



**Essex
Megafinal
2023**

A Gigafinal Qualifying Event

Sunday 21st May, Colchester Town Hall, CO1 1PJ

An official UK Chess Challenge qualifying Event
for the Gigafinals

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Time control

Six rounds of rapid games with 15 minutes for each player and 10 seconds increment for each move.

Eligibility

Open to all juniors born after 31-Aug-2004.

There are five main age sections: U8, U10, U12, U14 and U18. Ages are calculated as of 31-Aug-2022. Please visit the page below for detailed "Age Categories" calculations.

<https://bit.ly/UKCC-2023>

Prizes and Qualification for Gigafinals

The top boy and top girl in each section will receive trophies with medals for second and third-placed boys and girls. These players will qualify for the Gigafinals. Please note that ties for third place will all qualify, but tiebreak rules will be used to determine trophies and medals. All players scoring a minimum of 3.5 points will qualify for the Gigafinal.

The top 3 U7s, U9s and U11s will also qualify automatically (boy and girl) – assuming they haven't done so already using the criteria above.

Registration

Please register on the UKCC website using the link below or Scan this QR code:

<https://bit.ly/Essex-MF-2023>



Venue

The games will take place in the "Moot Hall" on the 2nd floor of the Town Hall.

There will be sitting spaces for parents/guardians in the following rooms of the same building.

1. Community Room (Ground Floor)
2. The Grand Jury / West Committee Room (1st Floor)
3. The North Committee Room (1st Floor)

We encourage one parent/guardian per child at the Town Hall to abide by the fire safety regulations. Colchester Castle and Castle Park are within 100 meters of the venue. If the weather permits, these are lovely outdoor spaces for accompanying family members.

Schedule

Arrival	09:30	Lunch break	13:00
Playing hall meeting	09:45	Round-4	14:00
Round-1	10:00	Round-5	15:00
Round-2	11:00	Round-6	16:00
Round-3	12:00	Prize giving	17:30

Refreshments

All popular food chains are available nearby. We will confirm the on-site arrangements nearer the time.

Travel

1. Car

There is NO onsite parking. The Britannia car park is about 8-10 minutes of walk and costs only £1 on Sundays. A closer alternative is Greyfriars Hotel Car Park by Castle Park, which costs £5 for 12 hours on Sundays. Several other public car parks are within a 10 mins walk from the venue.

Further details on <https://bit.ly/COL-CAR-PARKS>

2. Park and Ride

Details on <https://bit.ly/COL-PnR>

3. Trains

There are two stations in Colchester. The Colchester Town station is only 10 mins walk away. Colchester North station is only 20 mins walk away. Please check <https://www.greateranglia.co.uk/> for the service.

Notes

A professional photographer will take photos which may be published on chess websites or in chess-related articles. If you do not wish your child to be photographed, inform the organisers in the "Requirements" box of the registration form.

Please note that the organisers take no responsibility for looking after the children outside the playing hall. The organisers also cannot take responsibility for any theft or accident during the event.

The organiser reserves the right to change the above on the day if required.