



ECF Online Events for the Week - 20/08/21

ECF Members Club tournaments We have the usual schedule this week with 4 events on chess.com and 3 on lichess. Please note that the Monday and Wednesday afternoon events have moved to 4:00 pm:

 **Chess.com ECF Members Club tournaments on **Friday** (Diamond Blitz at 8-00), **Sunday** (Rapid Swiss at 8-00), **Tuesday Afternoon** (New Improvers U1600 Rapid or Blitz at 4-30) and **Thursday Afternoon** (Blitz at 4-00)**

 **lichess.org English Players Club events on **Saturday** (Rapid at 8-00), **Monday Afternoon** (Blitz at 4-00) and **Wednesday** (Blitz at 8-00)** For full details and links please refer to the club home pages and web page here: <https://englishchessonline.org.uk/upcoming-club-events>

Internationals


chess.com Nations League - Off-Season Friendlies

We came second behind winners Romania in the first of the Nations League friendlies on Saturday 14th August. This was a 90 minute chess.com Team Arena starting at **7-00 pm on Saturday 14th August** at 5|2 time control, with ECF Members taking on 4 other National teams including USA, Canada and Romania at the link here:

<https://www.chess.com/tournament/live/arena/five-nation-tournament-1315689> - The next team Arena will be at **7-00 pm on Saturday 28th August**.

lichess Internationals / Mega Team Battles

The English Chess Players team is continuing with various friendly internationals as well as participating in 4 regular lichess leagues / series - these matches are open to all lichess English Chess Players club members.


 **World 5 Nations League** - The next event will be a seven nations team battle scheduled for 5-00 pm on **Friday 20th August** at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/nVl3zali>



Lichess Mega Team Battles - The next lichess Mega A team battle will be at **5-00 pm on Friday 27th August** at the link here <https://lichess.org/tournament/952cWgJU> - This will be a mega team battle for 2 hours at 5|0, with 191 teams and 15 leaders.

Bullet Leagues

WorldBullet - We will be playing in the World Bullet League event at **10 am on Saturday 21st August**. This will be an 80 minute 1|0 bullet Arena with 74 teams and 15 leaders at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/BbrxRO9G>

Intercontinental Bullet (Americas v the World) - We finished 5th in a field of 109 teams - which was a great result in the 4th Intercontinental Bullet on Saturday. The next event will be at **8-00 pm on Saturday 21st August** - This will be a 70 minute 2|0 bullet Arena at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/zfNq131s> - Join us if you can for the next in the series.

 **Champions League** - We came ninth in the Champions League team battle at 6:30 pm on Tuesday 17th August here - <https://lichess.org/tournament/QCy2hLwB> - This was a 120 minute team battle at 3|0 with 36 National teams mostly from Europe, Africa and South America. The next round will be at 6:30 pm on **Tuesday 24th August** and we will publish the link on the lichess club home page once available.

  **Bundesliga/ Quarantane League** - We came 4th in the 5B team battle at 7-00 pm on Sunday 15th August just missing out on promotion to Liga 4. We then managed second in Thursdays Liga 5B event and go back up to Liga 4C with the next event on Sunday at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/79x9hvhA>

ECF Online Grand Prix - Entries are open for the ECF Online Blitz Grand Prix and ECF Online Rapid Grand Prix series on lichess. The events run monthly from March and are held at 2:00pm on the first Sunday of each month (for the Blitz Tournaments) and the third Sunday of each month (for the Rapid Tournaments). Please see the Grand Prix webpage for more details - <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/2021-online-grand-prix-series/> - and the entry forms here:

ECF Online Blitz Grand Prix - <https://britchess.wufoo.com/forms/m1v3u7150fp0cqo/>

ECF Online Rapid Grand Prix - <https://britchess.wufoo.com/forms/mn0wucv0iq3nkv/>

The next Event is the 7th Blitz Grand Prix Tournament on Sunday 5th September.

England Women's Team - The England Women's club is led by WGM Jovanka Houska and IM Lawrence Cooper and can be found at the link here with full details of upcoming events. <https://lichess.org/team/england-women>

Events for the week are published on the home page and currently include the English Blitz Europa Battle at 6-00 pm on Friday 20th August at the link here, the 67° TORRES DE LOULE 3D Team Battle at **3-30 pm on 22nd August** at <https://lichess.org/tournament/td0jH8kL> - the Liga 16B team battle at **7-00 pm on 22nd August** at <https://lichess.org/tournament/8e1Mdhthn> - and the Champions League on Tuesday 24th August.

She Plays to Win She Plays To Win is a UK Girls Chess Project supported by the ECF and led by England Women's Coach IM Lorin D'Costa, to try and encourage more girls to participate and learn chess in a fun environment. This involves free 30 minutes training in the weekly group, and a tournament on the Lichess server afterwards. The links below provided details of the project, upcoming events and a joining form for parents looking to register on behalf of their daughters.
<https://www.sheplaystowin.co.uk/>
<https://www.sheplaystowin.co.uk/events>
<https://www.sheplaystowin.co.uk/join-sptw>

England Juniors The English Juniors team runs fortnightly events on Thursday at 6.00pm with occasional matches against other countries. The club link and joining instructions are here - <https://lichess.org/team/england-juniors>

The next club event will be the 11th Blitz Arena at 6-00 pm on **Thursday 26th August** with the open section at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/eyQtFycl>

National Schools Championships

The National Schools Championships are now being held on Fridays with entry open to all Secondary Schools.

More details at <https://lichess.org/team/secondary-school-chess>