

## Announcement

### 1<sup>st</sup> Online Solving Challenge for Youth 2024 (OSCY)

The Online Solving Challenge for Youth (OSCY) is an individual competition open to young solvers of all countries who were born in the year 2001 or later.

The following programme of events (online @Home) will be organized by WFCC:

Date (Sunday)	Event	Format	Timing (Local)	Director	Assisted by
14/01/2024	Classical Blitz	#2 #4 H#2 #3 += S#n 20 x #2 (2 mins each)	12:30-13:30 13:50-14:30	Brian Cook	Vlaicu Crisan Ian Watson
10/03/2024	Classical Blitz	#2 += S#2 #3 #n H#n 20 x #2 (2 mins each)	12:30-13:30 13:50-14:30	Brian Cook	Vlaicu Crisan Ian Watson
19/05/2024	Classical Blitz	#2 #4 H#2 #3 += S#n 20 x #2 (2 mins each)	12:30-13:30 13:50-14:30	Brian Cook	Vlaicu Crisan Ian Watson
14/07/2024	Classical Blitz	#2 += S#2 #3 #n H#n 20 x #2 (2 mins each)	12:30-13:30 13:50-14:30	Brian Cook	Vlaicu Crisan Ian Watson
15/09/2024	Classical Blitz	#2 #4 H#2 #3 += S#n 20 x #2 (2 mins each)	12:30-13:30 13:50-14:30	Brian Cook	Vlaicu Crisan Ian Watson
24/11/2024	Classical Blitz	#2 += S#2 #3 #n H#n 20 x #2 (2 mins each)	12:30-13:30 13:50-14:30	Brian Cook	Vlaicu Crisan Ian Watson

For the Classical rounds, the first 3 problems will be at Category 2 level with the remaining 3 at Category 1 level. Points for the Classical rounds are awarded according to WCSC guidelines.

Problems for the Blitz rounds are ordered alternately (easy & hard). For the Blitz rounds, 5 points are awarded for a correct answer, 2 points for a move by the correct piece, 1 point for trying and 0 points otherwise.

Ties will be determined in favour of the solver requiring the least time.

For each of the 12 events, points will be awarded to the top 10 solvers in each age group as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
24	18	15	12	10	8	6	4	2	1

with totals updated over the year to decide the Classical and Blitz Orders of Merit.

The Tournament Director is Brian Cook, assisted by Vlaicu Crisan and Ian Watson. For each round, a webpage will be provided in advance for solvers, providing the appropriate schedule, supporting announcements and the choice of Notation (ie. GER = KDLSB, etc). [www.ihandicap.mobi/oscy/](http://www.ihandicap.mobi/oscy/) is the tournament website and the eMail address is [netchex@btinternet.com](mailto:netchex@btinternet.com) (for appeals, enquiries, etc). Registration is required (by eMail to [netchex@btinternet.com](mailto:netchex@btinternet.com) (giving name, year of birth and nationality [or FIDE])). Results and Final Reports will be published as quickly as possible via WFCCs Solving Tournament Manager (STM), the tournament website and by eMail to all participants.

## NOTES:

1. Practice pages are provided at <http://www.ihandicap.mobi/ycsc/yc230505.htm>  
You are asked to submit your practice results to tourney control when prompted – so that we can check that connections are working correctly, resolve any other issues that may arise and answer any questions that you may have.
2. You should be able to participate on any PC, laptop, tablet or smart-phone with internet connection.
3. You are trusted absolutely to observe established tournament conditions and to participate in a spirit of friendly rivalry. There are no rating or norm allocations.
4. For promotional purposes, national members are welcome to use the results tables to make national awards to talented young solvers in accordance with their Youth policies.
5. The 1st OSCY 2024 is open to the U23 generation (born 2001 or later), matching the age limit for juniors in the YCCC and WFCC solving competitions (WCSC, ECSC, ISC). Age groups are determined according to year-of-birth, as follows:

Y-O-B Range	>2015	2014/5	2012/3	2010/11	2008/9	2006/7	2004/5	<2004
Approx Age	<8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-23

6. A Tournament Booklet will be produced as soon as possible after the final round (in WORD format in English; for easy translation using 'Google translate' into most languages) and eMailed to all participants.
7. Free guidance on solving chess problems and studies will be provided on Registration and on the tournament website.