

# Qualifiers for the British Championship 2025

(last updated 12th February 2025)

## Section A: Qualification from the British Championship

### A1 - British OTB Champions 2024

GM Gawain Jones

### A2. British OTB Women's Champions 2024

WGM Lan Yao, WIM Trisha Kanyamarala

### A3. Top 20 players and ties in the 2024 British Championship

GM David Howell, IM Matthew Wadsworth, GM Luke McShane, FM Maciej Czopor, IM Shreyas Royal, IM Ameet Ghasi, GM Stuart C Conquest, IM Tarun Kanyamarala, IM Svyatoslav Bazakutsa, GM Michael Adams, IM Artem Lutsko, IM Yichen Han, GM Peter K Wells, IM Richard Palliser, FM Aaravamudhan Balaji, GM Simon K Williams, GM Mark L Hebden, IM Alan Merry, IM Andrew Ledger, FM Li Wu, GM Paul Motwani,

### A4. Top 10 players and ties in the 2024 Major Open

Lorenzo Fava, Robin Angst, Gwilym T Price, Jack Liu, Sheng Liang Bernard Chan, WFM Audrey Kueh, George Zhao, Mate Ther, Balahari Bharat Kumar, FM Robert Eames, Ali Reza Jaunooby, Jacob D Yoon, Savas Marin Stoica, Matthew J Harborne, Max P Pert, Michael J Ashworth, Rock Yu, Henry Adams, Roman Kovalskyi, Adithya Vaidyanathan, WCM Nina P Pert

### A5. 2024 British Under 21 Champion

Already qualified (FM Maciej Czopor (A3))

### A6. 2024 British Under 18 Champions

Already qualified (IM Shreyas Royal, IM Svyatoslav Bazakutsa, IM Artem Lutsko, FM Yichen Han (A3))

### A7. 2024 British Under 16 Champion

Already qualified (Max P Pert (A4))

### A8. 2024 British OTB Over 50 Champion

GM Keith Arkell

## **Section B: Qualification by FIDE Title on 1 May 2025**

**Note – As at February 2025**

### **B1. Grandmasters**

Jacob Aagaard, Michael Adams, Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant, Keith C Arkell, Alexander Baburin, Alexander Cherniaev, Stuart C Conquest, Nigel R Davies, John M Emms, Daniel Howard Fernandez, Glenn C Flear, Ameet K Ghasi, Stephen J Gordon, Daniel W Gormally, Ravi Haria, Stewart G Haslinger, Jonathan Hawkins, Mark L Hebden, Julian M Hodgson, David WL Howell, James C Howell, Gawain CB Jones, Raymond D Keene, Daniel J King, Anthony Kosten, Dharshan Kumaran, Jonathan P Levitt, Neil McDonald, Colin A McNab, Luke J McShane, A Jonathan Mestel, Paul Motwani, John DM Nunn, Jonathan F Parker, Nicholas Pert, H James Plaskett, Jonathan Rowson, Shreyas Royal, Matthew D Sadler, John Shaw, Nigel D Short, Jon S Speelman, Michael F Stean, Aaron P Summerscale, Matthew J Turner, Nikita Vitiugov, Chris G Ward, William N Watson, Peter K Wells, Simon K Williams

### **B2. Women's Grandmasters**

Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant, Jana M Bellin, Anya Corke, Dagne Ciuksyte, Jovanka Houska, Harriet Hunt, Sheila Jackson, Susan Lalic, Elmira Mirzoeva, Katarzyna Toma, Lan Yao

### **B3. International Masters**

James Adair, Simon Ansell, Alex Astaneh Lopez, Chris Baker, Aaravamudhan Balaji, Richard Bates, Chris Beaumont, Robert Bellin, George Botterill, Neil Bradbury, Douglas Bryson, Graeme Buckley, Dagne Ciuksyte, Brandon Clarke, Jose Camacho Collados, Charles Cobb, James Cobb, Sam Collins, Jose Comacho Collados, Mark Condie, John Cooper, Lawrence Cooper, John Cox, Gavin Crawley, Lorin d'Costa, Eddie Dearing, Angus Dunnington, David Eggleston, Mark Ferguson, David Fitzsimons, David Goodman, Harry Grieve, Andrew Greet, Craig Hanley, William Hartston, John Hawksworth, Marcus R Harvey, Mark Heidenfeld, Michael Hennigan, Jeff Horner, Andrew Horton, Jovanka Houska, Miroslav Houska, Adam Hunt, Harriet Hunt, James Jackson, Byron Jacobs, Richard Jones, Tarun Kanyamarala, Brian Kelly, Callum Kilpatrick, Andrew Kinsman, Ezra Kirk, Simon Knott, Dietmar Kolbus, Susan Lalic, Peter Large, Geoff Lawton, Andrew Ledger, David Levy, Paul Littlewood, Karl Mah, Stephen Mannion, Andrew Martin, Roderick McKay, Joseph McPhillips, Alan Merry, Philip Morris, Ali Mortavazi, Andrew Muir, Conor Murphy, Mark Orr, Richard Palliser, Malcolm Pein, Richard Pert, John Pigott, Nigel Povah, Craig Pritchett, Gary Quillan, Mark Quinn, Thomas Rendle, Peter Roberson, Jack Rudd, Sean Taulbut, Adam C Taylor, Ian Thomas, Richard Tozer, Lawrence Trent, Matthew Wadsworth, Gavin Wall, Andrew Webster, Leighton Williams, Jonah Willow, Yang-Fan Zhou

