

Sussex Junior Chess Grand Prix 2023-24



There are six tournaments that make up the annual Sussex Junior Chess Grand Prix (GP), similar to the one in motor racing.

Results in each of the constituent GP tournaments earn points towards the overall Grand Prix. These points are accumulated for all eligible participants. The up to date GP table is published on the Sussex Junior Chess website - <https://sussexjuniorchess.org/>

The constituent tournaments for the current season are:

GP1 Crowborough – 17th September 2023
GP2 Worth – 15th October 2023
GP3 Eastbourne – 26th November 2023

GP4 Hastings – January 2024 tbc
GP5 Horsham – 4th February 2024
GP6 Worthing – 18th May 2024

Eligibility

The Sussex Grand Prix is open to any player aged under 18 on 31st August 2023. You do **not** need to live in, or go to school in, Sussex.

Playing Sections and Rules for Promotion through Sections

All GPs except GP2 Worth:

Players compete in one of 4 sections – Under 11 Minor, Under 11 Major, Under 18 Minor, U18 Major.

The Under 11 Minor is a developmental section where very young players, or those new to competitive chess, may gain experience. Players who place 1st, 2nd, or 3rd in this section will be promoted to the Under 11 Major section in subsequent events.

Players selected to the Sussex Under 9 and Under 11 squads will be expected to enter the Under 11 Major. Those aspiring to selection should seek advice regarding their individual situation, but it is likely that they should be entering the Under 11 Major after GP3.

The winner of the Under 11 Major section will be promoted to the Under 18 Major section in subsequent events.

The Under 18 Minor is a developmental section for older players and as such is restricted to players with an ECF grade of 100 or less (as at the most recent published list). The winner of the Under 18 Minor will be promoted to the Under 18 Major in subsequent events.

GP2 Worth

This event is a qualifying tournament for the London Junior Chess Championships and as such the sections offered are Under 8, Under 10, Under 12 and Under 18.

Players should enter the section appropriate to their age. Players may enter a higher section if they wish.

GP Prizes

To be eligible for prizes, players must have played in at least 3 of the 6 GP tournaments.

There will be trophies for the top three scorers in each age group from Under 7 to Under 18. Trophies will be subject to tie-break rules.

All eligible players who have competed in at least 5 of the 6 GP tournaments will receive a special loyalty medal.

All prizes are awarded at the prizegiving of the final GP tournament (currently GP6 Worthing).

Calculation of GP Points and Tie-break Rules

Each player's grand prix score is the total of their **best 4 scores**.

The tie-break rules are designed to reward players who have played in more tournaments:

- Where both players have competed in 4 or more events, the 5th best score will be used to break the tie. If these scores are equal the 6th best score will be used.
- Where a player has only played in 3 events, the 4th best score will be used to break the tie.

Other Rules

Players competing in a nationally recognised chess tournament or fixture which clashes with a GP tournament will be deemed to have played in the GP for the purposes of the loyalty award. No points will be accrued in the Grand Prix.

It is the responsibility of the player to notify the Grand Prix co-ordinator of their claim by email to info@sussexjuniorchess.org within 7 days of the tournament.

Players competing in the Crowborough Chess Club Rapidplay which runs alongside GP1 will be deemed to have played in the Sussex Grand Prix for the purposes of the loyalty award. Points scored will be accrued in the GP.

The Grand Prix co-ordinator will decide any matter not covered above. In the event of dispute the Grand Prix co-ordinator's decision is final.

