

Greater London Chess Club

*** Christmas Tournament at odds ***

6.45pm Tuesday 16th December 2025

Upper Vestry House, St George's Bloomsbury



Five-round, single section, Swiss tournament, played at 19th century odds, with set openings:

Rating difference	Higher rated player's colour	Odds	Set '1887' Opening
0–200	Black (same rating, toss for colours)	None	Evans Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3. Bc4 Bc5; 4. b4)
201–400	White	Playing the Steinitz Gambit	Steinitz Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. Nc3 Nc6; 3. f4 ef; 4. d4 Qh4+; 5. Ke2)
401–600	Black	Exchange (remove Black QR & White QN)	Ruy Lopez Schliemann Defence (1.e4 e5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3. Bb5 f5)
601–800	Black	Pawn and Two Moves (remove Black KBP)	White moves twice at the start of the game: 1. e4 ... ; 2. d4 e6
801–1000	White	Knight (remove White QN)	Ponziani Opening (1. e4 e5; 2. Nf3 Nc6; 3. c3)
1001–1200	White	Rook (remove White QR, QRP at a3)	King's Knight Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. f4 ef; 3.Nf3)
1200 or more	White	Queen (remove White Q)	King's Bishop Gambit (1. e4 e5; 2. f4 ef; 3. Bc4)

Estimated ratings will be assigned to players without formal ratings.

Rate of play - 15 minutes per player per game. FIDE Laws of Chess apply.

Prizes

- Highest placed club member will hold the Phil Jeffries Trophy for one year (current holder: Jamie Gordon)

Christmas Buffet - Wine, beer, soft drinks and Christmas food served after round 2.

Entries

Entry fee: £10.00 for GLCC members; £15 for non-members. Entry fees to be paid online using the payment buttons on the GLCC website club page by Monday 15th December or cash on the day - in which case please email me to say you'd like to play. No on the day entries please, as we need to know numbers in advance so the buffet can be arranged.

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