

Events for the Week - 27/08/21

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**

 England v Romania Friendly Team Match - We have a 3 time-control team match (slow blitz, blitz and bullet) scheduled against the Romanian Federation on Saturday evening. This will be based on three chess.com team matches at 10|0, 3|2 and 1|1 starting at **7-00 pm on Saturday 28th August**. The links are here with registration open from one hour before each match:

7-00 pm Slow Blitz Leg - England v Romania Match (10|0 x2) -

<https://www.chess.com/live#tm=871968>

7-50 pm Blitz Leg - England v Romania Match (3|2 x2) -

<https://www.chess.com/live#tm=871967>

8-20 pm Bullet Leg - England v Romania (1|1 x2) 0 -

<https://www.chess.com/live#tm=871966>

Please join us for this one which is open to all ECF Members Club players. We are expecting a strong Romanian Federation team as always and should be a competitive match.

 **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.

 **Blitz Leagues**

 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/S9dzjySp> - This will be another mega battle for 2 hours at 5|0, with 198 teams and 20 leaders.

U2000 Team Blitz -We have the liga internacional de naciones Team Battle at **6-00 pm on Saturday 28th August** - This will be an U2000 rating limited team battle at 3|0 at the link here - <https://lichess.org/tournament/mr3yzlDT>

 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 31st August** and we will publish the link on the lichess club home page once available.

 World 5 Nations League - We came 2nd in the 5 Nations Team Battle at 5-00 pm on Friday 20th August at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/nVl3zaLi> - Well played all and congratulations to top scorer GM Keith Arkell. The next event will be a 10 Nations battle at **5-00 pm on Wednesday 1st September** at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/BS49oXy7>

  Bundesliga/ Quarantane League - We came first in our Liga 4C event at 7-00 pm on Sunday 22nd August at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/79x9hvhA> - and then second in our Liga 3A event on Thursday 26th August at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/ibWKV9JK> - and we have been promoted to the main Bundesliga! Well played English Chess Players team and many thanks to to GM Keith Arkell our top scorer on Sunday, and GM Matthew Sadler our top scorer on Thursday. Our first match in the main Bundesliga Division 2 will be at **7-00 pm on Sunday 29th August** at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/QiBfrv70>

Bullet Leagues

World Bullet - We came 9th in the World Bullet league event at 10 am on Saturday 21st August. This was an 80 minute 1|0 bullet Arena with 89 teams and 15 leaders at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/BbrxRO9G>

Intercontinental Bullet (Americas v the World) - We finished 7th in a field of 108 teams - which was another great result in the 5th Intercontinental Bullet on Saturday. The next event will be at **8-00 pm on Saturday 28th August** - This will be a 70 minute 2|0 bullet Arena at the link here: <https://lichess.org/tournament/emokz6tD> - Join us if you can for the next in the series.

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 68° TORRES DE LOULE 3D Team Battle at **3-30 pm on 29th August** at <https://lichess.org/tournament/4eYgsR8k> - the Liga 16B team battle at **7-00 pm on 29th August** at - <https://lichess.org/tournament/cfufWUao> - and the Champions League on Tuesday 31st 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 Summer Bank Holiday Swiss at **10-00 am on Monday 30th August** with the open section at the link here: <https://lichess.org/swiss/vuQnyKlC>

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>