

### Sir Patrick Moore Trophy – 2023/24

This is the inaugural East Grinstead Championship, in memory of the first President of East Grinstead Chess Club, Sir Patrick Moore.

The trophy will be played for annually and the trophy will be engraved with the winner's name. Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be determined once final number of entrants is known and the cost of the trophy is agreed by the Committee (.

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The tournament will commence on 1 July 2023 and all matches to be completed by 31 May 2024.

The 2023-24 championship is by invitation only and there are expected to be 10-12 entrants.

Entrants are required to complete the attached entry form.

Entry Fee: £25

Payment to be made to East Grinstead Chess Club as follows:

Bank: Nat West

Sort code: 60-07-17

Account number: 42843847

Account name: East Grinstead Chess Club Community Account

Each entrant will play all other players once in the competition.

Players agree for their contact details to be distributed to fellow competitors.

All matches to be played over the board.

All matches to be played with a clock with 1.5 hours per player and no increment.

A player whose flag falls will lose unless his opponent has insufficient material to win and in that case, the match will be declared a draw.

Players will draw before the match to determine colour.

Matches will be played over the board and played at a suitable venue agreed between the players, e.g. East Grinstead Chess club (Monday night), at a Player's home, Libraries or other venues as agreed between the players.

Where agreed between the players and the players are both members of ECF, the matches will be submitted for grading to ECF.

Results are to be submitted to the Tournament Controller (Eric Granzelius).

Once the final list of entrants is known, a draw will be made to determine a 'guide' fixture list, but players are free to arrange matches at their convenience. Players are encouraged to attempt to complete at least three matches every quarter.

**Any decisions requiring arbitration will be made by the Arbitration Committee the following three members: Eric Granzelius, Adrian Waldock and Robert Wall. Any decision made by a majority of the Arbitration Committee will be binding.**