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11th London Chess Classic to host the 2019 Grand Chess Tour Finals

Chess Promotions Limited and the Grand Chess Tour are pleased to confirm that the 2019 Grand Chess Tour Finals will once again form part of the London Chess Classic.

The 11th London Chess Classic will run this year from November 29 to December 8 at its traditional home at the Olympia Conference Centre in Kensington, London. The Tour Finals will be played alongside the other festival events which will include the traditional FIDE Rated Open and other graded sections as in previous years.

The four top scoring players from the seven regular season tour events will again contest matches consisting of two semi-finals and a final / 3rd place play-off match. World Champion Magnus Carlsen currently leads the 2019 Grand Chess Tour standings and has already qualified for the Tour Finals.

Each match will consist of classical, rapid and blitz games and will see the players competing for an enhanced prize fund which totals USD 350,000 this year. The prize fund will be split amongst the four finalists as follows:

1st Place:	USD 150,000
2nd Place:	USD 100,000
3rd Place:	USD 60,000
4th Place:	<u>USD 40,000</u>
Total Prize Fund	<u>USD 350,000</u>

The schedule for the GCT Finals is as follows

- Dec 2: Semi Final – Classical Game 1
- Dec 3: Semi Final – Classical Game 2
- Dec 4: Semi Final – Rapid & Blitz Games
- Dec 5: Corporate Day - Pro Biz Cup
- Dec 6: Finals and match for 3rd place – Classical Game 1
- Dec 7: Finals and match for 3rd place – Classical Game 2
- Dec 8: Finals and match for 3rd place – Rapid & Blitz Games
- Dec 9: Prize Giving and Charity Dinner for Chess in Schools & Communities Charity

Each match will consist of 2 classical games, 2 rapid games and 4 blitz games with points allocated to each game within the respective matches as follows:

- 6 points for a win, 3 points for a draw and 0 points for a loss in the 2 Classic games.
- 4 points for a win, 2 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in the 2 Rapid games; and
- 2 point for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 points for a loss in the 4 Blitz games.

If tie-breaks are required, they will be contested over two rapid games followed by an Armageddon game if required.

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About the Grand Chess Tour (<http://grandchesstour.org>)

The Grand Chess Tour is a circuit of international events, each demonstrating the highest level of organization for the world's best players. The Tour was created in partnership between the Chess Club and Scholastic Center of Saint Louis and Chess Promotions, Ltd. The legendary World Champion Garry Kasparov, one of the world's greatest ambassadors for chess, inspired the Grand Chess Tour and helped solidify the partnership between the organizers.

About Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) (<https://www.chessinschools.co.uk/>)

Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC) is a UK charity whose mission is to improve children's educational outcomes and social development by introducing them to the game of chess. Founded in 2009, the foundation currently teaches in over 350 schools across the UK and supports 700 more nationwide.

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