

British Open Online Solving Masters

Dear Solving Friends,

Following postponement of the Winton British Chess Solving Championship scheduled for 20th February 2021, the BCPS have sanctioned an online fun event to provide a similar solving experience to both WBCSC qualifiers and the wider solving community. There will be both Category 1 and Category 2 problem sets (Category 2 problems are targeted at solvers graded under 2000).

The event comprises 6 rounds to be held on Saturday 20th February 2021 at 12:30 GMT (13:30 CET) under the following schedule:

Round 1 12:30 3x#2 20 mins

Round 2 13:00 2x#3 40 mins

Round 3 13:50 2xeg 60 mins

Round 4 15:00 2xH# 30 mins

Round 5 15:40 2x#n 50 mins

Round 6 16:40 2xS# 30 mins

The Technical Controller is Brian Cook with BCPS as Supervisor. To participate, <http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc210220.htm> will be accessible on the day for solvers, where you will be presented with the above schedule, supporting announcements and the choice of Category 1 or Category 2 problem sets. The tournament address is boosm21@btinternet.com (for appeals, enquiries, etc). Registration is optional but preferred (if only to identify a name rather than your eMail address for the Results and Final Report). Points are awarded according to WCSC guidelines. Results and Final Report will be published as quickly as possible in the usual way; and also by eMail to all entrants (to include an electronic copy of the issue of The Problemist in which the Final Report is published).

NOTE 1: A WBCSC Simulator is located at <http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc201116.htm> for practice, running daily from 12:30 to 17:10 GMT.

NOTE 2: An introductory User Guide is also available at <http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/qikguide.htm>

NOTE 3: You should be able to participate on any PC, laptop, tablet or smart-phone with internet connection.

You are trusted absolutely to observe all usual tournament conditions and to participate in a spirit of friendly rivalry. There are no prizes, grading or norm allocations – simply the distinguished honour of being British Open Online Solving Master 2021 !