

Warwickshire Junior Grand Prix Rules – 2022/23

Section A: Eligibility

Players in one of the following categories will be eligible to appear in the standings of the Warwickshire Junior Grand Prix:-

- (a) Born in Warwickshire
- (b) Domiciled in Warwickshire
- (c) At school in Warwickshire

For the purpose of this rule, “Warwickshire” is defined as:-

- (i) The five districts of the non-metropolitan county of Warwickshire: North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth, Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick.
- (ii) The following three districts of the metropolitan county of West Midlands: City of Birmingham, City of Coventry, Solihull.

For the purpose of (b) and (c) above, a player who was eligible at any point between the first and last event of the season will be eligible to appear in their standings, and have all of their scores achieved in tournaments count towards their total, regardless of whether one or more of those scores was achieved when they no longer met the eligibility requirement.

A player’s age at 1st September, 2022 will determine their eligibility for each age category. For example, a player who is 9 on 1st September, 2022 will be regarded as an Under 10 for the purposes of entry into any of the tournaments below.

Section B: Schedule of Tournaments

Sunday, 9 th October	GP1: Birmingham
Sunday, 27 th November (TBC)	Warwickshire Junior Championship (TBC)
Saturday, 21 th January	GP2: Kenilworth
Saturday, 4 th March (TBC)	GP3: TBC
Sunday, 25 th June	GP4: Solihull

The above calendar is accurate at the time of publication. These events, and the sections published below, are subject to potential change.

Warwickshire Junior Championship – TBC

Category A: Under 8, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16, Under 18

Grand Prix 1, 2, 3

Category A: Under 11, Under 18

Category B: Under 11, Under 18

Category C: Under 11

Category D: Under 11

Note: Where there are an insufficient number of entries to run an individual tournament, sections may be merged at each tournament’s Chief Arbitrator’s discretion.

Section C: Rules for each Tournament

- (a) All Category A, B, C and D tournaments will be ECF-rated. All Under 12, 14, 16 and 18 tournaments will be FIDE-rated. All Under 11 Category A tournaments will be FIDE-rated.
- (b) The time limit for all Grand Prix tournaments will be Game/15 + 10'.
- (c) All Grand Prix tournaments will have 5 rounds; the Warwickshire Junior Championship will have 7 rounds.
- (d) All Grand Prix tournaments will be open to any players; the Warwickshire Junior Championship will be restricted to players eligible as defined in Section A: Eligibility.
- (e) Players may not play in an age Category other than the youngest one they are eligible to play in.
- (f) Medals will be awarded at each Grand Prix event: Bronze 2½ or 3 points, Silver 3½ or 4 points, Gold 4½ or 5 points.
- (g) The Warwickshire Junior Championship will also award medals: Bronze 4 or 4½ points, Silver 5 or 5½ points, Gold 6, 6½ or 7 points. The highest-scoring player(s) in each section will win the Warwickshire Junior Championship trophy for that year.

Under 11 Category A tournaments, and all Under 12-18 tournaments will be played in accordance with the January 2018 FIDE Laws of Chess.

Under 11 Category B-D tournaments, and all Under 8-10 tournaments will also be played in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess, except that three illegal moves will lose the game, rather than two. A player who completes an illegal move will have two minutes added to their opponents' clock.

Rating Restrictions for Each Category

For tournaments restricted to Under 11 and younger:

- (a) All players of all grades are eligible to play in Category A tournaments.
- (b) Players graded less than 1250 are eligible to play in Category B tournaments.
- (c) Players graded less than 1050 are eligible to play in Category C tournaments.
- (d) Players graded less than 850 are eligible to play in Category D tournaments.
- (e) Ungraded players will be allocated a tournament by the organiser.

For tournaments restricted to Under 12, 14, 16, or 18:

- (a) All players of all grades are eligible to play in Category A tournaments.
- (b) Players graded less than 1450 are eligible to play in Category B tournaments.
- (c) Ungraded players will be allocated a tournament by the organiser.

Section D: Grand Prix Scores

A player's Grand Prix score will be the sum of the following:

- The player's score in the Warwickshire Junior Championship
- The player's three highest scores in any tournaments that season.

Note: Scores achieved in Category B tournaments will count as 75%, Category C tournaments will count as 50%, and Category D tournaments will count as 25%.

In the event of a tie in the Grand Prix, the tie will be broken using the following tie-breaks until the tie is broken:-

- (a) The player who scored more points in the Warwickshire Junior Championship will be ranked higher.
- (b) The third-highest score from a Grand Prix tournament will be removed from the calculation of the player's Grand Prix score. The player with the higher remaining score will be ranked higher.

- (c) The third-highest and second-highest score from a Grand Prix tournament will be removed from the calculation of the player's Grand Prix score. The player with the higher remaining score will be ranked higher.
- (d) The player who was rated lower in the September 2022 ECF Rapidplay grading list will be ranked higher. Where one of the tied players is ungraded, this tie-break will not be used.
- (e) In the event of all of the above tie-breaks failing to split the tie, then the title will be shared.

Section E: Warwickshire Junior Grand Prix Prizes

The following will win prizes:

- (1) The highest-scoring Under 9 Boy and Under 9 Girl
- (2) The highest-scoring Under 11 Boy and Under 11 Girl
- (3) The highest-scoring Under 14 Boy and Under 14 Girl
- (4) The highest-scoring Under 18 Boy and Under 18 Girl

A player is only eligible to win a prize in the youngest of the four categories above they are eligible to win.

All Warwickshire Junior Grand Prix Champions will win the following:

- A trophy (to be kept, and is not returnable)
- Paid-for Gold membership of the English Chess Federation in 2023/24
- Free entry to a section of their choice at the 2023/24 Warwickshire Rapidplay Championship, and any tournaments that are organised as part of the 2023/24 Warwickshire Championship.

Section F: Disclaimer

The Warwickshire Chess Association Junior Director reserves the right to make decisions on any situation not covered by these rules. In addition, the Warwickshire Chess Association Junior Director reserves the right to amend these rules from time-to-time, including during the middle of a season.