

London Public Service Chess League
TEAM BLITZ OPEN & U-1800 TOURNAMENTS



Tuesday 20 May 2025, start time 6.45pm
(please arrive by 6.30pm)

Upper Vestry House, St George's Bloomsbury
Little Russell Street, London WC1A 2HR

Format

- ◆ Teams of four players. League clubs may enter one or more teams, nominating the players for each team before the start of the first match. If they wish, clubs may combine to form a team. In the U-1800 event, all players must be rated below 1800ECF in the most recent rating list (May 2025). ECF blitz ratings, or if not held, ECF standard play ratings will be used.
- ◆ Format (all-play-all or Swiss tournament) and number of rounds dependent on entry, but we will finish by 9.30pm approximately. Scoring will be sum of match points; tiebreak on sum of board points.
- ◆ Rate of play: each player has 3 minutes plus a 2 second increment per move. FIDE Blitz chess rules apply.

Open winners will hold the Barford Trophy for one year
U-1800 winners will hold the Roland Smith Trophy for one year

Open Winners 2023: Pimlico; U-1800 Winners 2023: GLCC

Entry

- ◆ The tournaments are open to clubs who play in the London Public Service Chess League. Any member of a London Public Service Chess League club may play in a team.
- ◆ Clubs should (i) notify the tournament controller how many teams they wish to enter in each section by **Monday 19 May at the latest** and (ii) provide team player lists by 6.30pm on the day of the tournament. Entries to the tournament controller Nigel Blades by email: glcctournaments@gmail.com. For telephone enquiries: 07717 815955.
- ◆ Entry fee is £10 per team, payable in cash at the tournament.