Announcement

4th Online Solving Challenge for Youth 2027 (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 2004 or later.

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

Date (Sunday)	Event	Format	Timing (Local)	Director	Assisted by
10/01/2027	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
7/03/2027	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
2/05/2027	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
4/07/2027	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
5/09/2027	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
7/11/2027	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.

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

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th
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.

Ties will be determined in favour of the solver requiring the least time (in minutes). In the event of equal time being used by two (or more) solvers, each are assumed to have achieved the higher of the positions and equal points awarded accordingly.

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 = KDTLSB, etc). www.ihandicap.mobi/oscy/ is the tournament website and the eMail address is netchex@btinternet.com (for appeals, enquiries, etc). Registration is required (by eMail to 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/oscy/os251101.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 3rd OSCY 2026 is open to the U23 generation (born 2003 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	>2018	2017/8	2015/6	2013/4	2011/2	2009/10	2007/8	<2007
Approx Age	≤8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16	17-18	19-20	21-23

6. Free guidance on solving chess problems and studies will be provided on Registration and on the tournament website at http://www.ihandicap.mobi/oscy/

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