Opening Announcement

British Open Online Masters (BOOM) 2026-27

Dear Solving Friends,

The following programme of Grand Prix (online @Home) will be organized by BCPS:

	Grand Prix	Format	Timing (Local)	Link
Sat 4 Apr	EASTER	6 round	12:30	http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc260404.htm
Sat 6 June	SPRING	6 round	12:30	http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc260606.htm
Sat 1 Aug	SUMMER	6 round	12:30	http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc260801.htm
Sat 10 Oct	AUTUMN	6 round	12:30	http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc261010.htm
Mon 27 Dec	CHRISTMAS	6 round	12:30	http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc261227.htm
Sat 6 Feb	BRITISH	6 round	12:30	http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc270206.htm

subject to BCPS & WFCC announcements.

There will be both Category 1 and Category 2 problem sets (Category 2 problems are selected for solvers rated under 2000). Event format details are:

	6 Rounds			13 Problems		
1	12:30	3 x #2	20 mins	10:00	3 x #2	20 mins
2	13:00	2 x #3	40	10:30	3 x #3	60
3	13:50	2 x eg	60	11:40	3 x eg	100
4	15:00	2 x H#	30	10:00	3 x H#	50
5	15:40	2 x #n	50	11:00	3 x #n	80
6	16:40	2 x S#	30	12:30	3 x S#	50

The Technical Controller is Brian Cook with BCPS as Supervisor. For each Grand Prix, a webpage will be provided in advance for solvers, where you will be presented with the appropriate schedule, supporting announcements and the choice of Category and Notation. The tournament address is boosm21@btinternet.com (for appeals, enquiries, etc). Registration is optional but preferred (if only to identify a name rather than your eMail address for the Results and Final Report). Points are awarded according to WCSC guidelines. Results and Final Reports will be published as quickly as possible via STM and www.netchex.club; and also by eMail to all entrants.

For each GP, BOOM points will be awarded to the top 10 solvers as follows:

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

with an overall results table maintained over the year to decide the Masters Champion.

NOTES:

1 The BOOM 2026 British GP App is available at http://www.ihandicap.mobi/bcsc/bc260201.htm for practice. This is particularly recommended for new users. Many more can be found at www.netchex.club

2. You should be able to participate on any PC, laptop, tablet or smart-phone with internet connection.

3. The links provided above are for solvers who opt to follow a strict tournament schedule. For solvers who prefer to set their own schedule, an alternative link will be provided approx 1 week before the event in the Invitation eMail for regular BOOM solvers and on request/registration for new BOOM solvers.

4. You are trusted absolutely to observe established tournament conditions and to participate in a spirit of friendly rivalry. There are no prizes, grading or norm allocations.