



WHITE ROSE CHESS CIRCUIT

2025/2026 RULES

The following rules shall govern the White Rose Chess Circuit 2025/2026:

1. The WRC Circuit 2025/2026 shall consist of 6 x Standard play congress:
 - a. York – Sept 2025
 - b. Leeds – Oct 2025
 - c. Bradford – Jan 2026
 - d. Harrogate – Feb 2026
 - e. Huddersfield – Mar 2026
 - f. Ilkley – Jun 2026
2. Each congress shall be a two day, 5 round, swiss format congress.
3. Each congress shall consist of 3 x sections:
 - a. Open
 - b. Major (u1900)
 - c. Minor (u1600)
4. Players may play in any section which they are eligible to enter based on their rating. Eligibility for each section shall be determined based on a players ECF rating on the 1st day of the month in which the event starts.
5. Each player may request a half point bye in any round of a congress. Any subsequent requested byes shall be nil point byes.
6. At the end of the season, the highest performing player in each section shall be named the Circuit Champion for that section, and shall be awarded the Circuit Champion Prizes for 2025/2026:
 - a. Open Section Circuit Champion - £500
 - b. Major Section Circuit Champion - £500
 - c. Minor Section Circuit Champion - £500
7. Calculation of scores for purposes of the WRC Circuit Championship:
 - a. A players highest 5 scores in a Section (across any 5 of the 6 congresses) shall be added together to calculate their Circuit Score (e.g. 21 out of 25).
 - b. For the avoidance of doubt, if a player has played all 6 congresses, then their lowest score will be disregarded when calculating their Circuit Score.

i. Worked Example:

1. Player "John Smith" has the following scores:

- a. York – Minor Section – 3/5
- b. Leeds – Minor Section 5/5
- c. Bradford – Minor Section – 4.5/5
- d. Harrogate – Minor Section – 2/5
- e. Huddersfield – Minor Section 3.5/5
- f. Ilkley – Minor Section – 2.5/5

Players final **Circuit Scores**:

- Minor Section – 18.5
(Their score in Harrogate having been disregarded)

c. A player **MAY NOT** carry points forward in the event that they move to a higher or lower section part way through the season.

- i. For example, a player who plays the first two events in the Major Section, and the last 4 events in the Open Section, may not apply the points scored in the Major Section to their scores in the Open Section when calculating their final Circuit Score.
- ii. Second example, a player who plays the first three events in the Major Section, and the last 3 events in the Minor Section, may not apply the points scored in the Major Section to their scores in the Minor Section when calculating their final Circuit Score.

iii. Worked Example:

1. Player "John Smith" has the following scores:

- a. York – Major Section – 3/5
- b. Leeds – Major Section 5/5
- c. Bradford – Major Section – 4.5/5
- d. Harrogate – Open Section – 2/5
- e. Huddersfield – Open Section 3.5/5
- f. Ilkley – Open Section – 2.5/5

Player's final **Circuit Scores**:

- Major Section – 12.5
- Open Section – 8

8. In the event that two or more players tie for the Circuit Champion in any section, then the Circuit Championship Prizes shall be split between them equally.



WHITE ROSE CHESS JUNIOR CIRCUIT

2025/2026 RULES

The following rules shall govern the White Rose Chess Junior Circuit 2025/2026:

1. The WRC Circuit 2025/2026 shall consist of 7 x Rapidplay Tournaments:
 - a. Event 1 - 17 August 2025 - Bradford
 - b. Event 2 - 28 September 2025 - Ilkley
 - c. Event 3 - 14 December 2025 - Bradford
 - d. Event 4 - 25 January 2026 - Ilkley
 - e. Event 5 - 15 March 2026 - Bradford
 - f. Event 6 - 26 April 2026 - Ilkley
 - g. Event 7 - 17 May 2026 – Bradford
2. Each tournament congress shall be a 6 round, swiss format rapidplay
3. Each tournament shall consist of 4 x sections:
 - a. Open
 - b. Intermediate (u1200)
 - c. Minor (u900)
 - d. Foundation (u700)
4. Players may play in any section which they are eligible to enter based on their rating. Eligibility for each section shall be determined based on a players ECF rating on the 1st day of the month in which the event starts.
5. Each player may request a half point bye in any round of a tournament. Any subsequent requested byes shall be nil point byes.
6. At the end of the season, the highest performing player in each section shall be named the Circuit Champion for that section and shall be awarded the Circuit Champion Trophy for 2025/2026.
7. Calculation of scores for purposes of the WRC Junior Circuit Championship:
 - a. A player's highest 5 scores in a Section (across any 5 of the 7 tournaments) shall be added together to calculate their Circuit Score (e.g. 21 out of 25).
 - b. For the avoidance of doubt, if a player has played all 7 tournaments, then their lowest two scores will be disregarded when calculating their Circuit Score.

i. Worked Example:

1. Player "John Smith" has the following scores:

- a. Event 1 – Minor Section – 3/6
- b. Event 2 – Minor Section – 5/6
- c. Event 3 – Minor Section – 5.5/6
- d. Event 4 – Minor Section – 1/6
- e. Event 5 – Minor Section – 5/6
- f. Event 6 – Minor Section – 1.5/6
- g. Event 7 – Minor Section – 6/6

Players final Circuit Scores:

- Minor Section – 24.5
(Their scores in Events 4 and 6 having been disregarded)

c. A player MAY NOT carry points forward in the event that they move to a higher or lower section part way through the season.

- i. For example, a player who plays the first two events in the Foundation Section, and the last 5 events in the Minor Section, may not apply the points scored in the Foundation Section towards their final Circuit Score.
- ii. Second example, a player who plays the first three events in the Open Section, and the last 4 events in the Intermediate Section, may not apply the points scored in the open Section towards their final Circuit Score.

iii. Worked Example:

1. Player "John Smith" has the following scores:

- a. Event 1 – Intermediate Section – 4/6
- b. Event 2 – Intermediate Section – 3/6
- c. Event 3 – Intermediate Section – 5.5/6
- d. Event 4 – Open Section – 1/6
- e. Event 5 – Open Section – 3/6
- f. Event 6 – Open Section – 2/6
- g. Event 7 – Intermediate Section – 5/6

Player's final Circuit Scores:

- Intermediate Section – 17.5
- Open Section – 6

8. In the event that two or more players tie for the Circuit Champion in any section, then the Circuit Championship Prizes shall be determined on the following tie break:

- a. Scores against each other across the season; or if still tied
- b. Total score across all 7 events in that Section; or if still tied
- c. Progressive Scores throughout the season.

