

Staines Chess Club Championship 2026

Format:

- Classical six round Swiss
- The time control will be 80+10 or 65+10 (if both players agree)
- Played from 5th March – 27th August (27 Thursdays)
- Round 1: 5th March - 2nd April (5 Thursdays)
- Round 2: 9th April - 7th May (5 Thursdays)
- Round 3: 14th May - 4th June (4 Thursdays)
- Round 4: 11th June - 2nd July (4 Thursdays)
- Round 5: 9th July - 30th July (4 Thursdays)
- Round 6: 6th August - 27th August (4 Thursdays)

Rules:

- All games to be played at the club venue
- Up to two half point byes allowed but not in round 6 (please inform Derek or David before the round pairing)
- Derek or David will act as arbiters. If neither are present then another committee member will be assigned to deputise.
- A player will lose by forfeit if they are unable to play on any Thursday in a round. Players can agree half point byes if they are unable to arrange a Thursday when both can play.

Pairings:

- Chess Manager software will be used for pairings.
- Pairings & results will be published on chess-results.com at the start of each round.

Tie-break:

- In the event of a tie for first place at the end of round six, there will be a play off, held as soon as possible.
- If more than two players are tied for first place then the tournament performance rating (TPR) below will be used to determine the top two players for the play off
 1. Direct Encounter
 2. Buchholz Cut 1
 3. Buchholz System
 4. Sonneborn-Berger
 5. Progressive score
 6. Most wins
 7. Most wins as black
 8. If there is still a tie after 1-7 above then lots will be drawn
- The play off format will be:
 1. One game, 80+10, with white determined by TPR above.
 2. If drawn, two games, 15+10
 3. If still tied, two games, 3+2
 4. If still tied, Armageddon, white 4+2, black n+2, lowest n bid for black time plays black and if game drawn black wins the championship.

Prizes/Trophies:

- The winner will be awarded the title “Staines Chess Club Champion 2026” and will receive the Staines Chess Club Championship Trophy.

The Committee may if required make amendments to the above