CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: **April 1st 2024 – 31st March 2025**

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	The purpose of LJCC is to advance education by providing or assisting in the provision of facilities for the teaching, development and supervision of chess amongst persons under the age of twenty one resident in the UK so 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	Organising and running chess competitions from August to December, with chess finals taking place in December, both before and after Christmas
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. Trustees who worked at the event but claimed no fee: N Butler, J E Lutton, T Niccoli.

Other		2024 was our Centenary Year, and we improved our offering accordingly

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 2024 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. We included some Grand Master teaching sessions in our pre-Christmas event, and we made a short film celebrating the Centenary. We had special Centenary trophies and a balloon arch for selfies!

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Objectives met
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No specific objectives set
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: £25,414. Slightly down on last year because we bought extra equipment. Funds 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 physical assets retained for the charity's own use. Including: Boards, sets, clocks, stationery, signage, lap top, printer. The charity has no liabilities.
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) We need to maintain our equipment, and this involves buying additional kit and mending kit 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	£25,414
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 principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Entry fees for our finals provide the revenue that supports our event.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No specific investment objectives.
A description of the principal 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 support 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. Approximately: 200 chess clocks (some very old) 200 chess sets 280 chess boards Laptop (with Ezra Lutton) and printer (with Nell Butler) Stationery – worth approx. £50 in total Ten trophy boards & sets 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 Manager		
4	Arnold Lutton	Qualifiers		
5	Marc Shaw			
6	Tony Niccoli			
7	Neville Belinfante			
8	Sarah Ballard		Stood down on 29th April 2024	

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

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

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	29/12/25

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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	30,511	-	-	30,511	28,934
Levies	645	-	-	645	873
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	31,156	-	-	31,156	29,807
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Equipment	161	-	-	161	
Trophies	169	-	-	169	-
Sub total	330	-	-	330	-
Total receipts	31,486	-	-	31,486	29,807
A3 Payments					
Trophies	1,203	-	-	1,203	492
Staffing (inc travel)	8,096	-	-	8,096	7,706
Equipment	3,686			3,686	
Hotels	418	-	-	418	1,802
DBS fees	165			165	
Taxis used for equipment		-	-	-	519
Prizes	3,701	-	-	3,701	4,495
Venue	11,712	-	-	11,712	9,043
Insurance	380	-	-	380	380
Printing	751			751	1,053
Website	2,200			2,200	2,000
Scoresheets				-	-
Materials	327	-	-	327	383
Grading	183	-	-	183	-
Sub total	32,821	-	-	32,821	27,872
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Loan repayment (ECF)	445	-	-	445	389
Loan repayment (Venue)	400			400	
Loan repayment (Staffing)	594	-	-	594	
Sub total	1,439	-	-	1,439	389
Total payments	34,260	-	-	34,260	28,261
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,774	-	-	- 2,774	1,546
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,187	-	-	28,187	26,641
Cash funds this year end	25,414	-	-	25,414	28,187

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	25,414	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	25,414	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Chess boards		-	-
	Chess sets		-	-
	Chess clocks		-	-
	Laptop		-	-
	Ten trophy boards		-	-
	Stationery		-	-
	Printer		-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Postage costs for entry forms unpaid		240	
	Printing costs unpaid		572	
	Hotel costs unpaid		692	
	Equipment costs unpaid		214	
	DBS and CP fees unpaid		99	
	Staff expenses		106	
	Taxi for equipment unpaid		99	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	[signature]	JOHN EZRA LUTTON	29/12/25

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 2025.

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: *L A Winston*

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Date: 31 December 2025