



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: April 1st 2023 – 31st March 2024

Charity name: London Junior Chess Championships

Charity registration number: 1129010

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance education by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the teaching development and supervision of the playing of chess amongst persons under the age of twenty-one years resident in England and Wales or eligible to represent England and Wales at chess so as to develop their capabilities that they may grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The main activities of the charity are organizing and running the finals of the London Junior Chess Championships, promoting the finals and the qualifying events, working with organizers of the qualifying events to ensure that they run well and that the competitors have a good experience. Promotion of finals and qualifying events involves printing and distributing leaflets and keeping a maintained website with key information about the events. Running the finals requires hiring a venue suitable for playing chess over five days (split either side of Christmas with two days before and three days afterwards) with a capacity large enough for 400-450 competitors and in addition their parents/guardians. Running the finals also requires paying staff who are chess arbiters (registered with the international body FIDE) to run each age group section. There is also a need for additional help on the days of the finals for administration and guidance for parents/guardians.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes. The public benefit document has been circulated to all trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	As always, volunteers have played a big role in running our events and supporting children and parents. This includes liaising with organizers of qualifier events, creating promotional leaflets, arranging staffing for the finals and coordinating staff at the finals.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	In 2023 we ran a successful event. Several hundred children took part in qualifier tournaments, and those that qualified attended the LJCC Finals, at University of Westminster Marylebone Campus and University of Westminster Harrow Campus. Our events were well organised and chess was played to a high standard.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Objectives met
		No specific objectives set

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No specific objectives set
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Total cash funds: £28,187. These are held in the charity's Co-op bank account and are available for immediate use. The charity has no other monetary assets. The charity has no investment assets. The charity has assets held for use as described in the box below 'Assets held by the charity'. The charity has payments to two arbiters outstanding and has yet to be invoiced for the ECF grading fees. These are likely to total around £1000 and should be payable in the following financial year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The following are the main reasons that the charity holds reserves. 1) After building up reserves we will be able to spend some of them on equipment for the finals. This includes clocks, sets and boards. If we are able to do this then we will be able to simplify the logistics of events as we will not need to source equipment from elsewhere and we will also save money on the hire fees that we will not need to pay. 2) Each year we have to pay certain expenses (such as venue hire) before receiving all entry fees and we need funds in the charity's account to be able to pay for these. 3) There is some uncertainty about the cost of venue hire each year and we need to have enough in the charity's account to be able to cope with a significant increase in this part of the charity's outgoings.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£28,187
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We have a healthy balance at the end of the financial year and there are no uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principle sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Entry fees for our finals provide the revenue that supports our event.
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No specific investment objectives.
A description of the principle risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Principal risks facing the charity are: 1) Increasing costs; particularly venue hire and staff costs in an increasingly professionalized chess world. 2) Brand erosion. The charity requires the finals to be run smoothly so that competitors and parents/guardians enjoy them. This includes the management of complaints and having clear procedures and policies for this. There is also a risk associated with the qualifier events which we as a charity do not manage directly but they are associated with the brand and so we must endeavour to ensure that qualifier organisers receive suitable coaching where necessary so that children and their parents/guardians are satisfied with these events also. 3) Safeguarding. The finals host around 400-450 children and their parents/guardians at each of the pre- and post-Christmas events and it is vital that we have adequate safeguarding procedures in place.
Assets held by the charity		The charity has a large quantity of chess playing equipment. The equipment isn't new and is in need of updating. Currently we have approximately: 160 chess clocks 170 chess sets 180 chess boards Stationery – worth approx. £30 in total Ten trophy boards (currently stored elsewhere) Approximately 4 silver trophies, location unknown

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	New trustees must be appointed by the existing trustees. Meetings are quorate as long as one third of the total number of trustees (minimum two trustees) are present throughout meeting

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	No specific training procedures currently in place. All trustees attending events must have up-to-date enhanced DBS checks. One trustee is a qualified first aider One trustee is a qualified child protection officer
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	LJCC runs the London Junior Chess Championships finals. Individual organisers are responsible for organising qualifying events. These are held in LJCC's name, and LJCC expects them to be run to a high standard. LJCC is not responsible for public liability issues around these events
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	LJCC employs qualified arbiters, volunteers and specific external agents (eg Book Shop organiser) during the period of the finals. LJCC rents venues from University of Westminster and has an arm's length relationship with University of Westminster staff including security staff, cleaners and contracted staff who run the canteens
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The London Junior Chess Championship Charitable Trust
Other name the charity uses	LJCC
Registered charity number	1129010

Charity's principle address	11 Greenisland Road Portadown Craigavon County Armagh BT62 1UZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nell Butler	Chair		
2	Ezra Lutton	Treasurer		
3	Angela Eyton	Congress Controller		
4	Arnold Lutton	Qualifiers		
5	Marc Shaw			
6	Tony Niccoli			
7	Neville Belinfante			
8	Sarah Ballard			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Chief Arbiter	Jo Wildman	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	JOHN EZRA LUTTON	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
Date	28/4/25	



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The London Junior Chess Championships Charitable Trust 1129010

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Entry fees	28,934	-	-	28,934	18,998
Levies	873	-	-	873	605
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	29,807	-	-	29,807	19,603
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	29,807	-	-	29,807	19,603
A3 Payments					
Trophies	492	-	-	492	136
Staffing (inc travel)	7,706	-	-	7,706	6,403
Hotels	1,802	-	-	1,802	303
Taxis used for equipment	519	-	-	519	-
Prizes	4,495	-	-	4,495	3,429
Venue	9,043	-	-	9,043	6,947
Insurance	380	-	-	380	206
Printing	1,053	-	-	1,053	934
Website	2,000	-	-	2,000	-
Scoresheets	-	-	-	-	615
Materials	383	-	-	383	-
Grading	-	-	-	-	369
Sub total	27,872	-	-	27,872	19,341
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayment	389	-	-	389	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	389	-	-	389	-
Total payments	28,261	-	-	28,261	19,341
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,546	-	-	1,546	262
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,641	-	-	26,641	26,379
Cash funds this year end	28,187	-	-	28,187	26,641

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash available in Co-op account	28,187	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,187	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	180 chess boards	-	-	-
	170 chess sets	-	-	-
	160 chess clocks	-	-	-
	Laptop	-	-	-
	Ten trophy boards	-	-	-
	Stationery	-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Staff payment to one arbiter as yet unclaimed. Staff transport costs unclaimed by one other arbiter.	-	-	
	ECF grading fee invoice for this year not yet received.	-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		JOHN EZRA LUTTON	28/4/25	

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The London Junior Chess Championship Charitable Trust (charity number 1129010)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **The London Junior Chess Championship Charitable Trust** (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Name: Laurence Anthony Winston

Address: 55 Main Street, Bubwith, SELBY, YO8 6LX

Date: 30 April 2025