



## 2024 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP CANDIDATES TOURNAMENT

**Leicester, 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Welcome to the 2024 British Candidates Tournament. This year we are at the County Bridge Club, 67 St Oswald Road, Leicester LE3 6RJ (the venue frequently used by the Youth Group).

### **Format and Timings**

A six round Swiss tournament, with seeding in round 1.

Round 1 Seeding:

The draw will be split into two groups, ordered by EGD GoR (strength). The top player in the strong group will play the top player in the weaker group, and so on down. On Board 1 the strong player will have black, on board 2 white, etc.

Time limits are Fischer time, 75 minutes basic plus 20 seconds a move.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30	Announcements
09:45	Round 1
14:00	Round 2

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

09:30	Round 3
13:45	Round 4

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

09:30	Round 5
13:45	Round 6
17:15	Results
17:20 – 17:30	Clear-up

## Transport

There is plenty of on-site parking.

From the north we recommend you leave the M1 at junction 22, and take the A50 into Leicester, turning right onto the ring road (A563, New Parks Way) at the big roundabout at the top of the hill (after about 10 km). Go along the ring road for 500m, then left at the traffic lights by the fire station (Aikman Avenue) and first right into St Oswald's Road. See <https://www.streetmap.co.uk/map?x=455526&y=305509&z=0&sv=LE3+6RJ&st=2&pc=LE3+6RJ&mapp=map&searchp=ids> for a map.

St Oswald's Road is a cul-de-sac; the Bridge Club is at the end on the right, after passing the leisure centre. It is clearly marked.

From the south we recommend leaving the M1 at Junction 21a which takes you onto the A46. Leave at the second exit (A50) and turn right at the roundabout onto the A50 and proceed as above. We suggest you avoid Leicester city centre.

## The Venue

We have sole use of the venue, including their kitchen facilities. There should be plenty of space. Wifi is available.

## Accommodation

Nearby hotels include two Premier Inns: Leicester Central (A50), or Leicester NW (£116). Both are about 15 - 20 minutes walk.

## Fees

Entry to the Tournament is £40, with a 50% discount for Juniors (U-18). This is payable in cash on the day.

## Prizes

Thanks to private sponsorship the prizes will remain the same as last year

2024 British Champion	£500
2024 Runner-up	£250
3rd place in Candidates Tournament	£100
4th place in Candidates Tournament	£75
5th place in Candidates Tournament	£50
6th place in Candidates Tournament	£25

## **Refreshments**

We will supply unlimited (within reason) tea, coffee, soft drinks and biscuits. There is a Co-op store within about 150m, which sells a limited range of sandwiches and other take-away food, or you can bring a packed lunch.

## **Qualification & Eligibility**

All players must have qualified and be eligible. The rules for this are shown on <https://www.britgo.org/bchamp/qualifying.html>

Any questions or appeals over eligibility and qualification should be submitted *at least* two weeks in advance to the Tournaments Committee Chair ( [Tournament-Chair@britgo.org](mailto:Tournament-Chair@britgo.org) ).