

4NCL Online Spring Congress - Terms and Conditions

The submission of an entry form and payment of the entry fee denotes acceptance that 4NCL Online's decision is final in all matters to do with the congress.

It is a condition of entry that all players must have read and comply with 4NCL Online's Fair Play Guidelines and these Terms and Conditions and 4NCL Online shall have no liability (whether in contract, tort or otherwise) in relation to its implementation of the rules as set out in the Fair Play Guidelines and these Terms and Conditions.

All players shall consent to their name, gender, nationality, title and rating being shown on the 4NCL website. Those wishing to withhold their consent shall not be permitted to play in the congress.

In all sections there is a pay to play fee of £5.00 for players who are not ECF members or supporters.

Ratings from the ECF January 2025 (or most recently available) online rating list will take precedence for the purpose of determining the section in which players will play and for the purpose of rating prize calculations, and will be used where they are available. If ECF online ratings are not available the higher of ECF or FIDE OTB ratings will be used where these are available.

4NCL Online may at its absolute discretion disregard a player's FIDE rating if the player has played no FIDE rated games in the previous 20 years.

Players currently serving a sanction under the 4NCL online chess fair play guidelines may not play in the congress.

Players who receive a sanction during the congress may not receive a trophy.

4NCL Online reserves the right to refuse any entry without explanation.

No player may win more than one trophy.

In all sections the rating prize will be awarded to the player with the highest score beneath a certain rating limit as determined by the Chief Arbiter. Should this be a tie, the prize will be awarded to the lowest-rated player.

Unrated players may not win a rating trophy.

Pairings in all sections will be made using Swiss-Manager.

Results, pairings and players' real names and Lichess user names will be shown on www.chess-results.com.

Re-pairing will take place 15 minutes after the start of a round. Players will be defaulted 15 minutes after the scheduled start of a round.

If entrants withdraw before the congress, they will be entitled to a refund of their entry fee.

The number of trophies may be changed subject to numbers of entries.

All games will be published.

4NCL Online reserves the right to transfer players between sections at its absolute discretion at any time.