Warwickshire Championship Rules – 2023/24

Section A: Eligibility
Players in one of the following categories will be eligible to appear in the standings of the Warwickshire Championship:
(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 at a time when they did not meet the eligibility requirement.

Section B: Schedule of Tournaments
Saturday, 25th November – Sunday, 26th November	Birmingham Open
Saturday, 17th February – Sunday, 18th February	Coventry Open
Saturday, 18th May – Sunday, 19th May	TBC

The above calendar is accurate at the time of the publication of these rules. These tournaments are subject to potential change.

Section C: Rules for each Tournament
(a) All tournaments are ECF-rated and FIDE-rated. As per FIDE regulations, games where one or more players rated 2400 or higher will not be eligible for FIDE-rating.
(b) The time limit for all Grand Prix tournaments will be Game/80 + 10'.
(c) All tournaments will have 5 rounds.
(d) All tournaments will be open to any players, not just those eligible under Section A: Eligibility.
(e) All tournaments will have Under 1500, Under 1750, Under 2000 and Open sections.
(f) Entry fees and prize money will be included in the literature for each tournament.

Section D: Championship Scores
A player's Championship score will be the sum of the two highest scores of all tournaments a player plays in. The following Championship trophies will be presented:
- Warwickshire Champion, to the player with the highest Championship score
- Warwickshire Women's Champion, to the female player with the highest Championship score

Notes
1. Half-points scored because of a requested bye will not count towards the Championship Scores to determine the Warwickshire Champions.
2. After removing any half-point byes from the total, the player's Championship Score will be the total of the points scored by the player in the Open section, plus 50% of the points scored in the Under

2000, plus 25% of the points scored in the Under 1750, plus 12.5% of the points scored in the Under 1500 section.

3. Ties for the title of Warwickshire Champion, or Warwickshire Women's Champion, will be broken with the following criteria:

(a) (i) From the two tournaments counting towards the Championship score, the most tournaments played in the Open; if tied then (ii) Under 2000; if tied then (iii) Under 1750; if tied then (iv) Under 1500

(b) The player who scores the most points in the 3rd tournament

(c) Tie-break (a), applied to all three tournaments

(d) The player's score in the 2024 Warwickshire Rapidplay Championship Open section

(e) The player's score in the 2024 Warwickshire Blitz Championship Open section

(f) Whoever finishes with a higher ranking (closer to 1) after the application of the tie-breaks in the 2024 Warwickshire Rapidplay Open section

(g) Whoever finishes with a higher ranking (closer to 1) after the application of the tie-breaks in the 2024 Warwickshire Blitz Open section

Section E: Disclaimer

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