



Devon County Chess Association warmly welcomes your entries to its annual

# TEAM QUICKPLAY TOURNAMENT

Saturday 6 April 2024, 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 from early March for updates!

**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**

Best team under 7300 total rating: **Hodge Trophy**

Best team under 6200 total rating: **Graded Trophy**

The **Individual Performance Trophy** will be awarded to the player achieving the best individual score.

**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 September 2023) – e.g. a team of four juniors pays **£6**.

**Entries should be notified in advance (ideally by 29 March 2024, please) to Dr Tim Paulden (DCCA President) at [timpaulden@gmail.com](mailto:timpaulden@gmail.com) – player names are not required, but your attention is drawn to the rule below on estimated ratings.** 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 ratings (March 2024 list) will be used where available, and Standard-play ratings (March 2024 list) otherwise. Ratings below 1200 will be counted as 1200 when determining a team's total rating. **Estimated ratings must be officially pre-approved with the organisers, or the team in question will not be eligible to win a rating-limited trophy.** Results will not be submitted for rating.

**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 able to help in this way.**
2. Light refreshments (drinks & biscuits) will be available for a small donation.
3. **We plan to run an (entirely separate) individual blitz tournament earlier in the day (9:45am-12:15pm) at the same venue. Email [timpaulden@gmail.com](mailto:timpaulden@gmail.com) if you would be interested in playing!** Full details will be released soon.