

1. Organiser:

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2. Arbiter:

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3. Format:

- The **Nigel Dennis Cup** consists of **4 individual rapidplay stages**.
- Each stage is a **6-round Swiss**, FIDE-rated rapid tournament.
- Players earn **Grand Prix points** based on their **final position** at each stage.
- The overall winner is the player with the **highest cumulative score** across all stages.
- The number of players at each stage will be limited to 40 on a first come first serves basis.

4. Grand Prix Scoring System:

Tournament points will be awarded after each stage (**1st = 12 pts, 2nd = 10 pts, 3rd = 8 pts, 4th = 6 pts, 5th = 5 pts, 6th = 4 pts, 7th = 3 pts, 8th = 2 pts, 9th = 1 point**)

- These contribute to the **overall Nigel Dennis Cup standings**.

5. Tie-break for Overall Winner:

- If two players tie for first place, an **Armageddon game** will be played:
 - **Black gets 5 minutes**, no increment.
 - **White bids for time** (the lowest bid wins and takes White).
 - If drawn, **Black is declared the winner**.
- If **more than two players are tied**, pairings will be made based on **performance rating** over the Grand Prix, and players will proceed in knockout **Armageddon matches** until a winner is determined.

6. Time Control for Rapid Games:

3 minutes + 10 seconds increment from move one.

7. Pairings & Tie-breaks (per stage):

- Swiss Manager used for pairings.
- Tie-breaks for Grand Prix points:
 1. Buchholz Cut 1
 2. Direct Encounter
 3. Most Wins

8. Default Time:

3 minutes 10 secs.

9. Appeals Procedure:

All disputes must be raised with the arbiter immediately.

Appeals will not be heard on the night but should be submitted in writing by the following morning by 10AM. If an appeal is successful, the result might be amended and or the game might be not rated at the discretion of the arbiter.

10. Conduct & Fair Play:

All players must follow **FIDE Laws of Chess**, **FIDE Fair Play Regulations**, and the **ECF Code of Conduct**.

Any discovery of a device on a player will result in an immediate default.

No rude language, inappropriate jokes, or disruptive behaviour will be tolerated. Club events include juniors, and all communication must be respectful and appropriate for all ages.

11. Rating:

All games will be **ECF** and **FIDE Rapid-rated**.

12. Prizes & Presentation:

The competition is envisaged as a fun social occasion and no monetary prizes will be awarded.

- The **Nigel Dennis Cup** will be awarded to the overall winner at the end of the final stage.

13. Amendments:

The organiser reserves the right to make amendments as needed for fairness or unforeseen circumstances.