



Devon County Chess Association warmly welcomes your entries to its annual

TEAM QUICKPLAY TOURNAMENT

Saturday 22 February 2020, 12:45pm till 4:45pm, at
America Hall, De La Rue Way, Pinhoe, Exeter, EX4 8PX

(Ample parking is available at the venue, which is a 6-minute drive from Junction 29 of the M5, or a 9-minute walk from Pinhoe train station)

Please keep an eye on the DevonChess.com website for updates on this event!

Format: Teams of four players. Six rounds will be played under a Swiss pairings system (based on total game points scored). Digital clocks will be used, with each player receiving **10 minutes plus 3 seconds increment per move**.

Trophies: All teams will compete in one 'pool', and three team trophies will be awarded:

Overall winner: **Thomas Trophy** [2018: Exeter A]

Best team under 600 total grade: **Hodge Trophy** [2018: Exeter B / Plymouth A]

Best team under 450 total grade: **Graded Trophy** [2018: Sidmouth]

The **Individual Performance Trophy** will be awarded to the player achieving the best individual score [2018: Tom Thorpe, Exeter / Graham Bolt, Exeter]

Entries: Clubs are strongly encouraged to enter more than one team – there is no limit on entries! Teams from non-Devon clubs are very welcome to participate, although they will not be eligible to win any of the four trophies. Instead, a small prize will be awarded to the highest-placing non-Devon team.

The entry fee is **£12 per team** (payable on the day) for a team of four adults. Thanks to a donation, a **£1.50 discount may be applied for each junior** (aged under 18 on 1/9/2019) – e.g. a team of four juniors pays an entry fee of **£6**.

Entries should be notified in advance (ideally by 15 February 2020, please) to Dr Tim Paulden (DCCA President) at timpaulden@gmail.com – player names are not required, but your attention is drawn to the rule below on estimated grades. If you do not have email access, please enter by sending a text message to 07809 464639. All entries will be confirmed upon receipt. Please get in touch if you have any 'spare' players – it may be possible to create a composite team! ECF Rapidplay grades (January 2020 list) will be used where available, and Standardplay grades (January 2020 list) otherwise. **Estimated grades must be official and pre-approved with the organisers, or the team in question will not be eligible to win a grade-limited trophy.** Results will not be sent for grading.

Please note:

1. Depending on entries, **clubs may be asked if they can assist by bringing a small number of boards / sets / clocks to the event**, which will be carefully managed and tracked to avoid any mixing. **The organisers would be grateful if clubs could indicate soon, via email, if they are happy to help in this way.**
2. Light refreshments (drinks & biscuits) will be available for a small donation.
3. **We intend to run an (entirely separate) individual blitz tournament earlier on the same day (10am-12pm) at the same venue. Email timpaulden@gmail.com if you might be interested in playing!** Full details will be released in due course.