

**ROUND ONE ZONES 2012**



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Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> January	1	London - SE9	Eltham College
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> February#	2	Oldham #	Hulme Grammar
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	3	Worsley, Manchester	Bridgewater
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	4	Liverpool	Aughton St Michael's
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	5	Colchester	St Teresas
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	6	Richmond	Twickenham Prep
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	7	Sutton	Homefield
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	8	Bath	King Edwards Junior
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> February	9	Northants	Laxton
Wednesday	CANCELLED	10	Oldham #	Hulme Grammar
Saturday	3 <sup>rd</sup> March	11	Ilford, Essex	Newbury Park
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	12	Ilford, Essex	Newbury Park
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	13	Birmingham	Hallfield
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	14	Gibraltar	Bishop Fitzgerald
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	15	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	RGS Junior
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	16	St Albans	Bowmansgreen
Sunday	4 <sup>th</sup> March	17	Stoke Newington	William Patten
Sunday	CANCELLED	18	Yateley, Hants	Yateley Manor
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> February	19	Rotherham	Sitwell
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	20	Godalming, Surrey	Aldro
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> February	21	Swindon	Westrop

# 3pm start at Oldham on these dates

\*Date and venue will be announced on the updated entry form on the Website:

[www.epsca.org.uk](http://www.epsca.org.uk)

New Schools wishing to host an event in 2013 always welcome- just phone!

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**IMPORTANT - Schools entering Round 1 will be expected to play in Rounds 2 and 3 should they qualify. Please check your availability, and that of your children, for the later rounds before entering Round 1.**

Further Note: We are asking for the signature of the Head teacher to show that they accept ultimate responsibility for their team throughout the competition. Please speak to Tony Corfe directly if this causes any problems.

Should you know of any other schools, including Small Schools, which might like to be invited, please copy this letter and pass it on.

**ENGLISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

**National Primary Schools Chess Team Championship 2012**

**U11's – 43<sup>rd</sup> Year                      U9's – 33<sup>rd</sup> Year**  
 For all schools with pupils aged 5 – 11 years

**Reigning Champions**

**Joint Under 9 – Garden Suburb School  
 Heathside School**

**Under 11 – Nottingham High Junior School**

**National Small Schools Chess Team Championship**

**U11's – 16<sup>th</sup> Year**

**Reigning Champions : Heathside School**

The Final will be played at Pontin's Brean Sands, Somerset,  
 on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July and Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012.

**All schools are welcome !!**

Headteachers who have established chess as an activity within their school recognise the value it has in other areas of the school curriculum.

*EPSCA wishes to encourage as many new schools as possible to play chess.*

## NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS COMPETITION 2012

**Teams:** 5 players - plus 1 reserve.  
**Under 11** ( Yr 6 & below)  
Or **Under 9** (Year 4 & below)... (Age on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011)

**Round 1: Zones: January / February / March 2012**

**Round 2: Semi-Finals – 6 rounds – 2 days at PONTINS**

**Brean Sands** (Somerset) 26-27 May

**Camber Sands** (Sussex) 19-20 May

**Prestatyn** (North Wales) 16-17 June

**FINAL :** Tues / Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> July - Pontins (Brean Sands, Somerset).

**Entry Fee:** £14 per school for 1 or 2 teams (plus £7 for each extra team)

Schools which host a zone are not required to pay an entry fee.

**Late Entry Fee:** £5 after 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

This successful competition, which started in 1969, is now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year. It is open to any school in England, Scotland, Wales or Gibraltar which can raise a team of 5 children plus one reserve. Although the aim is to find the strongest chess playing schools in the country, it is intended to be an interesting challenge to schools of any chess playing standard.

**Round One** is played in regional zones which are normally expected to have up to 20 teams (10 x U9's & 10x U11's). At the end of 5 matches the top 4 teams, or 4<sup>th</sup>=, or 50% (as appropriate for the size of the event), will qualify for the semi-finals . For 4<sup>th</sup> = there is no tie break.

We are offering 19 zones this year for round one. It is quite possible that some zones will exceed the capacity of the host school. If this happens then we shall endeavour to find another school to host a zone in the area on the same day.

***If you would be willing to do this please let us know ASAP.***

On behalf of everyone, we would like to thank all the schools which have volunteered their premises and also the local organisers for offering to prepare and host the zones. Without them this competition could not run.

Qualifying schools will opt to play in one of the 2 day semi-finals at **Pontins**. In 2011 more than 1200 players played at Pontins and were supported by 2,500 teachers, parents, family and friends. Each self-catering apartment caters for up to 6 people and costs about £250 for the weekend, we are trying to keep the prices the same as last year. ***The cost of the semi-final weekend will have to be met by the individual schools.***

At least the top two schools in each event, from each semi-final, will continue to the Final Event. Schools qualifying for Round Two (Semi-Finals) may choose to play in the venue most suitable to them. Schools entering teams in more than one zone or semi-final should note that a particular child may only play for one team in any round.

If you have any questions about the championship **after 20th January 2012**, please contact **Tony Corfe** during office hours daytime or up to 9.00 p.m in the evening. Contact details are on the front of the form. **Before 20<sup>th</sup> January 2012** please contact **Traci Whitfield**.

Please return your entries by **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2011**. Schools will be allocated to zones early in December. All the information, hopefully for all zones, to arrive at your school by mid-January. **Please assume your first choice of Zone** unless we have made contact with you.

The eight-team final will be played at Pontins (Brean Sands, Somerset) on Tuesday / Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> /4<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The teams' accommodation costs at the venue are met by EPSCA. Should there be less than 16 qualifiers in a Semi-final the Controller may divert one of the places for the Final to a different Semi-Final.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP: Traci Whitfield has arranged the zones this year and would appreciate you keeping to deadlines. Should you have any queries about the zones please call her in the evening before 9 p.m. 01782 623361.**

...and finally please send **Self Addressed Labels**. Last year 21 schools forgot and this caused extra un-necessary work.

## Entry to National Primary Schools Chess Team Competition 2012

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number on Roll: Inf \_\_\_\_ Jnr \_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of School: Inf / Jnr / Primary / Middle Local Authority / Fee Paying / Other \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

\*Teacher / Parent to contact \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

We wish to enter \_\_\_\_ teams in the Under 11 Competition; \_\_\_\_ teams in the Under 9 Competition.

If our team(s) qualifies for Round Two – Semi-Finals we would prefer to play at

\*\* Brean Sands (Somerset) / Prestatyn (North Wales) / Camber Sands (Sussex)

We enclose our cheque for £ \_\_\_\_\_ (payable to English Primary Schools Chess Association)

We also enclose **5 x self-adhesive labels** addressed to the school or other point of contact for this competition. *(These will be affixed to envelopes when sending details or results.)*

The Zones we prefer are:	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice Town	Zone No.	Date
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice Town	Zone No.	Date

### Any further comments:

Please give the names of schools and addresses which may wish to receive details of this year's competition.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_  
Teacher / Parent in charge of team

As Headteacher I accept full responsibility for my team and all of the arrangements made on their behalf by my designated teacher and / or parent.

Name of Headteacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Headteacher

\* / \*\* Please delete as necessary *Have you remembered the Self-adhesive labels?*

**Return by 30th November 2011 to :** EPSCA, 21 Bankfield Grove, Scot Hay, Newcastle u Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 6AR