



The ECU Prize Competition

The London Chess Conference incorporates an open competition for the best new classroom chess exercise, generously sponsored by the European Chess Union. The winner will be awarded a prize of EUR 500.

Subject of the competition

The winner of the competition will be the person who submits **the best original chess exercise to use during a lesson**. The exercise must involve collaborative problem solving.

Prizes

1st	EUR 500
2nd	EUR 300
3rd	EUR 200

Submissions

Submissions must be sent by email to competition@londonchessconference.com and will be acknowledged. Deadline for submissions is **Sunday 4 December 2016 at 5pm London time**.

Description must be of no more than 500 words (plus images if desired). This does not mean that entrants must or should aim to use most of this allowance: the best exercises are simple enough to express in few words.

Judging and announcement of results

The international jury shall receive the submissions before the conference so that they have time to review the entries. The members of the jury shall meet on the evening on Saturday 10 December in private to discuss the exercises. The jury will present their decision with reasons in public on the morning of Sunday 11 December.

The developer of the winning entry will have the opportunity to answer questions about their exercise.

Full rules and regulations

1. The competition is open to everyone. For the avoidance of doubt, CSC tutors are eligible to enter. Collaborative entries are permitted.
2. A valid entry must:
 - be a description in English of a chess exercise to use during a lesson, involving collaborative problem solving,
 - not be over 500 words,
 - be submitted by email within the stipulated deadline,
 - be the sole original work the author(s),
 - be suitable to use in a primary school classroom,
 - not already have been published.
3. The jury shall be composed of international experts on games in education. The composition of the jury will be announced at the beginning of the conference.
4. The jury shall take into account the following criteria (but not necessarily with

equal weight):

- Originality,
- Enjoyment and challenge,
- Whether collaborative problem solving is integral or only incidental to the exercise,
- Educational value,
- Clarity and brevity of instructions.

5. Entrants should indicate whether the exercise has been tested in practice with the target age group.

6. The jury may not award some or any of the prizes if it does not consider the standard of entries to be sufficiently high. In such case, it is the sole decision of the jury which prizes not to award. For the avoidance of doubt, should no entry be of sufficiently high quality to merit the first prize, it is perfectly permissible for the jury to decline to award the first prize and award the second (or third, as the case may be) prize to the best entry.

7. The jury may also announce special commendations and mentions for notable exercises beyond the three monetary prizes.

8. Any decision of the jury is final.

9. Members of the jury shall declare any personal connection to any submitter. Personal connection includes connections through family, friends or work colleagues.

10. By submitting the exercise, the competition entrant irrevocably puts it in the public domain. The London Chess Conference, Chess in Schools and Communities and the European Chess Union may publish some or all exercises on their websites and use them for other educational purposes.