210501 Opening Announcement

British Open Online Masters (BOOM)

Dear Solving Friends,

To help fill the current vacuum in the elite solving calendar, the following programme of Grand Prix (online @Home) will be organized by BCPS:

	Grand Prix	Format	Timing
Sat 26 June	SUMMER	6 round	Local
Sat 7-8 August	OLYMPIC	WCSC	UTC
Sat 25 September	AUTUMN	6 round	Local
Mon 27 December	CHRISTMAS	6 round	Local
Sat 19 February	BRITISH	6 round	UTC
Sat 16 April	EASTER	6 round	Local

subject to BCPS & WFCC announcements.

There will be both Category 1 and Category 2 problem sets (Category 2 problems are targeted at solvers rated under 2000). Event details (all at local time) are:

	6 Round			WCSC		
1	12:30	3 x #2	20 mins	10:00	3 x #2	20 mins
2	13:00	2 x #3	40	10:30	3 x #3	60
3	13:50	2 x eg	60	11:40	3 x eg	100
4	15:00	2 x H#	30	10:00	3 x H#	50
5	15:40	2 x #n	50	11:00	3 x #n	80
6	16:40	2 x S#	30	12:30	3 x S#	50

The Technical Controller is Brian Cook with BCPS as Supervisor. For each Grand Prix, a webpage will be provided in advance for solvers, where you will be presented with the appropriate 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 Reports will be published as quickly as possible in the usual way; and also by eMail to all entrants.

For each GP, BOOM points will be awarded to the top 10 solvers as follows:

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
24	18	15	12	10	8	6	4	2	1

with an overall results table maintained over the year to decide the Masters Champion. When both physical and online events occur on the same day with the same problems then BOOM points are awarded according to a consolidated results table.

NOTES:

1 The 2021 Masters App is available at http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc210221.htm for practice, running daily from 12:30 to 17:10 local time.

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

3. If the start time for any event is inconvenient then simply change the time-zone on your device (and restart your browser) to suit your needs. For the WBCSC, which is strictly 12:30 GMT to protect the integrity of the physical event, such changes will only work for later times as problems and solutions are uploaded at the last minute.

4. You are trusted absolutely to observe usual tournament conditions and to participate in a spirit of friendly rivalry. There are no prizes, grading or norm allocations.