

LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY 1ST RAPID PLAY GO TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2014

This go tournament aims to provide you with the chance to play a variety of opponents on over the course of one day. Please enter early if you are intending to play. **Entry deadline: 6 Nov.** Entries after this date may be subject to a late entry surcharge.

The Tournaments

The tournament will be split into sections (using British Go Association grades) for prize purposes. The sections will each include six rounds with 30 minutes sudden death time limits. (This makes it a Class C tournament for grading purposes). Games will be paired so as to maximize the number of even games with handicap given where appropriate.

Open section:	Open to all (although if you are graded 4 kyu or weaker you are strongly encouraged to enter one of the other sections)	We will try to keep to these section boundaries, but may vary them slightly if the entry distribution suggests a different division so as to maximize the number of even games.
Major section:	4 kyu and under	
Minor section:	10 kyu and under	
Novice section:	20 kyu and under	
Junior open:	Juniors who have had some success in tournaments and who are estimated to be 20 kyu or stronger	
Junior novices:	Juniors new to the game or those who have not enjoyed success in tournaments to date. This section may be played on 13x13 boards.	

All ages and abilities are welcome. If this is your first ever tournament, then play in the Novice section unless you have had some success in games against rated players. Juniors are encouraged to play within the junior sections although some exceptions may be made for the strongest juniors with an established grade.

Prizes will be awarded in each section. Numbers permitting, there may be additional grading prizes in sections.

Timetable

Registration	9.45 -10.15	Round 3	13.00 – 14.00	Round 6	16.45 – 17.45
Round 1	10.30 -11.30	Round 4	14.15 – 15.15	Prizes	18.00
Round 2	11.45 - 12.45	Round 5	15.30 – 16.30	Depart	18.15

Refreshments

There will be tea / coffee / squash available through the day for players.

Please note there is no designated lunch break. You are encouraged to bring a packed lunch. There are local supermarkets in Letchworth town centre (< 10 minutes walk) which will be open prior to the start of the tournament. We will recommend a local restaurant for a post tournament meal if there is demand.

Venue

Central Methodist Church Hall, Norton Way South, Letchworth Garden City, Herts, SG6 3TR

This is in walking distance of Letchworth station and town centre at the corner of Pixmore Way.

For car drivers, it is a 5 minutes from junction 9 of the A1(M). There is an on-site car park.

To enter

Please send entries to Alison Bexfield (email: letchworthrapidplay@bexfield.com ; tel: 01462 684648 or post: 130 Wilbury Road, Letchworth, SG6 4JG).

When entering please provide your name, contact email (or telephone / address if no email), the section you are entering, grade if known. All entries will be acknowledged. Entry fees may be paid on the day.

Byes are available in round 1 – if you require one please indicate this with your entry.

Entry fees

Standard entry: £14 (add £3 if not a BGA member)	If fees and travel costs are a problem, the Castledine – Barnes Trust may provide assistance to juniors.
Concessions* £8 (add £2 if not a BGA member)	
Juniors £7	
Early bird discount: deduct £2 if entered by 31 October.	Surplus receipts will be used for the benefit of future Go Squad training days.
* Under 26 and studying full time or receiving an unemployment, disability or pension credit payment.	