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Home Schedule

Masters (Open to all): Challengers A (Under 2250): Challengers B (Under 2250): Amateurs A (Under 1900): Amateurs B (Under 1900):

Tues 27 January - Thurs 5 February Mon 26 January - Fri 30 January Sat 31 January - Wed 4 February Mon 26 January - Fri 30 January Sat 31 January - Wed 4 February

(10-round Swiss, FIDE rated) (5-round, Swiss, FIDE rated) (5-round, Swiss, FIDE rated) (5-round, Swiss, FIDE rated) (5-round, Swiss, FIDE rated)

Date	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sunday 25 Jan 2015	Arrival & Registration		
	14.00-19.30hrs Challenger A / Amateur A Registration 20.00hrs Simultaneous Display(s)		
Monday 26 Jan 2015	09.45hrs Round 1 Challenger A / Amateur A		20.30hrs Opening Ceremony
	14.00-19.30hrs Masters Registration		
Tuesday 27 Jan 2015	09.45hrs Round 2 Challenger A / Amateur A	15.00hrs Round 1 Masters	
Wednesday 28 Jan 2015	09.45hrs Round 3 Challenger A / Amateur A	15.00hrs Round 2 Masters	21.00hrs Masterclass
Thursday 29 Jan 2015	09.45hrs Round 4 Challenger A / Amateur A	15.00hrs Round 3 Masters	20.30hrs Blitz event, teams of four
Friday 30 Jan 2015	09.45hrs Round 5 Challenger A / Amateur A	15.00hrs Round 4 Masters	21.00hrs Masterclass
	14.00-19.30hrs Challenger B / Amateur B Registration		
Saturday 31 Jan 2015	09.45hrs Round 1 Challenger B / Amateur B	15.00hrs Round 5 Masters	20.30hrs Battle of the Sexes
Sunday 1 Feb 2015	09.45hrs Round 2 Challenger B / Amateur B	15.00hrs Round 6 Masters	20.30hrs Blitz event, teams of two
Monday 2 Feb 2015	09.45hrs Round 3 Challenger B / Amateur B	15.00hrs Round 7 Masters	21.00hrs Masterclass
Tuesday 3 Feb 2015	09.45hrs Round 4 Challenger B / Amateur B	15.00hrs Round 8 Masters	21.00hrs Masterclass
Wednesday 4 Feb 2015	09.45hrs Round 5 Challenger B / Amateur B	15.00hrs Round 9 Masters	
Thursday 5 Feb 2015	11.00hrs Round 10 Masters (followed by play-off for 1st Prize if required)		20.30hrs Closing Ceremony and Gala Dinner with Prizegiving

Gibraltar Masters: Eligibility: open to all. The first prize may not be shared. All other prizes shall be shared where players have the same score (except the Women's First Prize).

Rate of play: 40 moves in 100 minutes plus 20 moves in 50 minutes plus 15 minutes for all remaining moves with 30 seconds per move added from the start.

In the event of a tie for first place, there shall be a speed play-off. If there are four or fewer players tied for first place, there will be a speed knock-out play-off for the first prize of £20,000.

If three players tie for first place, the player with the highest performance rating will be seeded directly into the Final of the Play-Off; the other two players will contest the Semi-Final.

If more than four players tie for first place, the four players with the highest performance ratings shall qualify for the play-off to decide the first prize.

Women's Awards: If there is a tie for the top women's prize, the tie is resolved in favour of the woman with the highest performance rating, who will receive the prize of £15,000. All other prizes will not be subject to a tiebreak and prize money other than the first prize will be divided equally amongst the players.

Masters Regulations: Important! Draws by mutual agreement in fewer than 30 moves are not allowed. There must be no pre-arranged or tacit agreements to draw games of any length, by repetition or otherwise.

Warning: penalties may involve loss of prize money.

Players who wish to take up to two half-point byes in rounds 1-7 of the Masters may do so, provided they give adequate notice, but the second requested bye makes a player ineligible for a prize.

No player may request a bye in the last three rounds.

Morning events: Each of these is a 5-round Swiss. Rate of play: all the moves in 110 minutes plus 10 seconds per move added from the start. The games rarely last more than four hours. Competitors can play in and win a prize in the Masters as well as a morning event.

Challengers: Players with FIDE ratings under 2250 or unrated.

Amateurs: Eligibility: players with FIDE ratings under 1900, players without FIDE ratings who have a national rating under 1900 or ECF grade under 160. Players without any rating must show evidence that they are not too strong for the Amateur tournaments. The right is reserved to place players in a Challenger tournament if thought unsuitable for the Amateur. An outright winner of the first-week Amateur tournament will be promoted to the second-week Challenger tournament.

Evening Events will include master classes, pairs and four player team blitz tournaments, and the Battle of the Sexes. Details will appear on this website.

All Masters Entrants: It is strongly recommended that you do not make any travel or accommodation arrangements until your entry has been confirmed by the Caleta Hotel and Festival Director Stuart Conquest.

The Opening Ceremony and drawing of lots will take place at 20.30hrs on Monday 26th January 2015 in the main restaurant.



Main Restaurant ~ Caleta Hotel

Please note that Round 10 starts at 11.00hrs on the final day (not at 15.00hrs as with rounds 1-9).

Master Classes: These are evening lectures by elite players. Games or positions are analysed and questions taken from the