### **B4. Women's International Masters**

Rita Atkins, Sabrina Chevannes, Cathy Forbes, Trisha Kanyamarala, Ingrid Lauterbach, Teresa Needham, Natasha Regan, Gulnara Sachs, Zivile Sarakauskiene, Ruth Sheldon, Lan Yao

**B5. FIDE Masters rated 2250 or higher on the rating list published on 1st MAY 2025 or later  
(to be confirmed)**

Adam Ashton (ENG), Stanley Badacsonyi (ENG), Daniel L Bisby (ENG), Terry P D Chapman (ENG), William Claridge Hansen (ENG), Samuel Chow (AUS), Rhys Cumming (ENG), Borna Derakhshani (ENG), Neil F Dickinson (ENG), Stephen Dishman (ENG), Samuel G A Franklin (ENG), Alex Golding (ENG), Ryan Rhys Griffiths (IRL), Alan E Hanreck (ENG), David Haydon (ENG), Koby Kalavannan (ENG), Peter Lee (ENG), Andrew Lewis (ENG), Vladimir Li (ENG), Daniel Kozusek (WLS), Sohun Lohia (ENG), Paul Macklin (ENG), James Moreby (ENG), Tom O’Gorman (IRL), Hamish Olson (SCO), Ethan Pang (ENG), Jonathan Pein (ENG), Max Pert (ENG), Emmanuel Rayner (WLS), Jonathan Rogers (ENG), Keith Ruxton (SCO), Isaac Sanders (ENG), Clement Sreeves (SCO), Martin Taylor (ENG), James Vigus (ENG), Richard York-Weaving (ENG)

**B6. Women’s FIDE Masters rated 2050 or higher on the rating list published on 1st May 2025 or later  
(to be confirmed)**

Elis Denele Dicen (ENG), Ioana Gelip (IRL), Kamila Hryshenko (ENG), Akshaya Kalaiyalahan (ENG), Eugenia Karas (ENG), Audrey Kueh (ENG), Ruqayyah Rida (ENG), Katarzyna Starr (ENG), Bodhana Sivandandan (ENG), Sophie Tidman (ENG), Abigail Riis Weersing (ENG)

**Section C1: Qualification from National Championships (To be confirmed)**

**2024-25**

England  
Guernsey  
Ireland  
Isle of Man  
Jersey  
Scotland  
Ulster  
Wales

**Section C2: Qualification from National Women’s Championships (To be confirmed)**

**2024-25**

England  
Guernsey  
Ireland  
Jersey

Scotland  
Ulster  
Wales

#### **Section D: Qualification from the English Chess Unions**

**2024-25**

East Anglia            Declan Shafi  
Midland  
Northern  
Southern  
West

#### **Section E: Qualification from FIDE title norm tournaments 2024-25**

(provisional list)

Cambridge International Open  
South Wales International  
Hastings Masters  
Northumbria Masters Open

#### **Section F: Qualification from the British Championship Qualifying Grand Prix (2024-2025)**

**British Grand Prix Qualifiers** (Top ten players not already qualified) -

**BGP Women's qualifier** (Highest placed female player not already qualified) -

#### **Section G: Qualification by Nomination – Wildcards**

Home Chess Director & Championship Manager (8)  
Host Federation

**Wildcards have been offered to, and accepted by -**

## **Section H: Deferrals from 2024 to 2025**

Mikhail Sedykh – top 10 Major Open 2023

Lewis Turner – top 10 Major Open 2023

Russell James – Grand Prix 2023

Alex Bullen – Grand Prix 2024

Thomas Brown – Hastings 2024

Emily Maton – English Championship 2024