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Summary	The Armed Forces Rapidplay Chess Championship 2025 will take place at RAF Benson 1st/2nd November 2025.
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Annexes	[Annexes]
Related Info	[Related Info]
Classification	Official

Annex A to 2025DIN10-027: Entry Form

Annex B to 2025DIN10-027: GDPR Statement

Annex C to 2025DIN10-027 - AFCA Membership Form

ARMED FORCES RAPIDPLAY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2025

1. The Armed Forces Rapidplay Chess Championship will take place at Sharland Hall, RAF Benson, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 6AA on Saturday 1st Nov and Sunday 2nd Nov 2025.
2. Prizes will be awarded for:
Overall Tournament winner
Highest placed <1750
Highest placed <1500
Highest placed new player
3. The competition is open to all members of the Armed Forces, Reserves, MOD Civil Service and Armed Forces Chess Association members; players of all standards are welcome. The format of the championships is an 8 round Swiss tournament played in accordance with the FIDE laws of chess. A seeded draw will determine pairings for the first round, thereafter, players will be drawn against another with the same or similar number of points. Nobody is eliminated in a Swiss tournament and players are expected to compete in all 8 rounds. Rate of play is 20 minutes per player with a 5 second increment per move.

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4. The tournament schedule is as follows:

	Time		Catering Provided
Sat 01 Nov	1200	Arrival	Sandwiches/Finger food
	1300	Round 1	
	1400	Round 2	
	1500	Round 3	
	1600	Round 4	
	1700	Round 5	
	1800	Social/Pizza	Pizza
Sun 02 Nov	0900	Breakfast	
	0930	Round 6	
	1030	Round 7	
	1130	Round 8	
	1230	Prize Giving	
	1300	Disperse	

5. Entry to the tournament is £30. This covers catering for the Saturday lunch and dinner, tea and coffee at the venue, prizes, arbiter's fees and the hiring of the hall, the entry fee should be paid in cash on arrival. Games will be submitted to the ECF for rapidplay rating. Therefore, non-ECF members are encouraged to join the ECF prior to the tournament (Bronze membership £21) [Membership rates & joining details – English Chess Federation](#)

6. Accommodation is available in respective messes and can be booked on the entry form. Competitors should be aware that accommodation is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Accommodation costs will be the responsibility of the individual and will be charged at the off-duty rates. Accommodation will be booked by the organiser when requested on the attached entry form.

7. An admin order with tournament and joining instructions will be emailed before the event.

8. Non-AFCA members are requested to fill in the AFCA membership form at annex C. Membership is free for a player's first OTB tournament.

9. Entries to the tournament, using the form at Annex A, should be submitted by email to Flt Lt Ben Woolf, contact details are on the entry form. Further information can be obtained from:

Armed Forces Chess Association Chairman: Flt Lt Ben Woolf RAF, Tel: 01424 837766 ext: 7722 or 07766517889 Email: Ben.Woolf222@mod.gov.uk or benwoolf@hotmail.co.uk

Further information can be found at www.serviceschess.wix.com/home

Annex A to 2025DIN10-027

Dated 31 Jul 25

**ARMED FORCES RAPIDPLAY CHESS COMPETITION
Sat 01 Nov 2025 – Sun 02 Nov 2025, RAF Benson, Oxfordshire**

I will be taking part in the Armed Forces Rapidplay Competition

Name.....DoB.....Gender.....

Rank/Civil Service Grade. Service/Employee No.....

Chess grading reference Current chess grade*

Work Tel: Mobile Tel:

Work Email.

Home Email.

Address.
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.....Postcode.....

ECF Membership No.....

*Note: Players without an ECF or FIDE grading please give an indication of your strength.

*I will / will not be travelling by car.

Make, Model, Colour, Reg:

Accommodation Required (Delete as appropriate): Officers Mess/ WO&SNCO Mess/ JR
accommodation/ None required

Entries should be returned to (email preferred): Flt Lt B Woolf at Ben.Woolf222@mod.gov.uk
or by post to Flt Lt Ben Woolf, 28 squadron, RAF Benson, Wallingford, Oxfordshire, OX10 6AA

Annex B

Annex B to 2025DIN10-027 - GDPR Statement

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) came into force on 25th May 2018. Further information is available on the website of the Information Commissioner's Office at <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/>

Please indicate that you are happy for the Association to retain your name, telephone number and email address after the tournament to enable the association to inform you of future competitions and distribute the association magazine.

Your information will not be shared with any third parties.

I am* / am not* happy for the AFCA to retain my contact details to provide future tournament details.

* Delete as appropriate.

Please return to Flt Lt Ben Woolf, details above. Entries will be confirmed by email.

Annex C to 2025DIN10-027 - AFCA Membership Form

AFCA Membership Registration

