



# Devon County Chess Association warmly welcomes your entries to its annual **TEAM QUICKPLAY TOURNAMENT**

**Sunday 15 February 2026, 1:00pm till 5:15pm,  
at [Clyst St Mary Village Hall](#), Clyst St Mary, Exeter, EX5 1AA**

Ample parking is available at the venue, which is a 3-minute drive from Junction 30 of the M5, or a 2-minute walk from the well-connected 'Clyst St Mary, Shelter' bus stop.

Further bus details can be found [here](#) (east-bound) or [here](#) (west-bound).

**Keep an eye on the [event page on the DevonChess.org website](#) for updates!**

**Format:** Teams of **four** players. Six rounds will be played under a Swiss pairings system (based on total game points scored). Digital clocks will be used, with each player receiving **10 minutes plus 3 seconds increment per move**.

**Trophies:** All teams will compete in one 'pool', and three team trophies will be awarded:

Overall winner: **Thomas Trophy**

Best team under 7300 total rating: **Hodge Trophy**

Best team under 6200 total rating: **Graded Trophy**

The **Individual Performance Trophy** will be awarded to the player achieving the best individual score.

**Entries:** **Clubs are strongly encouraged to enter more than one team – there is no limit on entries!** Teams from non-Devon clubs are very welcome to participate, although they will not be eligible to win any of the four trophies. Instead, a small prize will be awarded to the highest-placing non-Devon team.

The entry fee is **£12 per team** (payable on the day) for a team of four adults.

Thanks to a donation, a **£1 discount may be applied for each junior player** (aged under 18 on 1 September 2025) – e.g. a team of four juniors pays £8.

**All entries should be notified in advance (ideally by 8 February 2026, please) by completing the [online form on the DevonChess.org website](#) – player names are not required, but your attention is drawn to the rule below on estimated ratings.** Please drop an email to [timpaulden@gmail.com](mailto:timpaulden@gmail.com) if you have a query or if you have any 'spare' players – it may be possible to create a composite team! ECF Rapidplay ratings (as given by the January 2026 'Revised' list) will be used where available, and Standard-play ratings (as given by the January 2026 'Revised' list) otherwise. Ratings below 1200 will be counted as 1200 when determining a team's total rating. **Estimated ratings must be officially pre-approved with the organisers, or the team in question will not be eligible to win a rating-limited trophy.** Results will not be submitted for rating.

**Please note:**

1. Depending on entries, **clubs may be asked if they can assist by bringing a small number of boards / sets / clocks to the event**, which will be carefully managed and tracked to avoid any mixing. **The organisers would be grateful if clubs could indicate via email if they are able to help in this way.**
2. Light refreshments (drinks & biscuits) will be available for a small donation.
3. **We will be running an (entirely separate) individual blitz tournament earlier in the day (9:30am-12:15pm) at the same venue. To enter, please visit the [event page on the DevonChess.org website](#), which includes full details!**