To be held as a five round Swiss competition at Sebastopol Social Club, Wern Road, Sebastopol, Pontypool. NP4 5DT (Pontypool Chess Club home venue) on Friday 31st May , Saturday 1st June and Sunday 2nd June 2024.

**Sections (Open to Gwent Qualified players only)**

1. Open
2. Major (Under 1600) - (This will be played only if there are sufficient entries. **If the sections are merged and you do not then want to play then you will be entitled to a full refund)**

 **Times of Rounds (start times) NB Incremental times are being used**

R1 - Friday 31st May 19.15

R2 - Saturday 1st June 10.00 R3 - Saturday 1st June 14.00

R4 - Sunday 2nd June 10.00 R5 - Sunday 2nd June 14.00

**Entry Fees**

Adults £12 Juniors (Under 18 on 1.9.23) £8

**Entries submitted after 28th May 2024 will incur a surcharge of £2**.

Please make cheques payable to ‘Gwent County Chess Association’

**Prizes**

Prizes will be awarded for at least the first two places in each section. The prize amounts will be based on entries and announced on the second day. Grading prizes may be awarded, dependant on entries.

**Time control**

All moves in 1hr 15 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds added per move

**Byes**

Players may take one ½ point bye in the first four rounds, provided it is requested with entry

**Rules**

1. In all matters, the controllers decision is final.
2. **The organisers reserve the right to refuse, transfer entries or combine the events.**
3. The FIDE rules of chess apply including Mobile Phones – **event is Non FIDE rated.**
4. Late arrivals will be allowed 1 hour on their clocks before being defaulted.
5. The January 2024 WCU grading list will be used throughout the tournament.
6. Smoking is prohibited in the venue.
7. Players must be members of a club within the Gwent Chess Association, or pay the Gwent County Chess Association fee (£4) and **qualified under the Gwent Chess Association rules for Closed Competitions - Please check with the organiser if you are unsure about qualification eligibility.**

Please complete the form below and return to : Jon Gilbert, 11 Campion Close, Henllys, Cwmbran. Torfaen

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Bye requested (Y/N) \_\_\_\_Round \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Entry fee £\_\_\_\_\_\_ Donation £\_\_\_\_\_\_