid chess in classrooms and help students improve. It is a ‘crowd sourced’ project meaning there will be many contributors.

If you – or any of your class – have any suggestions regarding the ‘Chess Laboratory’ or would like to submit content then please email us at:
chesslab@ukchess.co.uk

FOR CHILDREN

- Solutions to puzzle book
- Advice for Megafinals
- Tactics and strategy
- Blogs and articles



FOR TEACHERS & ORGANISERS

- PDFs of our resources
- Fun classroom activities
- Advice on how to run tournaments
- FAQs about the UK Chess Challenge

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About our Sponsors

The event could not take part without the generous support of our sponsors Delancey who have supported the event now for a number of years. In fact, so synonymous is the name Delancey when referring to the chess challenge that many experienced teachers and organisers refer to the event simply as “The Delancey”.

As well as the UK Chess Challenge Delancey also support a number of other initiatives including Coram (Children’s charity), British Ski and Snowboard and the National Portrait’s Scholl’s Programme.

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