HAMPSHIRE
CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Affiliated: English Chess Federation
and West of England Chess Union

August 2025

HCA Women's Individual Championship

General Rules

1. The Championship is to be held between September 22nd and 15th May.
2. There is no entry fee for the competition.
3. The winner (or joint winners) will be the Hampshire Women's Individual Champion for 2025/26.
4. The winner(s) will receive a trophy and £50 (shared if tied).
5. The format depends on the number of entrants, with the aim of providing between five and nine games for each player.
    a. It will be a double round all-play-all event if less than six players.
    b. It will be run as an all-play-all event if 6 to 10 players.
    c. It will be a Swiss event with at least six rounds (for more than 10 players).
6. All games are to be played following Southampton Chess League rules, including the use of a clock, scoresheet, and a standard play time control.
    a. Time control is to be 80 + 10 if three hour playing session (preferred).
    b. Time control is to be 65 + 10 if venue if two and a half hours playing session.
    c. If no DGT clock is available the time control is to be 90 minutes each for three hour playing session, or 75 minutes if two and a half hours playing session.
7. All games will be ECF rated.
8. Games are played throughout the season at players' clubs or homes. The organiser will provide a playing schedule, but players should agree dates between themselves.
9. All games should be played by the 15th May. The HCA Committee reserves the right to void any games not played by this date.
10. The HCA Secretary should be contacted as soon as possible if there are any problems in arranging games.
11. All players are required to be HCA affiliated, which will normally be through membership of a club in the Southampton or Portsmouth Chess League. It is recommended that players be rated in excess of 1300, but lower rated players will be considered.
12. All players have to be an ECF member.
13. Results are to be submitted to the Controller at g.b.stuart@btinternet.com and these will be added to the LMS system for recording and rating

Any queries / comments are to be raised with the Controller.

Graham Stuart
Controller