

3rd PORTISHEAD JUNIOR RAPIDPLAY
9th NOVEMBER 2024

SOMERSET HALL

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**INFORMATION FOR PLAYERS, PARENTS & GUARDIANS**

WELCOME!

Thank you for entering the 3rd Portishead Junior Rapidplay. We hope you will have a great day and the information below will be helpful.

OUR TEAM

ORGANISERS: JANE NORTON

 IAIN BOURNE

 ZAHRA IRVING

CHIEF ARBITER: CHRIS STRONG

ARBITERS: IAIN BOURNE

 GEORGE MILLER

 ANDREW BORKOWSKI

TREASURER: JANE NORTON

FRIENDS of PORTISHEAD CHESS CLUB will support the non-chess aspects of the event.

ARRIVAL TIMES

Players age 10+ from 9.15am - 9.30am Players under 10 from 9.30am to 9.45am. This will help us to manage the queues and efficiently check in all players.

**LANYARDS:**

Each player will be given a lanyard on arrival. Please ensure this is worn by the players and always kept visible, as it will be used to determine photo consent and consent to leave the venue unaccompanied. These must be handed to a volunteer on exit, and will be handed back on re-entry, and must be returned at the end of the tournament.

USE OF THE BUILDING

[www.somerset.hall@n-somerset.gov.uk](http://www.somerset.hall@n-somerset.gov.uk)

There is free Wi-Fi within the building and plenty of space within the Refreshment Area, Parents’ Area and Playing Hall - all close by on the same floor. Please keep the noise down when play is in progress. There is seating within the Playing Hall for spectators but only players and officials may enter the playing area itself.

There are plenty of free car parks within walking distance (check as some are restricted to 2 hours) and off-street parking nearby.

**COMMUNICATION**

There is a WhatsApp group (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/GKSCUFSLkgN8RkRgWgvnY6>) for the tournament where precise timings will be posted together with other current tournament information and an opportunity for parents to ask questions, make suggestions, communicate with the organisers etc. You are welcome to join this group now to post any questions and stay up to date. Results will also be posted on [https://chess-results.com](https://chess-results.com/) (details later on WhatsApp).

**REFRESHMENTS**

There is plenty of space for everyone at Somerset Hall and parents can sit in the refreshment area on the same floor. Light refreshments can be bought from Portishead Chess Club at the serving hatch, and it would really help us if you can make full use of this.

SCHEDULE

Please arrive by 9.45. A full briefing will be given to all the players and their guardians and Round 1 will start soon after and subsequent rounds will begin 15 mins after the last game of the preceding round. There will be a longer break for lunch. We are keeping the precise timings fluid to avoid over-long delays between rounds. Prize-giving will be as soon as possible after the last round has been completed.

TOURNAMENT

The tournament is a 6 round Swiss (meaning that each round players will be paired with an opponent on the same or similar score). Players will play in all 6 rounds.

Each player will have 15 minutes on the clock plus an extra 5 seconds for each move played. Although this is technically called Rapidplay please advise your children not to rush their moves as many will have far more time than they are used to. Very few players lose on time. Most lose because they are rushing their moves – and they will spend a long time wondering what to do before the next round!

This is a rated tournament meaning that the results will be submitted to the English Chess Federation and will contribute to the players’ Rapidplay Ratings. Tournament rules and conditions apply (e.g., “touch move”) and these will be explained during the pre-tournament briefing. If a player has any questions or concerns, they should simply put their hand up and an arbiter will come over and assist.

The pairings and results will shown online at www.chess-results.com .

**PRIZES**

There will be trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places and for each age group. There will also be prizes for “special achievements and all players will receive a certificate.

SAFEGUARDING

Portishead Chess Club can only be responsible for the welfare of the children while playing chess in the tournament rooms. At all other times and places there must be a responsible adult to ensure their safety and wellbeing.

ENJOY!
Portishead Chess Club